

Monthly Yacht Club Flyer

February 2006

Na Hoa Holomoku Yacht Club

February Club Schedule: Board Meeting 7PM on February 7th & at the Ola'a Community Center. 6:30 PM on Wednesday 15th at Wailoa State Park Pavilion #3. Sail Day 11AM Sunday the 19th.¹²

On Sunday February 19th¹² will be regular sail day activities including Hobie Cat, Sunfish and Walker Bay sailing. Sail day starts on the Bayfront beach at 11AM. For those who already have some sailing experience and want to go a step further then come down to the beach and ask to get checked out on the West Wight Potter 19 or the Hobie Cats.

Join us for fun, food and friendship on Wednesday 8th February 15th beginning at 6:30 at Pavilion #3 in Wailoa Park.

Classified Ads:

For Sale: "Cheers" a 26 ft Swedish International Folkboat built in 1969 of Fiberglass. New bottom and hull paint, \$9K or best offer. 935-2219

For Sale: New Nissan 5hp 4 stroke Long Shaft with 25 hours. \$1000. 935-2219

For Sale: 8ft Portabote folding dinghy. Practically new \$1100. 935-2219

For Sale: 11ft Avon inflatable dinghy \$300 and a free 80s Nissan car. Michael Haines at 965-0043

For Sale: A 36 ft Trimaran project with two hulls completed. Contact John Teehee at 982-9247

For Sale: A 1955 5hp outboard. \$150. 982-5959

(808) 982-5959 for input to the newsletter



Commodore Jon Olson doing a great job in his role as "Old Man and the Sea" in WWP

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Skipper in the Spotlight—Alicia Starsong

Alicia's first sailing experience was a sunset sail in 1974. She was hooked ever since and nearly immediately enrolled in a college dinghy and then a keelboat sailing course. She married a sailor and together they double handed a 27 foot Norsema, cruising the California coast and the Sea of Cortez. In January 1980 they sailed from Cabo San Lucas to Hilo. Alicia says that they were overwhelmed by how friendly the people on the Big Island were! They sailed north through the islands and while in Honolulu they said to themselves that the Big Island was "No ka 'oi." They flew back to buy the Big Island and bought two lots in Hawaiian Beaches before traveling back to California again.

In 1982 they moved to Pa-hoa, and started windsurfing at Anaehoomalu Bay. They moved back to California 1984 and she continued windsurfing Santa Cruz, Sacramento Delta, Maui and the Caribbean for the next 8-10 years. She also crewed on a J40 out of Santa Cruz during buoy races and a couple of runs from San Francisco to Monterey Bay.

After she and Steve split up she tried living away from the ocean in Phoenix for a few years. She took up lake sailing and Hobie regattas in Mexico. She longed to be back on the ocean, so in '97 moved back to Hawaii and went back to college at UHH.

While attending UHH she ventured over to the Kona side to check out the sailing. While there she met Daniel Starsong on her first visit to the Kona Sailing Club

(KSC). Two weeks later she started sailing in (KSC) races with a friend of Daniel's. In 1998 she began skippering a 24' Islander (owned by Daniel) and at that time she was the second woman in the history of KSC races to skipper a boat without husband or boyfriend onboard. Over the next five years she consistently skippered or helmed the 1st place boat in the "Racing Fleet", half of that time on an Express 27 - *Sack Lunch*.

She and Daniel flew to New Zealand for the 2000 America's Cup races. A few months later they were spliced (married) at the entrance to the Honokahau Harbor.

Alicia became active in organizing women's sailing events; facilitating the 2000 - 2003 & 2005 KSC November Wahine Regattas; 2001 she organized a wahine summer clinic and regatta at Kawaihae. In the Greenhow Regatta in Pearl Harbor, Oahu her team placed 1st in 2001 & 2002 and placed 2nd in 1999 and 2003. She skippered a team in the women's Adams Cup state championship regatta in 2004.

Alicia was also a member of KSC's *Fast Company* team during the Lahaina Offshore Regatta in 2002 and a member of KSC's Challenger team Lipton II Cup in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu 2003 & 2004.

Alicia became a certified sailing instructor in Dec. 2000. Over the past three years she has shifted her sailing focus from racing to teaching others. She was the founder and is the President of the Big Island Sailing Foundation. BISF is a non-profit, which fo-

cuses on promoting sail training for the youth of Hawaii County. She enjoys introducing sailing to novices and developing sailing skills in others, helping them to learn and enjoy sailing. To facilitate this she and Daniel formed another organization, Aloha Sailing LLC. It is a US Sailing recognized sailing school, and like Hilo Sailing Org, makes boats available to its members.



Alicia really appreciates the support NHH gives to youth sailing! NHH was a huge part of getting BISF off the ground & the first youth sailing day we did in 2004 (Jon O, Nick, Kevin, Tereza, etc came over with several Sunfish). Our NHH support in BISF is appreciated.

Alicia is Na Hoa Holomoku's Vice Commodore (West) and is extremely active in sailing instruction for youth. She and Daniel are working to get an agreement going where NHH members might be eligible for reduced rates in their organization in order to use boats in Kona. Wouldn't that be great?!!!

Next month's featured Skipper in the spotlight will be Alicia's husband, Daniel.

Letter to the Governor by John Luchau

The following is a letter sent to the Governor in January. I also wrote to many of the legislators saying many of the same things and have heard back from four who seem extremely concerned and in favor of the second ramp. Representative Jerry Chang and Senator Inouye have reintroduced bills in support of the second ramp. We have never been closer to getting the funding approved for this effort.

