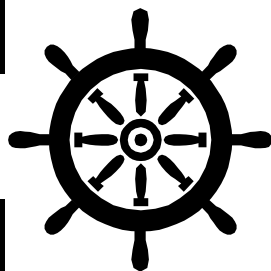


# NEWSLETTER FOR BIG ISLAND BOATING

## *EQUINOX RACE - SEPT. 2001*

### From the Race Committee

"A great race", "Had a good time", "Very enjoyable". These were some of the comments by skippers and crew after the race. To paint a total picture, however, statements like "Man, that was a tough finish" and "Wow, the last two miles were crazy", would have to be included. Nine boats crossed the line at the end of the breakwater at 1100 hours to begin the 18.6 mile race. Blue skies, white, puffy clouds, and 12-18 knots of wind from the ENE made for a beautiful day. Roy and Allie Forbes sounded the starting gun from their West Wight Potter and then quickly had to duck out of the way as "Olali" crossed the windward end of the line with a full head of steam. A short, sloppy, choppy sea had a few of our intrepid mariners a little green around the gills. At least three of the boats were dragging lures during the race. "Olali" looked up to and fought four fish. One Ono and three Mahi-mahi. She actually hove-to for awhile during a double mahi strike. I know that's hard for the Kona Sailing Club racers to comprehend, but we occasionally do things a little differently over here. One mahi-mahi made it into the cooler. That's the kind of trophy you can eat. Sure was good sautéed in garlic butter. Mark Statler on "Trinity" didn't cross the starting line until 12:45 as his two sons had soccer games scheduled that morning. The whole family waited until after the games. A great lesson in family values, commitment, and responsibility. Well done, Statlers! As the boats headed to the finish with spinnakers flying or wing 'n' wing, they were met by a squall that just hung over Hilo Bay a long time. Crews were scrambling as winds changed direction 180°, died completely, then came busting back from another direction, all this along with very heavy rain. Crews on the later boats were pretty well chilled by the time they got to their moorings around 7pm. Such is the sailing of the green side of the island. Dr Jim Lambeth did a great job single-handing his Corsair 31 "Hoku O Hilo" for first-to-finish line honors. Commodore Magnuson and crew had "Cheers" in a grove to win the monohull division, while Mike Thomas and family plus 1 took corrected-time honors in the multihull division.



FIRST TO  
FINISH

DR. JIM  
LAMBETH





**Grenadier heading for a place at the starting line**



**A clear start**



**Mango Mi in hot pursuit**



<b>Multihulls</b>	<b>Boat / Skipper</b>	<b>Crew</b>	<b>Place</b>
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Manu Kai / Mike Thomas		Mike, Ku'ulei, Ku'ulei	1st
Hoku o Hawaii / Jim Lambeth		—————	2nd
Mango Mi / Mike French		Joyce, Forest, Gary, Ralph, Barbara	3rd
Trinity / Mark Statler		Ruth, Katie, Paul, Forrest, Barrett	4th

**Monohulls**

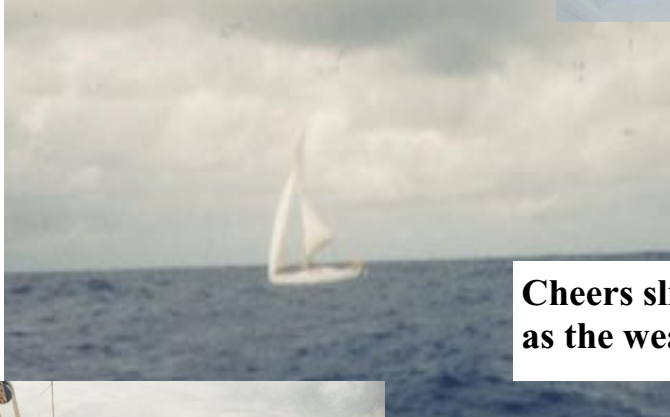
Cheers / Kim Magnuson		John, Jim	1st
Kapane / Nick Heinrich		Phil	2nd
'Olali / Barry Bolln		Pat, Phil, Diane	3rd
Grenadier / John Messina		Mauricio, Ivo	4th
LTJ / David Beardsley		Roger, Jeff	5th



