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Buttonwood Bay Mooring Field Sunk!

Monroe County commissioners, aided by the research of the Division Of Growth Management, decided that Buttonwood Bay would be the ideal place for a mooring field in Key Largo. It would be big enough to handle 100 boats, taking over 42 acres of the bay. The community was outraged by this plan. At an August 20th meeting of state and county officials and the Key Largo Federation of Homeowners Association it was evident that no one in the community thought that the mooring plan was a good one. About one hundred residents attended the meeting, and no one showed approval. The Upper Keys Sailing Club, represented by member Skip Kaub, presented vigorous objections to the location of the mooring field. Skip pointed out the value of the club to Key Largo, and how the mooring field would prevent the club from having regattas on the bay.

Mainly because of the community's objections, your county mayor and commissioners finally got the message, and decided that the mooring field was not a practical proposal. The Board of County Commissioners voted to discontinue further interest in a Buttonwood Bay mooring field. Our community leaders listened to us.

Thanks to Skip Kaub for presenting the club's viewpoint to the Board of County Commissioners.

New member incentive program

Prospective members can take advantage of a new 60-day introductory membership program. This program offers 60 days of membership for \$120, with no initiation fee. These "temporary members" will be able to use the club during regular hours, but will not have charge privileges at the bar. They will have access to the boat ramp, main dock and storage, but no power boat launching or storage. After the initial 60-day period, temporary members may apply for regular membership.



Fleet captain's Corner

Hello everyone! It's been quite the summer for the racing program and our boats! The weather has been up and down, some days there was NO wind and just this last weekend we were dealing with steady 16-17kts and gusts up to 20kts. Not what we would expect on the last weekend in August!

Our boats have been getting some much needed repairs done, too. The Wave is currently out of commission pending some hull repairs, but it has a whole new set of standing rigging! Great big thanks go out to Chip Short for multiple repairs on the pontoon boat and cheap parts for the Wave, and to Dave White for actually doing the work on the Wave. I am also very grateful to Stuart Fox and Bob Sandifer who have taken over the care of the Flying Scot. We've replaced quite a few items on that boat and it should be ready to race by the next regatta, complete with spinnaker!

Chiquita is scheduled to go in for a bottom job sometime in September. We put the new-to-us mainsails on the two J boats this past weekend and are looking forward to trying out the genoas too – in a little bit lighter air than we just had this past weekend! I want to give a BIG thank you to Billy and Gina Scalisi for scrounging these up for us. We only had to pay \$90 in shipping to get SIX sails!

A BIG story of course is that we will be offering monthly Adult Learn to Sail programs at the sailing club. The format will be a chalk talk on Friday afternoon/early evening from 5:30 – 7 PM, which allows the participants to join in the TGIF festivities after their lessons. Saturday from 9 am – 4 pm will be hands-on instruction, from how to rig the boat to getting on the water and sailing around, and possibly ending with a little race! Details to follow!

And another big story is that the MOTHS are coming back! They have requested and the BOD has approved that they be here for two back to back weekends in November and they will use the week in between to train for their WORLDS, which are being held in Australia in January. After they train and race here at the UKSC, they will pack their boats back into their boxes and load them on a container ship in Miami. They expect as many as 30 boats here, pretty much everyone who is anyone in Moth or other sailing is planning on going to the Worlds. They are PAYING us for the privilege of course! I will be putting together race committees for the regattas on November 14-16 and again November 21-23. Feel free to contact me with questions or offers to help!

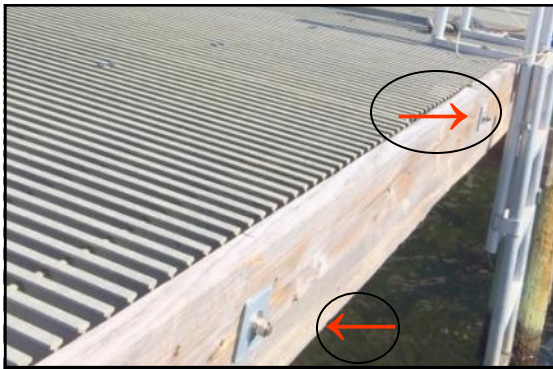
Hope to see you on the water!

Ginette Hughes



from the rear commodore

This summer we caught up a little bit on needed repairs around the club. First we tackled the dock. Pat McLaughlin, Mark Weis, Dewayne Roos and I removed sections of grating, drilled holes in the stringers and inserted 1/2 inch stainless steel rods from side to side. Bolts and plates at each end of the rods draw the sides together and



strengthen the dock.



Next we tackled the roofs of the clubhouse and the cottage. Both roofs were dirty with mold and mildew and had areas with little waterproof material left on them. Tommy Chambers brought his pressure washer so that Guy, Bill Stanard, Dewayne Roos, Bob Brown and I could clean the roofs. Then we applied filler to deteriorated spots, and white sealant to the whole roof. This was a big job, but there are no leaks now!



Most of the wooden posts on the jetty had fallen off. Guy put new ones on, drilling into the concrete, then inserting long stainless steel rods into fasteners which hold the new wood posts in place. A first class repair. Now you can tie your boat up to the jetty with no worry.

Lastly, tired of tracking mud into the rear entrance of the club, Guy added new pavers to our little back porch. They match so well you can't tell anything was done!



There are always things that need to be done around the club. With members help we can get things done and keep the dues down. Thanks to Guy and all of those members who helped with these repairs

Larry Koenig, Rear Commodore

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UKSC Club Hours

Monday & Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 9 a.m. to closing.

