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Club Officers

- ♦ *Commodore: Jon Olson*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (East): Ron Reilly*
- ♦ *Vice Commodore (West): Alicia Star-song*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Power: Vacant*
- ♦ *Rear Commodore Sail: Vacant*
- ♦ *Secretary: Tomas Chylek*
- ♦ *Treasurer: Barbara Magnuson*

8th of June is Club Potluck

Yacht Club members - This month's potluck will be on Wednesday June 8th at Wailoa State Park Pavilion number 3 beginning at 6:30PM. This month's potluck presentation subject will be nautical charts, dead reckoning and coastal navigation. The lecture participation will be led by Jon Olson and John Luchau with everyone else who cares to join. Bring

your nautical navigational gear for use and "show and tell." We hope you can make it.

The Club potlucks have been a great source for boating information and a time to share good stories and get brought up to date on what is happening with our club site. Many informal club discussions happen at the potluck.

The potluck is a good time to sign up for sailing the following Sunday. Our club sail days will be the Sunday immediately following our Potluck Wednesdays.

You are encouraged to bring boating items that you have for sale and to let folks know what you are looking for in the way of boating gear.

Yacht Club/YMCA Sunfish Regattas

Volunteers are needed for race committee and other jobs related to racing our Sunfish. If you have experience in organizing a regatta we would appreciate your assistance. Our club has hosted many races in the past but unfortunately those who

have the greatest experience in organizing events have moved or have committed to other activities which keep them too busy to do the organizing. Please help if you can. Contact Jon Olson at 443-1036 if you have some time to organize an event.

Even if it is an informal race for club members on our sail days it will attract those who would like to be competitive.

Other volunteers for the club are needed.

Call Jon Olson if you can help. 443-1036

Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park Update

An update at our last meeting indicated that the latest progress for our club site is that the County is waiting for the State to deed the land over. Once deeded to the County the County can turn the land over to the Parks and Recreation Department in order to actually legally make it into a park.

There has been progress in clearing, planting and cleaning as well as soil distribution because of Rotary, UHH and our Club volunteers. Go check it out if you are

able. I think that you will agree it is one of the most beautiful settings in Hilo Bay.



Classifieds

John Luchau is selling his antique **outboard motor**. It is a 5hp Saber Supreme made by the Gale corporation of Galesburg, Illinois in 1955. \$125. Call him at 982-5959.

Nautical charts of the coast of India. Most are of the mid 1980s editions and are in very good unused condition. \$3 each. John at 982-5959.

John L. wants a **diesel cabin heater** for his sailboat. Preferably a Newport Dickinson model. 982-5959.

Needed - **Conscientious membership chairperson**

who is able to keep up the membership list and to actively solicit new members. Call Jon Olson - 443-1036.

Needed - **Rear Commodore for Sail** who is familiar with organizing races. Jon Olson - 443-1036.

Needed - **Rear Commodore for Power** who is familiar with powerboats and organizing powerboat activities. Jon Olson - 443-1036.

Free - **Gear drive** for Worm gear steering that needs a little work. Contact John at 982-5959.

Two **Windrider 16** Trimarans. Made of indestructible (nearly) material. Call Paul Matsumoto at 935-2219.

36' Trimaran project with two hulls completed. Contact John Teehee at 982-9247.

Needed **Sunfish Fleet Captain** to inventory and determine repairs needed on the Club and Y Sunfish Fleet. Call Jon Olson at 443-1036.

Classified ads for boating items are free to Club Members. Contact John at 982-5959 or send email to SkiprJohn@aol.com.

Skipper in the Spotlight - John Luchau

This month's Skipper in the Spotlight is John Luchau. John came from Salem, Oregon, joined the Navy in 1962 before high school completion and went to sea on a Destroyer out of Pearl Harbor in 1963 after graduating from South Salem High School. John had completed a cruise to the Far East before he turned 20. The many ships he crewed aboard during his Navy career were predominantly Destroyers and Cruisers. His nearly 30 year career culminated at Pearl Harbor in 1991 where he retired as the Naval Station Command Master Chief.

John's Navy career took him to most places in the world including a one year in country tour in Vietnam but excluded the IO, Australia and New Zealand. While stationed in Germany he learned to sail on large wooden gaff rigged sloops at Lake Chiemsee in Bavaria.

After Germany, John was stationed in San Diego and became an active sailor at the Naval Sailing Club in Coronado and taught sailing for the Navy at that facility on weekends while balancing his career during the day, University courses and a part-time job at night. It was an extremely busy time but never too busy for sail-

ing with his daughter, Laura and others from his duty station. (He finally did get a degree from SDSU.)

