



Upper Keys Sailing Club Newsletter • P.O. Box 373154, Key Largo FL 33037 • 305-451-9972



### from the commodore

Have you been to the sailing club lately? Did you attend an event, eat a dinner, sail a race, or just enjoy TGIF? Nice, right? And how did that event or dinner or race or TGIF happen? Volunteerism. Nothing happens at the sailing club without our volunteers.

I'm sure you heard all about volunteerism when you joined the club, and of course you participated in at least three events before you joined. But are you volunteering now? If you aren't, then you are missing a lot. When you volunteer, you learn more about our club, you make friends, and you have fun.

Then are plenty of areas where you can help, and you can pick and choose according to your interests. Our Race Committee Chair Bill Stanard sends out requests for Race Committee all the time, and he is there to show you how to do it. You'll have a front seat for all the racing action! Our event coordinators send out requests for help with dinners and entertainment. It's not hard, and you don't have to be in charge. Come and work in the kitchen, prep for an event, help with clean up and see what it is all about. Our busy regatta season and the holiday season are coming up. We be decorating, hosting, entertaining...and we need your help.

Would you rather do mechanical work or construction-type work? Great! We have our project list next to the bar area – ask Guy or Sallie to show you what is on the list. We also have ongoing maintenance and repairs all the time. Look around. If you see something that could use improvement, and you want to work on it, talk to our Rear Commodore Gary Bauman and set it up.

Are you a bartender, a musician, an artist, a carpenter, a contractor, a computer nerd, a chef, a mechanic...? We can use your ideas and your talent. Step up, and enjoy the club even more than you do now.

Sara Kahler  
Commodore



### from the rear commodore

We now have had 4 Fridays of Happy Hour and positive momentum is in swing. Please join us from 5:30 - 7:00 for half-price alcohol drinks and non-alcohol beer (members only for both). And don't forget to bring an appetizer. We hope to carry this forward into the Fall, if all goes well.

The project to build new storage space became too expensive. I have asked the design engineer to come up with a lower cost alternative. He is looking into it.

We have a new, easier to implement air conditioning policy letter. Basically, the air can be on (if temperatures warrant) whenever the bar is open or when there is a sanctioned event going on. Please help reduce this expense when possible.

For future projects, we will be looking at new windows for the cottage, fixing the club roof, and installing an electric opener for the front gate. If you have other projects, please feel free to contact me.

We have some members who want to host inexpensive Saturday dinners. If you would like to join as a host please email me with a date and menu.

Gary Bauman  
Rear Commodore

Don't forget to check out our web site for the latest!  
[www.upperkeyssailingclub.com](http://www.upperkeyssailingclub.com)  
You can find news, photos, links and membership information.



## fleet captain's corner

Hello everyone from your very busy Fleet Captain!

On the racing front, our summer Wednesday Beer Can Series has not exactly taken off. Poor weather at the beginning of the summer, non-existent wind other days, and taking the J boats offline all contributed to a lack of participants. However, our regularly scheduled racing attracted lots of participants, including the largest turnout of PHRF boats and crew I've seen in a while – on a day with no wind so we had to cancel the race! We generally shoot for racing every other weekend, so check your calendar and come on out to play!

It has been a maintenance-heavy summer on the sailboat front, however! Thanks to Mary Lou and Guy for taking down the mast of the Hobie Wave and repairing its seat. We now have a newer lemon yellow sail for the Wave. The orange sail will be repaired and set aside for use by the youth program. Please note that all club sails are located on shelves with GREEN PAINT on them in the Quonset hut. If you are taking out a club boat, make sure that you are using a club hull (that's Wave #30, and two sunfish in the youth area) and a club sail!

Our mini fleet of J24s is looking a little unusual right now. Due to some issues with a forestay on Margarita, and an assessment by a professional rigger, it was decided to re-rig both boats for safety and return them to a hank-on headsail rather than roller furling. Thanks to Steve Perry and the loan of a gin pole, both masts were plucked from the boats in early August and stripped of their rigging. The rigging has been sent off to Sailing Services (Dave Weir) and various repairs have been undertaken on the boats. See below for a list of what's been done so far and list of volunteers who have been helping. These boats are popular amongst the club sailors and it's great to see them all step up to help maintain and repair them. I certainly couldn't do it alone!