Bar service is available :
Friday: 5 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday: noon - 11 p.m.
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The Club is closed on Monday and Tuesday,
which are the Dock Masters' days off.

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Summer 2014 in a Nut Shell (or is it a Ditty Bag?)

We had lots of sailing and social activities at UKSC over the summer. And loads of fun! There was the Summer Racing Series in 3 segments. Congratulations to the Overall winners: Bill Ellis in the Portsmouth fleet, and Bruce McCord for the PHRF fleet.

During the summer season, we also had four fun races, starting with our Father's Day All-Comers, and including Firecracker Regatta, Dog Days All-Comers, and the Labor Day Regatta. Many thanks to all our UKSC sailors who participated in the races, and a Big Thanks to Ginette Hughes, our fleet captain, and all the wonderful folks who volunteered for race committee.

Following each of the racing days, the club held BYOM BBQs. That translates to Open Grill and Bring-Your-Own-Meat. The club supplied the rest of the "fixin's". Thanks to Gina Dunnett, Helen Koenig, Nina Griffith, Cathie Fox, Nora Liu, Sara Kahler and Bob Brown for all your help with food and decorations. The Dog Days BBQ was organized by Leah White, with Cathie Fox and Sara Kahler helping. The featured meat was brats, of course.

We continued the summertime tradition of Dinners at the Club. Our first dinner featured our dockmaster Sallie's Special Meatloaf. Tommy Chambers and crew created another tasty dinner featuring Shepherd's pie! Thanks to all who helped in these endeavors.

We can't forget our Movie Nights! We were treated to two thrillers, "Sharknado" and "Captain Ron". If you weren't there, you missed two fun evenings, as you can imagine.

Lastly, we celebrated several birthdays with cakes throughout the summer at our Friday TGIFs. Be sure to check the photos to see all these honored celebrants.

What's New ?

New Website

If you haven't visited our UKSC website lately, you're in for a pleasant surprise. Many thanks to Kenyan Langford for the attractive and useful design. You can access this link for all the news, including the current weather conditions, and live weather radar! Check it out: up-perkeyssailingclub.com.

New club repairs

Please refer to the Rear-Commodore's report for the many repairs made to our building and property over the summer. Thanks to all who helped with these projects.

New members

We want to welcome the following new members to our club:
Christine Haugen and Fred Haddad, who have a son in the youth sailing program. They have also volunteered to be the new Directors of the MSYSP. Thanks for stepping up!
Gina and Bruce Dunnett. Gina has jumped right in to help with decorations and food for our social events. Bruce is very interested in sailing the new J-24's.

New Adult Learn-to-Sail Classes

Keep your ears open for the details of this exciting addition to our sailing program at UKSC.

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program

In addition to the regular youth sailing program, there are two new additions. The Treasure Village Montessori students will be having a Learn-To-Sail class every Friday from 11:30 to 2:30. We welcome them to our club. MSYSP has also added a youth Learn-to-Sail class every Friday after school, from 4 to 7 P.M.

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upcoming events

September 2014

- ** 1 Labor Day
- **13 Just for the Halibut All-Comers Race and Fish Fry.
- **17 Membership Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **18 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- ** 27 Fall Series #1, All-Comers (Portsmouth and PHRF)

October 2014

- **11 Columbus Day Regatta (Biscayne Bay)
- **11 Portsmouth Fall Series #2
- **12 PHRF Fall Series #2
- **13 Columbus Day
- **26 Halloween All-Comers Race
- **31 Halloween Party

November 2014

- **1 Black Betsy Race
- **7 General Membership Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **8 Dockmasters' Regatta (Fall Series #3 Final) Ports - mouth
- **9 Dockmasters' Regatta (Fall Series #3 Final) PHRF
- **10 Veteran's Day
- **11 - 23 Moths are here!
- **19 Membership Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **20 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **27 Thanksgiving at the Club

December 2014

- **5 Tree Trimming Party
- **6 Flail & Sail
- **7 Flail & Sail
- **7 PHRF Winter Series #1
- **12 UKSC Christmas Party
- **13 Key Largo Christmas Boat Parade
- **17 Membership Committee Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **18 Board of Director's Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
- **20 UKSC Holiday Party
- **20 Portsmouth Winter Series #1
- **25 Christmas
- **28 St. Nick's All-Comers Race
- **31 New Year's Eve Party

Don't Forget!

We have UKSC clothing and Club items for sale. These items, on display in the Club-house, include t-shirts, hats, key rings, burgees, and license plates. The holidays are fast approaching, and these will make great gifts. Shirts are available in different sizes for men and women. Your purchases can be put on your club bill. Just ask our Dockmaster.

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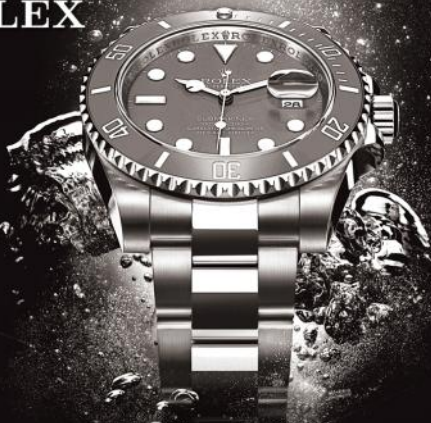


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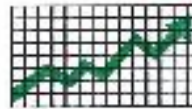
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