



# Starboard Quarter

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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*

## Oct 12th is Potluck/5th Anniv.

**Yacht Club members** - This month's potluck will be on Wednesday October 12th at Wailoa State Park Pavilion number 3 beginning at 6:30PM.

Awhile ago Dr. Ha showed us how to build a spar (mast or

boom) from wood and epoxy. His talk on plastics was extremely interesting.

**Thank you Dr. Ed Ha!**

If you have a nautical subject that you feel that you could present to the club at a potluck please

come forward and volunteer to share your knowledge and experience. Call Jon at 443-1036.

This potluck marks our fifth anniversary so please join us in our celebration of 5 very great years.

## Sunfish Racks and Yacht Boxes

On Sunday August 21st an impromptu painting and sailing day mysteriously happened. From just a few phone calls and some idle talk at the previous potluck the following folks were able to get all the new wood on the racks covered with an oil-based primer. They also primed the inside and outside of the new storage box. Thanks to Vice

Commodore Ron Reilly, Carol Neilson, Kevin Noreen, Amy Biddle, Stanford Regidor, Ray Purifoy, Guadalupe Rodrigues, Jacob Crossman, Janine Cohen, Dick Cohen, Jason Forester, Leilani Andrade, Brent Stople and Mike Smith. Photos of July 24th's work day appear here and later in this publication.

Our club is based on volunteerism. It is really good to see new faces.



# Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Park Update

An old adage is that "No news is good news." In this case we have old news. The latest progress for our club site is that the County is still waiting for the State to deed the land over. We're waiting for the County to turn the land over to the Parks and Recreation Department in order to actually legally make it into a park.

Progress in clearing, planting and cleaning as well as soil distribution is because of Rotary, UHH, YMCA and our Club's involvement.



## Classifieds

**Nautical charts** of the coast of India and other locations too. Most are of the mid 1980s editions and are in very good unused condition. \$4 each. John at 982-5959.

John L. wants a **diesel cabin heater** for his boat. Preferably a Newport Dickinson model. Also looking for a good used **radar**. 982-5959.

Needed - Conscientious **membership chairperson** able to keep up the membership list and to actively solicit new members. Call Jon Olson - 443-1036.

Needed - **Rear Commodore for Sail** familiar with organizing races. 443-1036.

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

One **Windrider 16** Trimaran. Made of indestructible (nearly) material. Call Dr. 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 on the Club and Y Sunfish Fleet. Call Jon Olson at 443-1036.

**3hp Johnson** - \$250 and a **Zodiac inflatable** (price to

be determined). Contact Dr. Paul Matsumoto at 935-2219.

**Classified ads for boating items are free** to Club Members. Contact John at 982-5959.

## Editor and Files Return

Newsletters were on hold while the computer crashed and when we were on a trip to visit relatives in Oregon. We also attended the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend at website [www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org). After a great trip the new computer and files are "up."

# Tereza Chylkova Wins September Sunfish Races

September 18th started with light winds that grew over time to as high as 12 to 15 for brief moments. The Committee Boat was set up on course by 1130. A Walker Bay under oar power set the first marks and start/finish line. The first race was more a drifting match with very light to no winds and because of the course location many boats were drifting in the outflow of Wailoa River for a little time.

Committee members on the West Wight Potter were RC Chair Pat Hensel, Timer Ron Reilly, Flagperson Roberta Baker, Whistle Blower John Luchau and Comedic Relief Dick Cohen. The Beach Guard and Safety Boat (with balky outboard) was led by Commodore Jon Olson with many assistant volunteers.

Communication was eventually established via VHF radio after a few tries and all was ready for racing before noon.