If you feel that a second boat ramp is needed in Hilo Bay then please help by writing a letter too. You can use as many of the words from my letter as you would like but don't just copy the letter because the bill numbers have changed and are new. Senate Bill 2984 and House Bill 2958 are now applicable. My next letter will concentrate more on the economic advantage to a marine industry if a larger population of sailors are welcomed by the ability to launch their trailerable craft. Please put your ideas in your own words and send them as I did.

The opposition to a second boat ramp comes from non-sailors who believe it is not needed because we already have a ramp. If they were sailors with a small trailerable boat they might understand.

The Honorable Governor Linda Lingle
State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

January 18, 2006

Dear Governor Lingle,

I'm writing to you on behalf of boaters and sailors of Hilo, Hawaii in support of construction of a *second boat ramp in Hilo Bay* which is contained in Senate Bill 1485 and House Bill 1314. I am very much in favor of a second boat ramp in Hilo Bay. I've given testimony to your advisory committee concerning our all volunteer sailing club's frustration with training new sailors without a safe facility at which to launch fully rigged trailerable sailboats. Erecting and rigging masts while small boats are already launched and in the water presents an unsafe obstacle for our younger smaller sailing students. Unfortunately the existing boat ramp is unique to Hilo and creates special problems in that boaters need to launch then negotiate the channel and pass under the bridge to access the Bay and open water. This is problematic for many boats, and especially sailboats, whose masts cannot fit under the bridge. This means to get access, boats need to be launched, moved under the bridge, and then masts need to be stepped while the boats are in the water. This is both difficult and potentially dangerous. No other Hawaii harbor has this problem without an alternative ramp. This problem has been brought to the attention of many elected officials and civil servants for more than thirty years. There has been little action and no suitable end result.

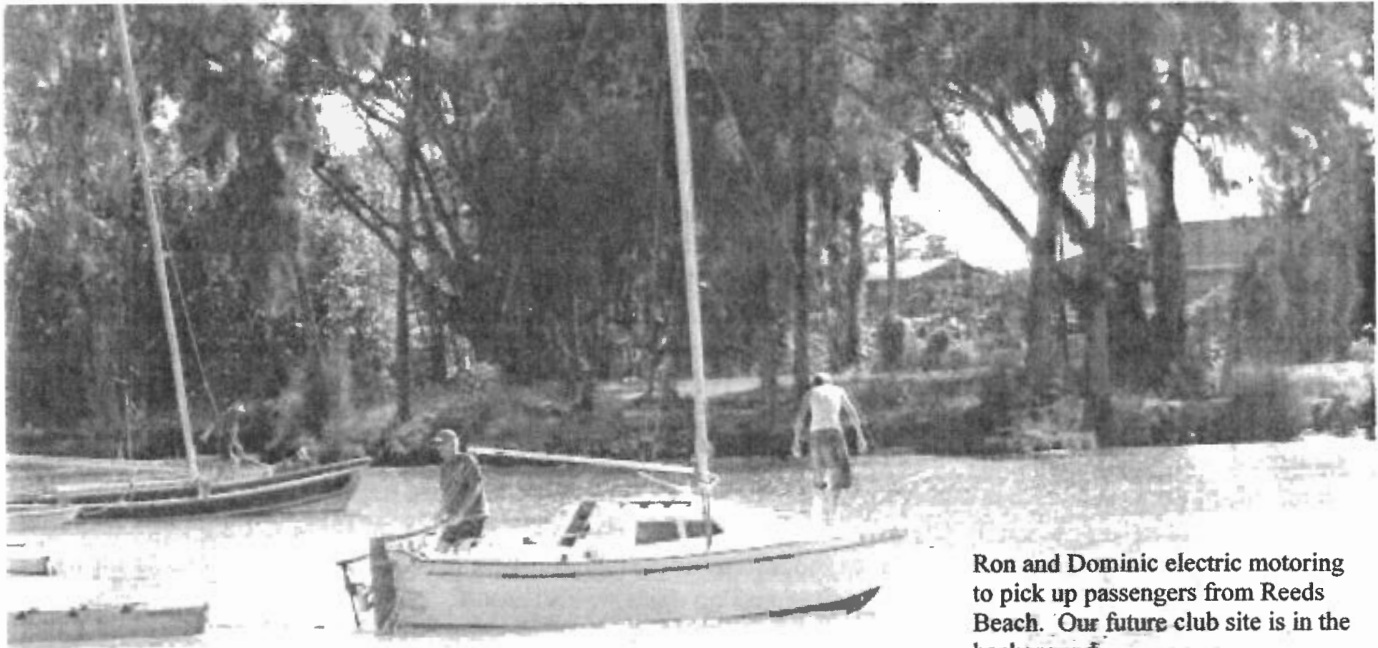
A new boat ramp is needed within Hilo Bay to allow launching and recovery of sailboats with their masts in place and the access to open water. The current boat ramp has some very specific problems for powerboats as well as the obvious problems for sailboats and you may have or should have heard many complaints about design and construction of the current ramp. A new ramp designed for large powerboats with "tuna towers" and trailerable sailboats could "kill two birds with one stone" and provide an avenue for more economic growth of the marine industry of Hilo and for Hawaii.

Respectfully yours,

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



Ron and Dominic electric motoring to pick up passengers from Reeds Beach. Our future club site is in the background..

If you have something marine to sell or find ads are available free of charge to YC members. Send email to SkiprJohn@aol.com
Important notice. The

YMCA owns the Sunfish sailboats numbers 1 through 9 and these boats should be treated with the utmost care. YMCA membership (935-3721). **Atten-**

tion! Boats 1 through 9 can only to be used on club/Y sponsored official sail days or for Y sponsored training.