John has sailed and owned many boats over the years from 8' prams to 46' ketches. Two of his favorites were his fixed keel Catalina 22 and his Mariner 35 all wood Garden Ketch which he sailed throughout the Hawaiian Islands and to Bremerton, Washington. He is currently restoring a Cascade 42 Cutter.

John has earned sailing instructor certificates from the Naval Sailing Association, American Red Cross and U. S. Sailing as well as a Master Skipper rating from the Naval Sailing Association in Annapolis, Maryland. He has taught sailing to hundreds of individuals from ages 7 to over 70 since 1975.

To attest to their affection for sailing and each other John and his wife Christine Wolf were married aboard the sloop "True Love" at Rainbow Bay while under power just off the Arizona Memorial. It was on Armed Forces Day '89 so they also enjoyed a 21 gun salute.

John and Christie are Charter Members of our Yacht Club. John was one of the first officers of our club and

served as Secretary for two terms. He authored the original bylaws and the necessary paperwork to become a Hawaii and Federal non-profit corporation. John also served two terms as Vice Commodore (East) and is our current newsletter editor.

It was John, Kim Magnuson and Richard Messina who in 2000 first spoke to State DLNR to procure use of the proposed Yacht Club site.

John completed restoration of seven of the Y's Sunfish and was the YMCA's lead instructor for a year. He participated in many club races and served as race committee on several occasions.

Although John is concentrating more on the completion of his boat and his home these days, he still is involved as editor, the YC representative on the board of the Big Island Sailing Foundation and as a West Wight Potter 19 instructor.



John at 2004 Sunfish State Championships

YMCA Plans Sailing Classes

The Waiakea Settlement YMCA with club board director Claudia Wilcox-Boucher in charge will be planning future sailing classes. The YMCA now has nine fully functional Sunfish Sailboats to use for instruction and can also offer classes in windsurfing. The Y's policy has been that the class sizes be limited to two students per training vessel.

Help Claudia plan for future sailing classes. Please call her at 935-3721.

Adult grad Paul Henderson at right is having a great sail.



Yacht Club Sail Days

The Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club (full name of our club) Sail Days have been a great success. Many individuals have mentioned that it would be good to have two days a month instead of our scheduled three days a month set aside for sailing. If you agree then please call Jon Olson at 443-1036. Sail

Day will be Sunday June 12 at 11AM on the beach. Kona kids will join us for our sail day.

West Wight Potter training will be at the launch ramp at 10AM.



Kevin, Mike and Kim using the daggerboard to plow for clams and sand crabs.

Photos by Robbyn Peck



Instructor Commodore Jon Olson leading the Beach Group for Sunfish training.



Ron telling Larry, I'll hold this thingy while you put da kine in da puka."

How Can I Sail These Boats?

Hilo Sailing Org is a non-profit sailing organization that owns the boats of Na Hoa Holomoku.



West Wight Potter 19 requires 3 classes post-basic training to qualify.



Requires a checkout ride post-basic training to qualify for Hobie 14 use.



Requires basic training to qualify for use of the Sunfish pictured above and the Walker Bay below.

Photos by Tania Chylkova on May Sail Day



To use these boats on an anytime basis Hilo Sailing Org. membership is required. The West Wight Potter and the Hobie catamarans require more than just basic sailing qualifications to qualify for their use.

Fifth Anniversary Celebration - October 12th and 16th

In October 2005 our club will be celebrating its fifth anniversary. In October five years ago Kim Magnuson got boat owners in the Reeds Bay area together and had an informal meeting on

the beach. From those humble beginnings the club has grown to as many as 120 family members.

Tentative dates for celebration are the second Wednesday evening in October and

the following Sunday so that our regular potluck and our usual invitation race day can be had.

Volunteer to help by calling Jon Olson at 443-1036.



Our Sunfish Fleet at the ready just prior to 2004 Sunfish State Championship. Photo courtesy of Robbyn Peck.

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Potluck begins at 6:30M at Wailoa State Park at Pavilion number 3, June 8th, 2005

Membership/Donations

Please renew now with a check to Na Hoa Holomoku mailed to P. O. Box 1661, Kea'au, HI 96749. Make certain you notify us of any change of address, phone numbers or e-address. Talk to your friends about us. Our membership depends on "word of mouth." Spread the word!

Membership: Regular family membership \$40. Associate (off island) \$24 and Junior (under 18 or fulltime student) \$20. Membership forms are on the website. Include a check with your application.

Schedule of stuff:

June 8th - Potluck

June 12th - Club Sail Day with Kona Kids at Hilo



View from out future Club Site