The first race was a test of patience as the wind turned the course into a drifting match. All racers wanted just a little bit of wind to get them closer to the next buoy. Each had their own means of getting around the course. Some heeling to leeward to keep their sails full, others testing the wind direction with a wet finger. At least that was my hope when I saw the raised single digit. Some were extolling requests from King Neptune, others whistled and scratched their masts. In the end a light breeze blew favorably for Tereza and crew John Gorman and they crossed the finish line first followed closely by Joe Clarkson. Other participants in the races were Mike Smith, Bettie van Overbeke, Herb Dorsey, Karen Clarkson, Janine Cohen, Stanford Regidor, Ray Purifoy and Lucas Fuhrman.

The next three races had increasing winds and were much more fun for the rac-

Tereza Chylkova in an earlier photo



ers and spectators alike.

Race results are for the first three finishers for each race. Total results are on our website: [www.hilo-sailing.org](http://www.hilo-sailing.org).

Race #1, First Tereza and John, Second Joe Clarkson, Third Bettie van Overbeke.

Race #2, First Tereza and John, Second Herb Dorsey, Third Janine Cohen.

Race #3, First Tereza and John, Second Joe, Third Mike Smith.

Race #4, First Tereza and John, Second Mike, Third Joe.

First three for the Race Day were First Tereza and John, Second Joe Clarkson and Third, Mike Smith. Congratulations to all racers.



## 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.

## Yacht Club and YMCA Sail Days

The Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club (full name of our club) Sail Days have been a great success due in great part to the use of the Waiakea Settlement YMCA (full name of their organization) Sunfish sailboats in addition to our own fleet.

Sometimes we fail to recognize the special relationship that the Club and the YMCA have when it comes to the use of the Sunfish fleet.

The YMCA owns the Sunfish sailboats numbers 1 through 9 and these boats should be treated with the utmost care. If you use

them on club sponsored sail days common courtesy should dictate that you become a YMCA member (935-3721). Boats 1 through 9 can only to be used on club/Y sponsored official sail days or for Y sponsored training.

**Thank you YMCA!!**

## Culture of Care

Below is our YMCA and Club Fleet at their very finest in the August of 2004 Hawaii State Sunfish Regatta.

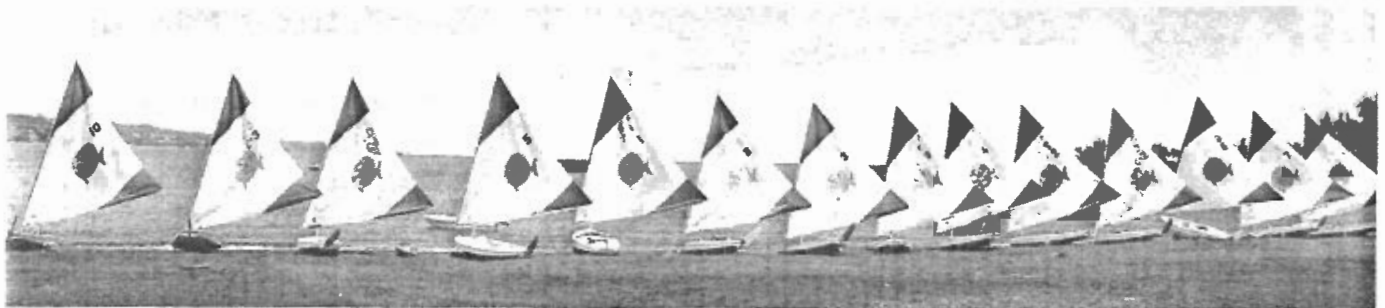
Each boat had all the "right" gear and new competition racing sails just out the bag. Many had just completed a face lift with new paint. It required countless hours of volunteer time and many dollars some of which came

from the Big Island Sailing Foundation.

In order to get our fleet back into good working order and keep it that way we all need to adopt Dr. Nick Rees's philosophy of "Culture of Care." Simply stated it means that with everything you do on one of these boats consider that it is yours and must last your lifetime.

Rig the boats properly. Lift your daggerboard out and control the boat by holding onto the bow when you come to the beach. Keep it floating until you get help to carry the boat to the boat stands.