Derigging Day: Steve Perry, Bill Stanard, Pat McLaughlin, Jimmy Norrie, Jim Enright, Judith Rhodes, and various passersby who helped get the masts down the dock and over to the lawn.

Rigging repairs: Dave Weir, George Edwards, Jimmy Norrie.

Bottom job for Margarita: Sara Kahler, Sallie Lange, Tom Witmer (delivery and retrieval of boat to the yard); Jerry McCafferty, Jim Enright for painting; Bill Stanard for minor repairs to the keel and transom; Mike O'Connor for getting good deal on the paint.

Reverting sails to hank on: Sara Kahler & Larry Thorson (ripping luff tape off the genoa); Barbara Bernstein for offering to put grommets and hanks on the current jib

New halyards are being ordered for both boats, and they will be rigged for symmetrical spinnakers after we get the sticks back up.

Naturally, all these repairs are costing a pretty penny, but the BOD agreed with my recommendation to go ahead and spend it to make sure the boats are safe and equal. If they are working, they are being used, and since members pay \$25 per day to race them, they are generating SOME income to offset their maintenance costs. Donations to the J24 maintenance fund are very welcome, and we might be holding a bake sale or a spaghetti dinner soon to help too!

Ginette Hughes  
Fleet Captain



Moving out the masts.



J24's looking forlorn!



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**In Memoriam**  
Diana Good

It is sad news that UKSC member Diana Good was struck by sudden illness and has passed away. A club member since 1989, Diana could always be counted on to help with events at our sailing club, volunteering her help wherever needed.

Diana was also an active volunteer in the Key Largo Tai Chi group where she served on the nominating committee and helped with registrations and other administrative tasks. Her kind and helpful spirit will be honored in the All Souls Festival.

A gentle person, Diana's warm and friendly disposition will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

The sailing club will hold a memorial for Diana later this year.



Diana Good (center), sailing with Jennifer Dermer and Barbara Bernstein.

**upcoming events**

September 2013

- 18 Membership Committee Meeting, 7 P.M.
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.
- 21, 22 *Just for the Halibut* Regatta and Fish Fry, Saturday - Portsmouth (Fall #1) and Fish Fry to follow . Sunday -PHRF (Fall #1) Skippers meetings at 12:00 noon, first flag at 1:00 P.M.

October 2013

- 5, 6 Portsmouth and PHRF races, fall series #2.
- 12, 13 Columbus Day Regatta rendezvous, Biscayne Bay.
- 16 Membership committee meeting - 7:00 P.M.
- 17 Board of Directors meeting - 7:00 P.M. Members are welcome to attend.
- 26 Halloween Party
- 27 Halloween All-Comers race.

**swap shop**

**For Sale:** Fast, safe, Boston Whaler jet boat (1995) on a first class registered galvanized trailer with new rollers, ready to go for \$3,500 or best offer! New jet bearings less than 20 hours ago. Power head is an indestructible 115 horsepower Johnson/Evinrude. Very safe boat for kids because there is no exposed prop. Clocked at close to 30 mph, but she cruises at an easy 20. Full safety package (flares, horn, anchor, life vests, extinguisher, et cetera), 23 gallon fuel tank, dock lines, full new Bimini with boot, and a stainless steel mounted cooler ahead of the console just waiting for a comfortable cushion. Call Bill Stanard to see her: (305) 632-7396



**For Sale:** 1997 Ford Ranger extended cab. Six cylinder, 5 speed manual transmission, heavy duty tow package with heavy duty hitch and electric brake. Fiberglass truck topper and bed liner. Kelly Blue Book gives it a value of \$4,200. First \$2,500 gets it! Contact Leah White at 305-619-5353 or soki-toome@bellsouth.net

**For Sale:** Dock Davits, 7500 lb capacity. Good shape. \$1,100. OBO Call Larry (305-304-8986)

**membership report**

The August 23rd general meeting gave out burgees to new members Stuart and Cathie Fox and Mike Mayer. Stuart and Cathie were club members some time back and because of family obligations found it necessary to resign for awhile. They're back in the neighborhood now and happy to re-join our club. Mike Mayer brings a lot of sailing experience to the club. He owns a Hobie Wave but can sail most anything and looks forward to new sailing experiences.

