

Faiaoahe Arrives in Hilo from Mexico — by Robert Garry

Friday May 1st

After thirty-eight days at sea, Leslie, Scot, Jeffrey and a large dog named Blue arrived in Hilo. Scot called me on his cell phone at 4:00 in the afternoon saying that they were still fourteen miles out and that they should be in port near dark. I watched for them and at about 8:30 I saw their nav lights gliding into harbor. They decided to anchor out until the morning as they did not want to head into Radio Bay after dark. By law they could not come ashore until after clearing customs, so they remained on their boat.

I must confess that I am relieved that they are safe and back with us. Some of the club emails were from folks asking if anyone heard from them. John Luchau even published their sail plan to reassure us that they were not overdue. Now we are sure.

On Saturday morning I rowed out in a Walker Bay and called out a good morning to all. I wonder if they would like to sail with me to Maui next week?



Photo: Faiaoahe anchored off Moku Ola waiting to be cleared by Customs.

Private Dancer Casts a Spell — by Ron Reilly

“To touch that bow is to rest one’s hand on the cosmic nose of things.”
—Jack London, *The Cruise of the Snark*

It was three o’clock on a warm Puna afternoon. I had been working alone for over an hour on the bow’s leading edge. The job consisted of laying up a second layer of glass cloth with a fiber stiffened epoxy mix. The mix required much coaxing to remain in place and to take up a suitably smooth and rounded form. Dancer’s cosmic nose, that wave-slicing leading edge, demanded the best of work I could manage.

Finishing up, I stood there pleased with the outcome and ready to leave, yet held by the presence and the form of this amazing boat. And that’s when the spell took hold. I was



Photo: Ron Reilly touches the bow of Private Dancer

talking to Dancer, naturally and aloud as if to a friend... “Hey! Dancer you’re looking good. I wonder if you appreciate the work that we are doing for you. How does it feel?” **See Private Dancer page 2**

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“I hope you don’t mind that often times we are not exactly sure about how to go about everything. Are we doing okay? We have your best interests at heart. I have to go right now, but I’ll be back again next week – okay?” And then the spell was gone. Is there magic in working on a boat you have come to love? I don’t know. Maybe our two noses got a



little too close for a little too long... to the acetone.

Photos of Private Dancer restoration courtesy of Ron Reilly.

Top photo: Getting Started

Bottom Left: Stripping the Hull

Bottom Right: Applying the undercoat



The Coast Guard Auxiliary to Offer Boating Safety Classes

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is represented by Flotilla 3-19, here in Hilo. The flotilla offers ABS Courses (About Boating Safely) on a regular basis. The next class will be on May 16, from 9 to 4 p.m. The cost of the class is \$40 and includes lunch and a manual. The location will be announced. The contact person for this class is Jon Olsen at jon631@earthlink.net or by phone 808-443-1036.

The flotilla also offers Boat Safety checks and Marine Visits, free of charge to the public. To arrange a vessel exam or a Marine Visit, contact Tracy Lewis at 808-959-6699, or 808-896-4852 or Charles Souza at 808-959-2168 or 808-937-4832.

The flotilla is open to anyone over 18 years of age interested in volunteering. Call

Charles Souza for additional information. The flotilla meets the first Monday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Coast Guard Building.

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Ho'okipa Sets Sail



Photo: Our new catamaran Ho'okipa sailing in Hilo Bay

Too many club members contributed of their time and energy to be individually thanked by name, but they were the ones that helped bring Ho'okipa back to being the elegant vessel that she once was. Now we invite you to come and sail on Ho'okipa on our next Sailing Sunday, May 17th.

After nearly a year of set backs, our sailing catamaran Ho'okipa has at last joined our sailing fleet. But getting her ready to sail has been anything but easy. The same day that the board of directors of Na Hoa Holomoku voted to accept the generous gift from Larry and Robyn Peck of the sailing catamaran "Job Site", she broke free from her mooring and landed upon the reef, puncturing her port hull and severely damaging her twin rudders. Fortunately, she was rescued before she was destroyed. But instead of having a sailing vessel we had another sailing project.

Once again, the club members pitched in and Ho'okipa was pulled out onto Reed's bay beach for assessing the damage, and planning repairs. She was floated back out to her mooring with a temporary patch and a zodiac to keep her afloat. Shortly afterwards, she was powered around to Bayfront and beached for over two days of repair work. Meanwhile, Paul Hirst fabricated two new rudders with the proper hydrofoil shape. Still, more was needed to be done. Both the standing rigging and the running rigging were inspected and repaired as needed. Then there was the licensing and permits, finding and mounting an outboard... Ah, the never-ending list of boat repairs!



Photo: Ron and Paul working on the hull

Humor: Marital Problems? Captain Jack's Dogboat Remedy





Na Hoa Holomoku Hopes to Help Organize the Reed's Bay Emergency Response Guidelines for Boat Safety

After weathering a rather bad winter for boats moored in Reed's Bay, Na Hoa Holomoku is taking an active role in organizing a set of guidelines for an emergency response for boats that have broken free from their moorings or are in any other way in need of assistance.

Since many of the boats were rescued by Na Hoa Holomoku club members and those in the Reed's bay sailing community, Na Hoa Holomoku members were confronted once again by

the lack of preparedness by the State and County for properly handling boating emergencies in Hilo bay.

Na Hoa Holomoku intends to work closely with the Hilo boating community, the DLNR, the County Fire Department and the Coast Guard auxiliary to establish a set of rapid response guidelines and better coordinate boat rescue efforts. At least one boat that was lost could have easily been rescued with better communication between our club and the county fire department.



Photo: Panacea Entangled in Whippy's Mooring.

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The UHH Sailing Club — Sails with Na Hoa Holomoku

The UHH Sailing Club, now called The Makani Kai Sailing Club, has sailed with Na Hoa Holomoku on our April sail days. Many of the members of The Makani Kai Sailing club are also members of our club. In the Fall, they hope to be able to use their flying juniors for their sailing club activities.

Photo Left: Alex, Megan and Danielle on Ho'okipa

Photo: Right Sebastian and Julianna

Photo: Far Right Laura and Alanna



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Ketch of the Day



Photo: The ketch Valhalla sails past a pod of Humpback whales while heading to Peepeekeo Point .



Racing History In Hawaii: The !972 Royal Hawaiian Cup Olly As In Jolly, Haha As In Crutch



Any landlubber reading the preliminary announcements last year of a new ocean yacht race, the Royal Hawaiian Cup, must surely have conjured up an idyllic fantasy: lofty white sails, filled by gentle tropical breezes, ghosting along the enormously scenic—and sometimes inaccessible—coasts of Hawaii above sleek hulls tilled with sleek

people. A good cook below, and cocktails on the after-deck. Skies ablaze with stars, and water dulcet as an inland lake—after all, the ocean is the Pacific, isn't it? The sponsors of the race, the Waikiki Yacht Club, made no such promises, of course. The announcement simply said that the competing yachts would start off Waikiki and proceed to

port, all the way around the state of Hawaii— ...the race would be yachting's first around-a-state event.

Continue to the Sports Illustrated Vault the read more about this race:

<http://vault.sportsillustrated.cnn.com/vault/article/magazine/MAG1087631/index.htm>

“Experienced yachtsmen did not share the landlubber's romantic illusion that the race would be a gentle, sunlit and moonshiny cruise around the islands.”

For Sale:

Captain Dan Lappala has a boat trailer and miscellaneous gear for sale.

935-7978

Wanted:

Mauricio Barbis is looking for a marine diesel engine. 937-1771





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Photo Below: A sample installation of the BU-353 on an MSI Netbook running Navigator Lite



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