**Do not** let the boat roll in the surf or scrape on the beach coral and sand.



## How Can I Sail Those Boats?

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



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.

July's Sail Day Ray, Graham, Joy, Joel, two Mikes, Olena, Herb, Betty Rick and Bob joined John L. at 10AM for a checkout sail in the West Wight. Ron Reilly took two groups out. The first group was Graham, Joy, Joel and Rick who all completed their third qualification sail on the WWP and are now all prepared to check it out on their own. Of the second group, Bob

completed his third check out and is qual'd as well.

On August's Sail Day Kevin, Jason, Cynthia, Mike Smith, Janine, Herb, Betty, Karen and Joe joined us. The first group of Mike, Janine, Herb and Betty completed all their maneuvers in beautiful sunny weather with just the right amount of wind. The second group included Joe, Karen and Ray. Congratulations to Ray, Mike and Janine for completing your third checkout. Great sailing! To take the qualification check rides all you need is membership in the club and Hilo Sailing Org as well as previous sailing experience.

## 5th Anniversary Celebration - October 12th, 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 memberships.

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.

## How Far is the Horizon?

Due to the curvature of the earth the higher the height of your eye above sea level the further your horizon.

The formula is  $1.17 \times$  the square root of your eye

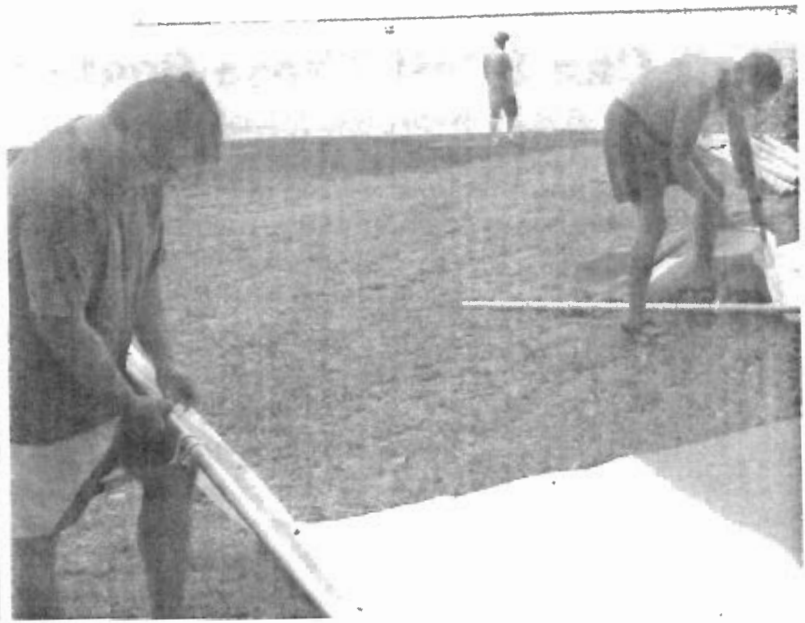
height in feet. If your eye height is 9 feet then the line of the horizon is 3.51 nautical miles.

