



Newsletter for Big Island Boating

Na Hoa Holomoku's first regatta!

A nice sized group showed up at Reed's Bay Sunday, February 25 for Na Hoa Holomoku's first regatta and barbeque. Barbara Magnuson and Ed and Lani Chase were kind enough to coordinate



crews was represented. Pat and Barry Bolln's newly acquired Cal 2-30 crossed the finish line first, followed by Kim Magnuson's *Cheers* and Wayne Mort's *Island Girl*. The shorter course designed for the dinghies saw John Luchau and John Tucker cross over first, with young Stephan Barbis sailing

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purchasing basic food items and arrived early to set up shade, tables, coolers and grills.

A pre-race meeting was held on the beach at noon, then everyone scrambled to ready their boats for the 1:10 start time. Roger Nakasu and Carl Shioji had graciously offered to pilot their fishing vessels as escort boats and Roger had the additional duty of sounding the starting horn and ferrying the photographer around the bay in an effort to get some good action shots.

Story and photos by Robbyn Peck

Some confusion over the start line made for a rather chaotic beginning but soon all eight entrants - four monohulls, two multihulls and a couple of dinghies - were under way, blown along by a stiff southeast wind.

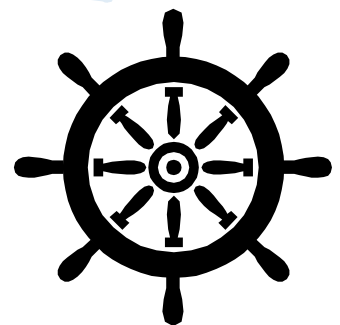
Those currently without an available boat had been welcomed to join on any of the participating boats, so anyone interested was able to sail and a good mixture of

a craft scarcely larger than a bathtub giving them some good competition.

Everyone converged on the beach afterwards to talk story and devour the large array of savory barbeque and potluck goodies. It was heartily agreed that a good time was had by all.

—Robbyn Peck

Next Meeting – Wailoa Park Pavilion No. 3 on Monday, March 12 at Wailoa Park Pavilion No. 3, 6:00 PM. Potluck. Everyone is welcome



Regatta Photo Gallery by Robbyn Peck



Beardsley and crew



John Luchau and John Tucker



Bollns at the Buoy



Stephan Barbis



Da gang



Spoils of victory

Emergency Response Team is formed

John Luchau's call for a Boating Emergency Response Team (BERT) has met with significant response from interested club members.

Interested participants met on Feb. 16 and again on March 2 to discuss a variety of topics, including a list of things they wanted most to accomplish, things needed to provide valid emergency assistance to boaters, and a list of equipment and services already available as stop-gap measures until more equipment and gear is provided.

A communications tree has

been set up

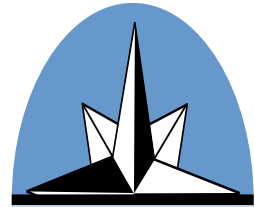
If you or someone you know spots a boat in distress in Hilo Bay environs, call Jim Wytoski (982-6630), Pat Bolln (961-4474) or Ed Chase (966-1005). Any one of these shipmates is ready to set up immediate communications with the proper authorities and establish quick connections with other club members able to respond quickly to the emergency.

Mooring standards needed

A recurring theme at the BERT discussions and at regular club meetings is that

mooring standards needs to be established, either by the Yacht Club or by the DLNR. It was agreed that when mooring standards are set, they needs to be strictly enforced either by the Yacht Club or the DLNR. According to most BERT participants, the countless boat groundings due to mooring failures in Reed's Bay have yet to be dealt with seriously and that the issue must be dealt with as a priority to prevent more groundings.

John Luchau will report on other BERT topics at the March 12 meeting.



Tip of the month:

Instead of using an expensive compound to clean messy smudges off your boat sides, use toilet bowl cleaner instead. It's made of virtually the same stuff and is a heckuva lot cheaper.

Notices, Services

- Solar panels for sail boat and miscellaneous boat hardware wanted. Call Jim Lucas, 966-4467.
- Kayakers wanted: Various folks can be found kayaking, rain or shine, every Saturday morning in Hilo Bay environs. The group takes occasional camping and kayaking excursions to Kona. Call Pat Bolln (961-4474) for details.
- Want female crew for cruising the South Pacific? Send e-mail to nataliasc@aol.com.
- Mauricio Barbis (969-7991) offers expert diving, boat repair and boat maintenance to club members at a reasonable hourly rate.
- British Seagull sales and service — West Coast Contractors Services, 415-861-6124

—To post a notice, send or e-mail it to Jim Miles (jbmiles@gte.net).

Sale, trade

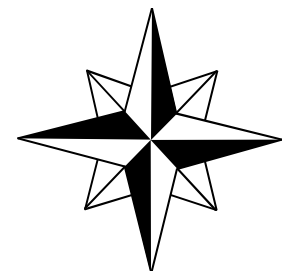
For sale: single-cylinder 2 hp "Mate", \$325 firm. Brand-new 1988 2.5 hp Johnson Estate, \$525 firm. — Bill Kelly, 808-328-2137 (www.mastertechmarine.com).

Seaman sheath knife, \$75; Kershaw folding rigging knife, \$45; Buck folding rigging knife, \$35 — Ed Chase, 966-5005

V navigational calendar. Contact Dr. P. Matsumoto (pmat@alohanet.com) for details.

For sale: Sextant, David White Co. Mark 11, \$650; Apelco VHF 510 Waterproof Marine Radio, \$75; Waterproof Pelican Pro Case, \$45; Lirakis

For sale: Canon 10X30 IS binoculars, hand-held VHF radio, Kestrel 1000 hand-held windmeter, hand-held compass, Grundig YB 400PE



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