**Captain Mike**



**Barbara enjoying the day**



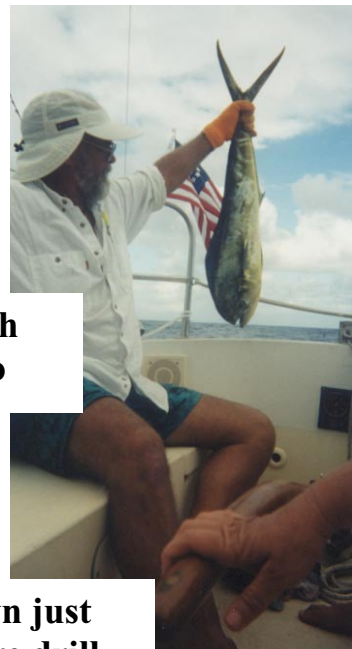
**Cheers slicing through the waves as the weather deteriorates**



**Still dry before the squalls, Barry, Pat, & Phil**



**Diane on 'Olali with all poles tied down just before the major wind shift and the fire drill**



**Barry displaying fish while boat is hove to**

# Board Meeting on Sept 10

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**Facility Acquisition** - Peter Boucher stated that at present the request from the county to the state for a facility location is on the Mayor's desk. Letters from Yacht Club members to the Mayor requesting his signature and forwarding a letter to the state may help.

**Sail Training** - Barry explained that Training of Sail Instructors will be December 1, 2 and 15, 16 at YMCA Kawaihae Sailing Facility.

**Club Burgee** - John Luchau and Barbara Magnuson presented the new burgee design. A motion was made to adopt the new design and it was approved. A motion was made to order club burgees from Prestige Flags and a motion was made to begin advance sales at \$20 each. Motion was approved. The small profit made in the sale of burgees will go toward ordering more burgees and into fundraising.

**Bylaws Review** - John L. mentioned that it is time to start to review bylaws and there is a requirement for 5 members in the bylaws review committee. Pat Bolln, Barry Bolln, Peter Boucher, Kim Magnuson and John Luchau volunteered. More members are welcome.

**Nominating Committee** - John L. also mentioned that it is time to start forming a nominating committee to find candidates for Directors and Officers for election in January.

**Non-Profit Status** - John L. requested that the board authorize the expenditure of \$150 for application fee for non-profit status with the IRS. A motion was made to that effect. Motion carried.

**Potluck** - The potluck will be starting at 6:15 October 8, 2001



## A LETTER TO THE MAYOR

Please write to the mayor about your desire to acquire a site for a facility on Reed's Bay. Roy and Allie Forbes wrote a wonderful letter. If you do write please mentioned the following items:

Ask for the Mayor's support for a program that would teach small-boat sailing to youth and involve them in racing and safe boating. Tell him you are a member of Na Hoa Holomoku of Hawaii Yacht Club and you support the partnership of our Yacht Club, the YMCA and the U of H to manage such a program and share the responsibility for the facility. Explain that a site is needed where small sailboats can be securely stored and launched into protected waters. Mention that the preferred property has been identified by the Yacht Club and YMCA and is State of Hawaii owned and located on Reed's Bay and that you encourage him to request that land from the state to be used for such a program.

Address your letter to: The Honorable Harry Kim, Mayor, County of Hawaii, 25 Aupuni St., Hilo, Hawaii 96720 and then start your letter with Dear Mayor Kim.

Mahalo -- John --

## October:

- 8— Yacht Club Meeting-potluck-6:15pm
- 14- New Moon Inshore Regatta
- 28- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 30- Full Moon Kayak Paddle-6:30pm