In the pipeline for new members are Islamorada residents, Paul and Leanne McKissick. Paul is an avid sailboat racer and is an employee of Windy Day Plumbing. The McKissicks are members of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Please welcome these folks to the Club when you meet them.



Returning members Cathie and Stuart Fox.



New member Mike Mayer.





**mark sorensen youth sailing program**



**B. T. W.**

Club logo articles, such as polo shirts and license plates are still available and on display at the Club. See the Dockmaster for prices and what's available.

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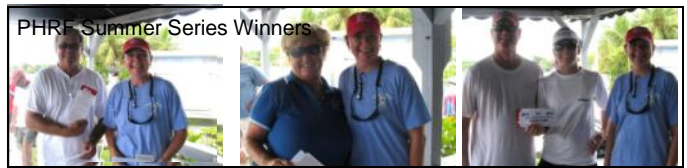
Key Largo, FL – The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program (MSYSP) is calling out to all boys and girls from Islamorada and Key Largo to discover how cool the sport of sailing can be. MSYSP is casting off its **Learn to Sail Program Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** for aspiring sailors ages 8 and up. Practice will be held Saturdays from 10am to 4pm throughout the Fall season at the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) located at M100, bayside.

“Our Learn to Sail program will safely teach kids how to maneuver and handle their own small pram,” said Gus Garcia-Montes, MSYSP’s director of youth sailing. “Sailing provides girls and boys with a fantastic outlet to build their self confidence as kids quickly discover they can *captain their own small ship* within a short period of time. It’s also a great way for them to connect with new friends and develop a closer relationship with the environment that surrounds them.”

The cost of the Learn to Sail program is \$500 per child for the Fall season and can be paid in monthly installments after an initial deposit. For additional information, please contact Rosa Lamela at (305) 747-2600 or visit [www.msysp.org](http://www.msysp.org).

The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program is a 501(c) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sailing as a fun, safe and competitive sport to youth in the Florida Keys.

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Sunset from the jetty.



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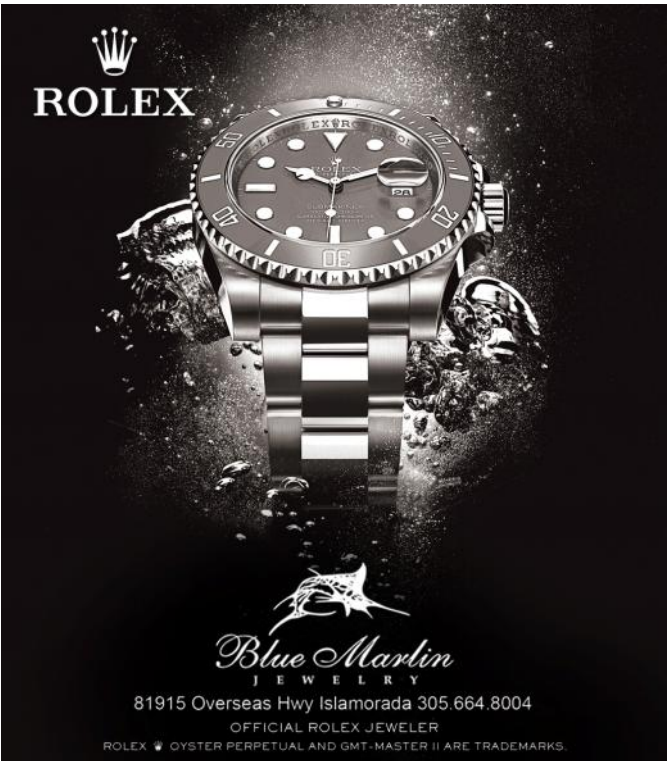
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