Now if you see a tall object such as the top of an 81 foot

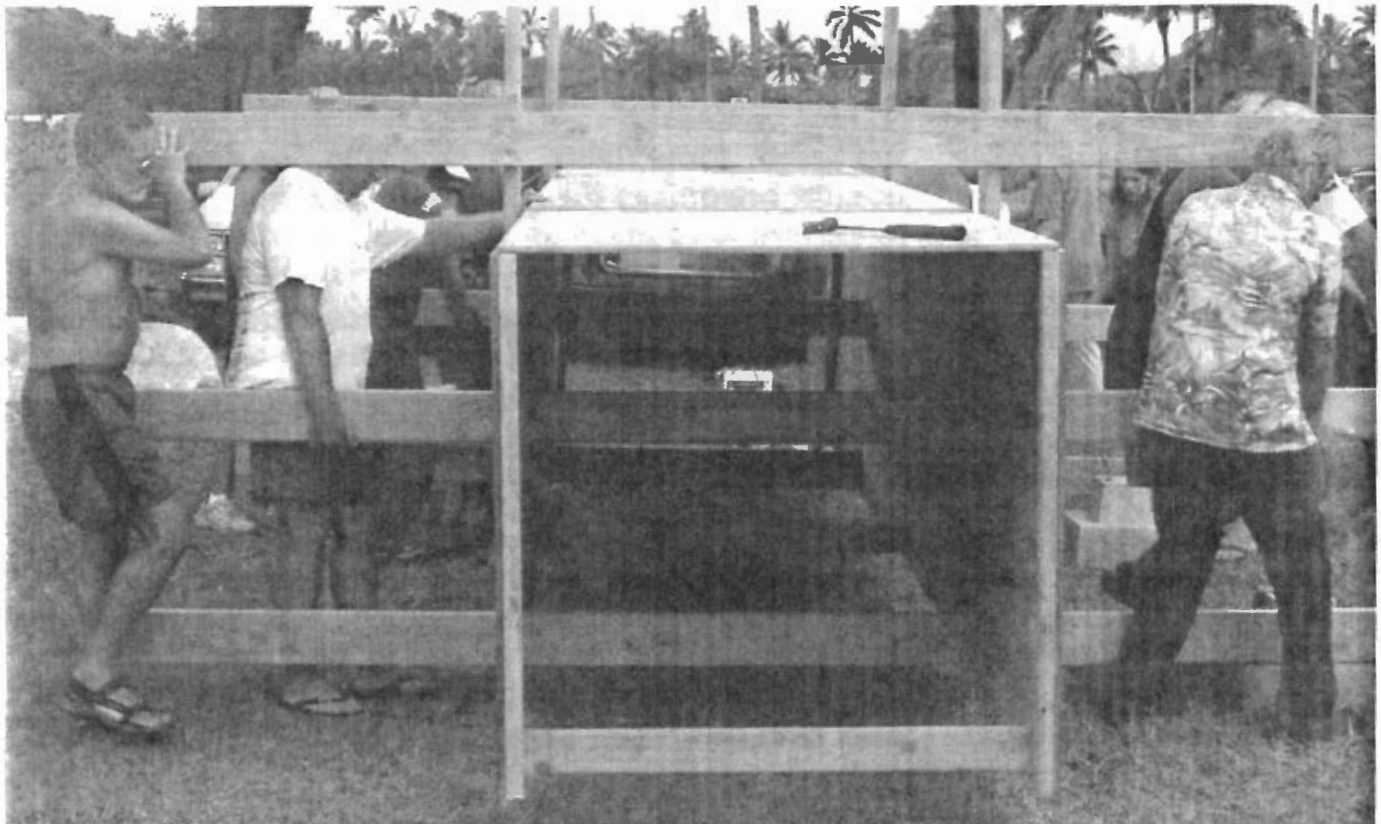
lighthouse then you add the two formula results together. Your 3.51 miles and the lighthouse's 10.53 nm for a total of 14.04 nautical miles to the top. Got it????

