

Monthly Yacht Club Flyer

December 2005

Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club

December Club Schedule: Board Meeting 6PM on December 4 at the Ola'a Community Center. Club Christmas Party Annual General Membership Potluck and Gift Exchange 6:30 PM on Wednesday 14th at Wailoa State Park Pavilion #3. Sail Day 11AM Sunday the 18th. West Wight Potter Training 10:00AM Wailoa Boat Ramp, 18 December 2005. Don't forget Christmas on the 25th and New Year's Eve the 31st!!

On Sunday December 18th will be regular sail day activities including Hobie Cat, Sunfish and Walker Bay sailing. That starts on the Bayfront beach at 11AM. For those who already have some sailing experience and want to go one step further then come down and get checked out on the West Wight Potter 19 this coming sail day. Meet John L. at the Wailoa boat ramp at 10AM. Qualification on the West Wight will require at least 3 checkout sails. Come and start your qualification now.

Join us for fun,
food and
friendship on
Wednesday
December 14th
beginning at 6:30
at Pavilion #3 in
Wailoa Park.

(808) 982-5959 for input
to the newsletter

Our Christmas Party Potluck on the 14th will also be our annual General Membership meeting where officers and directors are elected. We're looking for new directors, someone to become our new Treasurer and we want a Membership Chairperson. Also during our Christmas Potluck we have a gift exchange at which members wrap up a gift of value \$5 or more and turn it in at the beginning of the potluck. Everyone who brings a gift will be given a ticket/number and will be eligible to take a gift when your number is drawn. You must unwrap your gift when you take it and your gift is eligible to be taken by those who have not yet drawn a number. The "good" gifts are sometimes exchanged up to three times. I remember a stuffed pheasant making the rounds through the crowd a couple years ago. Obviously gifts do not have to be nautical.


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Skipper in the Spotlight—Richard Messina

Our Skipper in the Spotlight for this month is Richard Messina.

Richard grew up in South Plainfield, New Jersey, however, his family spent the summers at the Jersey shore and that was where his love affair with the ocean began. The entire summer was playing in or on the water. What fun!

The next era consisted of high school, University of Chattanooga and the Air Force along with a tour in Vietnam. Somehow he found himself in Southern California, Manhattan Beach first then North San Diego County flying and manufacturing hang gliders. That was when he started getting into sailing and of course fishing out of San Diego, Oceanside and Dana Point. Some of the hang glider guys had sailboats; the two obsessions do have some things in common.

The hang glider business was great fun but not much money and a somewhat limited future. So he became a real estate broker by day and a bartender and musician by night.

Richard says, "My first boat, excuse me, sailing vessel, was a 28 ft. Lancer I sailed out of Oceanside, no I tried

sailing out of Oceanside. I knew I needed help badly. Fortunately I stumbled into the United States Power Squadron booth at the Harbor Days festival in Oceanside and though their boating classes almost made me safe enough and educated enough to get my Captain's license."

Richard quit the real estate business immediately and opened a charter business in Oceanside Harbor, sold the Lancer and got a 33ft Newport. He also did boat deliveries, worked as first officer on the "Avanti" a 80 ton medium range sport fisher and drove the electric water taxi in Oceanside. In 1998 he went to the Annapolis sailboat show and bought a Gemini Catamaran and that was the beginning of his wandering.

Richard states, "In 2000 I told my kids we are going to the Big Island of Hawaii. They flew over and I sailed with two Power Squadron buddies. Why I chose Hilo for our next homeport was one of those fate things. The kids did OK, I met my future wife and helped start *Nā Hoa Holomoku*, all good things come in three's."

Richard's wife, Connie, got a job in Kona and Star Gypsy got a home in Honokahau

so he moved to the dry side. A few years ago he was sailing around the islands and stopped at Kaunakakai, Molokai, fell in with the locals and decided not to leave.

Richard says, "So here we are, "Star Gypsy," Connie and me, daughter Michele is attending U of H Manoa son Joseph is in the air force studying Korean and recently got married and all will be home for Christmas.

Happy Holidays and may World Peace come soon. Aloha Kakou."

Richard was one of the pioneers of *Nā Hoa Holomoku*. He served honorably on the board of directors and was the club's first Vice Commodore, then the club's first Vice Commodore (West). He was the person who proposed the name *Nā Hoa Holomoku* (Shipmates) to the club as a name. He continues to recruit members on the island of Molokai.

If you are ever in Kaunakakai Richard and Connie want you to visit.



Richard Messina at his 2001 election as Vice Commodore.

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Annual General Membership and Christmas Party Potluck—
Wednesday 14th, 2005 at Wailoa State Park Pavilion #3 6:30PM.

Membership Dues are \$40 for Regular Family Membership, \$24 for Associate (off island) and \$20 Juniors/Fulltime Students. These make good Christmas Gifts

If you have something marine to sell or find ads are available free of charge to YC members. Send email to SkiprJohn@aol.com
Name the West Wight Potter 19. The name chosen last meeting was not as advertised and means "Wind" in Hawaiian. A new selection is in order.
Important notice. If you do not understand the following call me at 982-5959: The YMCA owns the Sunfish sailboats numbers 1 through 9 and these boats should be treated with the utmost care. YMCA membership (935-3721). **Attention!** Boats 1 through 9 can only to be used on club/Y sponsored official sail days or for Y sponsored training. A YMCA application form was enclosed. The Y's address? Waiakea Settlement YMCA, 300W Lanikaula St, Hilo, HI 96720



Mike, Bob, Ron, Ray and Herb returning from a checkout ride in the club's WWP 19. All have completed checkout.

Roy and Allie returning from sea in their WWP 15





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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number Home: _____ Office: _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Family Members included in membership 18 years and older:

#1: _____ #2: _____ #3: _____ #4: _____

Any former Power/Sailing Qualifications? Yes No

Boat Name(s) and Type(s): _____

We understand that boating and sailing involve a certain degree of risk, including the potential of injury to persons and property and understand and acknowledge such risks and hereby voluntarily assume these risks.

We further agree, as a condition of membership, to release, indemnify and forever hold harmless, the Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht, its officers, agents, employees and heirs, from any and all liability in connection with my use of any and all membership privileges, including any injury or damage to my person or property, or injury to the person or property of the guest or family of a Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club of Hawaii member.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Please enclose \$40 payment and send it to the address below.

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