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from the commodore

It's a new year at the Upper Keys Sailing Club, and we have new Flag Officers and Directors who will be working hard to make it a great year. Do you know all the Officers and Directors and their duties?

Your Commodore is Sara Kahler, who was the Rear Commodore for the past two years. The Commodore, according to our bylaws, is like the CEO of the club and is available to the Flag Officers and Directors to help wherever needed. At Board meetings, the Commodore does not vote on motions unless there is a tie, and then the Commodore may vote to break the tie. The Commodore is also responsible for seeing that the lines of communication are open...that all members are informed of what is going on, that members can bring matters to the Board's attention, and that all members can access the club documentation such as the Roster, the Bylaws and the Operations Manual.

Your Vice Commodore is Marylou Chambers, who has been on our Board several times and has been Vice Commodore before. The Vice Commodore is in charge of the Membership Committee and works actively to recruit new members for our club. Marylou has already made a great start as we have several prospective members right now, and she has good ideas for promoting our club. The Vice Commodore is also in charge of maintaining the club bylaws.

Your Rear Commodore is Gary Bauman whose club experience will be invaluable during the coming year. The Rear Commodore is in charge of the physical plant of the club – the clubhouse, the cottage, the grounds, and the dock. The Rear is also the supervisor of the dockmasters. He is the club's General Manager and the event coordinator, and sees that the day-to-day operations of the club run smoothly.

Your Fleet Captain this year is Ginette Hughes, who has been in many of our Flag Officer positions such as Commodore, Treasurer and Fleet Captain. The Fleet Captain is in charge of all club boats and all member boats on the dock and on the grounds. The Fleet works with the Dockage and Dry Storage Committee to see that we are providing proper storage for all member sailboats, and also maintains the club boats in good working order. Another big responsibility is preparing all the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for our regattas, and working with the Race Committee Chair to be sure that we have race committee for all events.

Your Secretary is Betsy Edwards, who is serving her second year in that position. The Secretary keeps all the records of the club including minutes of all meetings, and sends out a weekly notice to all members about events of the club. The Secretary is also in charge of publicity for the club, including our newspaper column and our newsletter Signals.

Your Treasurer is Bill Andersen, who has been Treasurer before. The Treasurer handles all funds for the club and pays our bills. The Treasurer processes monthly membership statements and works closely with our Accountants to produce financial reports for the club. The Treasurer also works on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and provides data to the Audit Committee.

Your Directors this year are Larry Koenig, two-year director and Past Commodore, Pat McLaughlin, Dewey Jackson, Lynda Munshower and Rosa Lamela. These Directors work with the rest of the Board to accomplish the business of the club.

All of these people are volunteers. All of them give a lot of their time to our club, and I hope that you appreciate their work. Our club runs on volunteerism, and I urge you to step up and volunteer to be a part of our club's activities. The more that you learn about the club, the more it will mean to you.

I'm looking forward to a fun year at UKSC! See you at the club!

Sara Kahler



Don't forget to check out our web site for the latest!

www.upperkeyssailingclub.com

You can find news, photos, links and membership information.



from the vice commodore

We seem to be starting out with six new prospective members. Some members are returning after moving back into the area. I am looking forward to reaching out to the community in a few different ways. Technology is changing the way we can get the word out about the Club. There will be a different person from my membership committee at the club at TGIF every week along with myself. They will be able to talk and make sure that the prospective member is not left alone. The name of the committee member will be put on the calendar on the wall by the office. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on keeping our membership happy.

MaryLou Chambers
Vice Commodore



2013 –2014 board of directors

Commodore	Sara Kahler
Vice Commodore	Mary Lou Chambers
Rear Commodore	Gary Bauman
Fleet Captain	Ginette Hughes
Treasurer	Bill Anderson
Secretary	Betsy Edwards
2-year Director	Larry Koenig
2-year Director	Pat McLaughlin (year 2)
Director	Lynda Munshower
Director	Rosa Lamela
Director	Dewey Jackson
Youth Sailing	Rosa Lamela



fleet captain's corner

Ahoy, sailors, it's summer time and the sailing is HOT HOT HOT! We have lots of sailing events, planned and spontaneous, in our future.