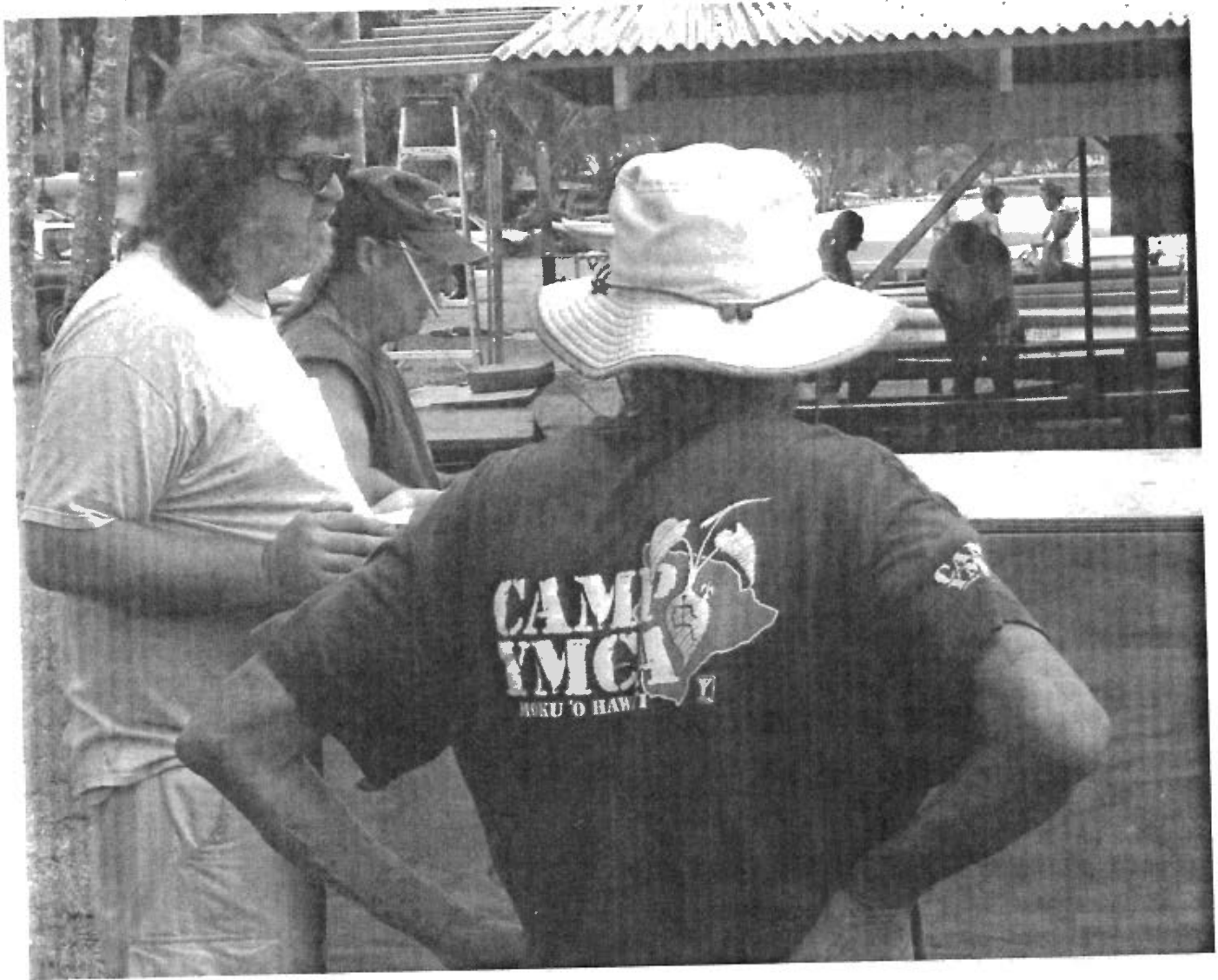


Albert, what did you say to your sister? A frog in a blender?



Here are many of the club members chipping in to build an additional storage box/boat rack for our boats at the beach and helping repair sail ties and change sails in anticipation of race day. The temporary structures will be moved to our new club site when we are able to secure admission to the property. For the time being we now have a place to store many of our club boats, sails, masts, booms, rudders and daggerboards. The convenience of having all our gear near the boat launch area is wonderful. A handful of our "old timers" remember having to trailer everything to the beach each time boats were used. Thanks to you we'll be doing a lot less of that.





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Potluck begins at 6:30M at Wailoa State Park at Pavilion number 3, October 12, 2005

## Membership/Donations

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. 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:**

October: 3rd Board Meeting, 12th Potluck, 16th is Sail Day 11AM Regular sailing and 10AM West Wight Potter Training