## Moonlight Paddle— by Pat Bolln



Five of us launched from Reed's Bay Beach at 7pm. The cruise ship had just sailed out of the bay, and the reflection of the moon was already on the water. The tiny red strobe light of the lead kayak marked our course as we threaded our way past ghosts of small gently swaying sailboats. The occasional clanking of untied halyards could be heard, a reminder of an inattentive captain. The moon could clearly be seen trying to peep out from behind the low clouds. The rest of the sky was unencumbered except for the few stars bright enough to compete with the moon's brilliance. Half of the Big Dipper still gave its direction to the North Star. All was quiet at the docks as the last barge had fled into the night. We rounded the end of the pier to discover that the Coast Guard was out on some perhaps secret mission. Half a dozen cruising sailboats tugged at their anchors at the quay. We could only guess at the adventures they had encountered before finding safe harbor in our fair city. The occupants were all together at the picnic table ashore telling about things that only other sailors could comprehend and appreciate. We did not disturb their tales but quietly paddled back into the vast harbor or so it looked in the darkness. The distant city lights seemed miles away and made us realize we are but a few of the thousands of lives being lived out at that very moment, each pursuing a different and very important task. Our path near the hotel made us wonder about the homelands of the visitors who slumbered there. They do not even know that we are passing or thinking about them. As we glide under the bridge, we see the silhouettes of lone fishermen along the shore. One never knows if they catch anything as they are always silent. They pretend not to see us. We have chatted with our comrades as we ply our strokes and learn that two have not done this before, and we give compliments at their abilities. We also have gained a new explorer as we journeyed. He is a single-hander who spent hundreds of miles and many weeks finding us after his rudder forsook its position on his small vessel and plunged into the depths never to be seen again. We welcomed him. Rounding Coconut Island in single file because the black rocks on a black sea can only be seen by the small row of white ruffle of a wave, we dared not come too close. When safely on the other side, we observed the complete reflection of the moon in the cloudless sky which guided us back to the safety of the sandy shore. We were thankful for our new friends and for the tales and sights we shared and vowed to do it again. Smooth paddling in Hilo Bay.



## Notices:



**For sale:** an old 18hp Johnson outboard that runs. Ivo has details and his number is: 982-9605 \$250.

-Cascade 29 - Contact David Beardsley at 938-9361.

-27' Stiletto Beach Catamaran, Capri 30', Newport 21', San Juan 24', MacGregor 2' - contact Kona Sailing Club about all these. 325-7509 (Sam)

**Links:** Kona Sailing Club - [www.ksc.go2click.com/](http://www.ksc.go2click.com/)

Volvo Ocean Race - <http://www.volvoceanrace.org/homepage.html> (the race has begun)

**Dues :** \$24 per year

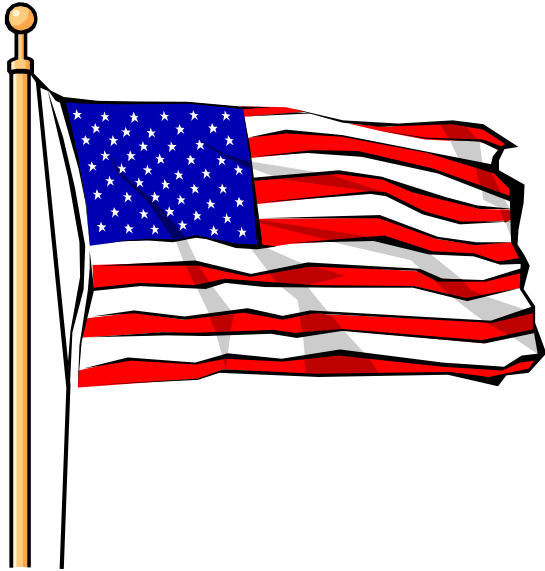
**Pictures:** Please submit any boating pictures to Pat Bolln ASAP for use in the newsletter. Thanks to Diane Fornier, Gary Young, & Barry Bolln for the pictures in this issue.

**Member News:** Robert, Trudy, and Michael Lindsay are back in Radio Bay aboard Tini APA. You can call them at 808-987-4796 or go see them to find out about the change in plans for their cruise. We are glad you are safely home.

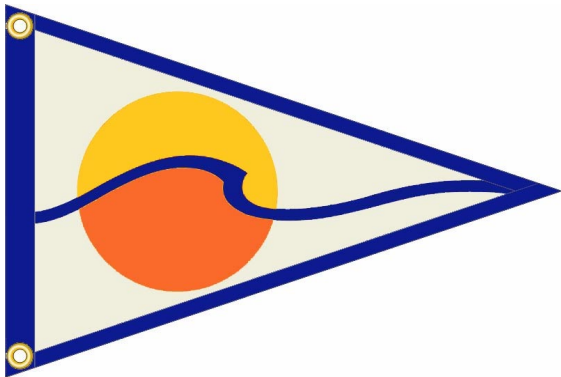
**Newsletter:** please submit articles for possible inclusion to Pat Bolln - [holokai@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:holokai@hawaii.rr.com) .

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*They have arrived !!!!!*



*\$20 at the next  
meeting and you take  
one home.*