First of course is our Wednesday night Beer Can Racing Series. We've had two days so far and NO RACING, so keep your fingers crossed that the weather will be better from here on out! We also have our Summer Sailstice event, the Great Greased Watermelon Grab. That is just plain greasy fun on Hobie Waves. I'm sure the next issue of Signals will have a lot of fun photos from that event!

July continues the fun with more Wednesday night racing, the Firecracker Regatta and summer series. I am also planning a big Quonset Hut shakeup in July. If you have any sails or items in the Quonset Hut, please TAG your item either by writing your name and the year 2013 on it, or notifying me via email that you have such items in the hut. I will be looking for volunteers to help me turn it inside out and back again!

Our Dockage and Dry Storage Committee, under the chairmanship of DeWayne Roos, is working hard to get all our documents organized. If you have a boat on the dock and you don't already have your current registration and insurance on file with the club, please submit that information for our records!

Sail fast!

Ginette Hughes
Fleet Captain



from the rear commodore

I would like to thank Dave White who fixed some pesky plumbing problems in the kitchen and the showers. Much appreciated.

Food and Beverage sales have been up over last year and profitable.

We are looking to expand the air conditioned storage for beer and wine so that we can again have some office space. We are looking at the porch by the BBQ to enclose. Next week I'll meet with a contractor to review our options. We also have a request to automate open/close on the front gate. We will work on that a little later.

The Entertainment Committee has most of the 2013-2014 events covered with a lead person, but not all. Coming up is the Parade Float decorating. Please email or call Betsy or Barbara Bernstein if you'd like to help them with decorating. To help with other events call or email me. Thank you.

Gary Bauman
Rear Commodore



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upcoming events

June 2013

Greased Watermelon Race	Saturday, 6/22, noon
Short Hobie Wave lesson	Saturday, 6/22, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Beer Can Races	Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program Summer Camp began	June 10

July 2013

Fourth of July Parade	Saturday, 7/4
Firecracker Regatta (Portsmouth)	Saturday, 7/6, noon
Firecracker Regatta (PHRF)	Saturday, 7/6, noon
Membership Comm. Mtg.	Wednesday, 7/17, 7 p.m.
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 7/18 7 p.m.
Portsmouth Summer #2	Saturday, 7/20, noon
PHRF Summer #2	Sunday, 7/21, noon

Father's Day Race Results

PHRF results: Dave White and Family took 1st place on Chiquita, the club J-24. 2nd place was won by Pat McLaughlin on JibSea. MaryLou Chambers won 3rd place on Mystic, her Nonsuch 30.

Portsmouth results: 1st place Rick Taylor on his H170, 2nd place Mike Hughes on ODay 19, 3rd place Keven Merten, Ethan Osbourne, and Frank Garcia on the club Hobie wave. Special recognition to Dick Saylor on Saylorman II, who had both grandchildren, daughter and son-in-law, and four crew kids on board. It was definitely a family regatta!

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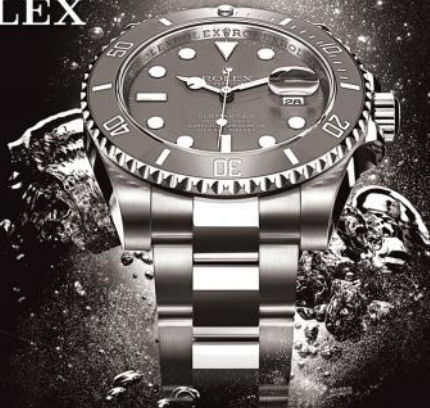
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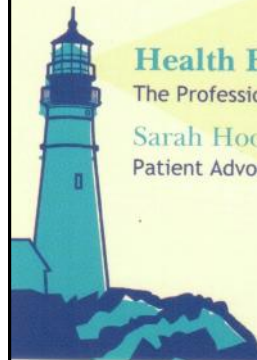



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