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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*UKSC Welcomes A New Year of Sailing*



**HERE'S TO 2016!** At the UKSC, we are so blessed to have a group of such committed, welcoming, and fun loving people to sail and socialize with. We look forward to continuing our tradition into the months ahead and enjoying all the 2016 regattas and upcoming events to the fullest!

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**RACING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING**

*A Note from the Fleet Captain*

**Hello Fellow Sailors!** As you know, we are now in the busiest part of our racing season, and the Race Committee is in need of help to make these regattas successful. We especially need people to help on the Committee Boat. No experience is necessary—but a training course is scheduled this month (see below for details). We also need drivers for the Chase Boat. Or, if you prefer land-based support activities, there are plenty of other chores the need to be done, so please volunteer and we'll put your talents and enthusiasm to work! Check the on-line calendar and find a day or two that suit your schedule. **Call Mike O'Hara at 786-440-9269 to sign up or email him at [fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com).**

**WELCOME TO THE RACE COMMITTEE**

*Special Session Open to All Members*

*Thursday, January 21*—Come learn all the basics of starting and finishing a race, setting marks, and how to handle the unexpected wind shift.

This special session starts on 1/21/16 at 7:30 PM in the UKSC Clubhouse and is open to all of our members. We'll be going over all aspects of race management, so don't miss out.

**Questions? Call Kathy Kulkoski at 732-768-5101.**

**ANNUAL ST. NICK'S ALL COMERS**  
*UKSC Sailors Enjoy Some Holiday Sailing*

Sunday, December 27—Unfortunately, December wasn't always friendly to our sailing program, causing several cancellations and postponements. But, the weather finally cooperated and the St. Nick's All Comers Regatta was a great success.

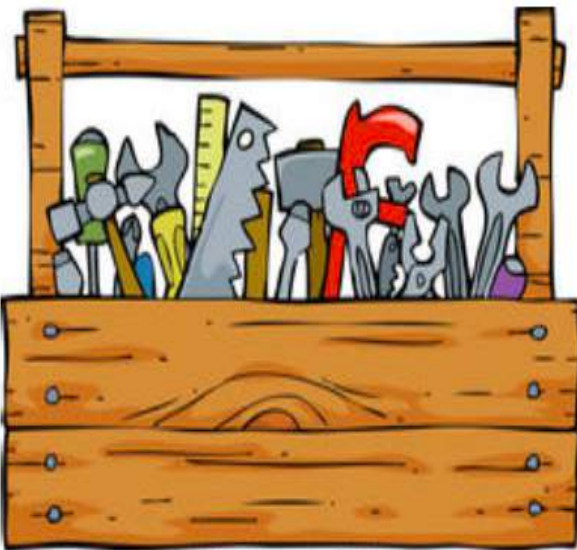
**St. Nick's All Comers Results**

PHRF:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat McLaughlin on *Jib Sea*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Adamusko on *Felix*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Berry on *Wine Time*.

Portsmouth:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Inger Hansen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Trump
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Kulkoski



**ANNUAL CLUB WORK DAY**

*Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Our club needs your help for clubhouse and grounds fix-up and maintenance projects. You can sign up now for carpentry, tree trimming, roof repair, painting, and other projects. Look for the sign up sheet posted at the club.

Then, plan to get there Saturday, January 23rd at 8:00 AM, and let's get our club ship shape. At workday's end there will be free beer, soft drinks, and hot dogs for participants. Contact Larry Koenig for more details.



**JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Be Sure to Mark Your Calendar and Be Part of the Happenings at UKSC!*

- 1/21: "Welcome to the Race Committee" Training Session, 7:30 PM (*See story on page 1*)
- 1/22: Pot Luck Dinner, 7:00 PM; General Membership Meeting, 8 PM
- 1/23: Club Workday, 8:00 AM (*See story above*)
- 1/29-1/31: A-Cat Regatta (*Help needed! Call Mike O'Hara at 786-440-9269*)

***Be sure to check the online calendar and your email regularly for impromptu date & movie nights, cookouts, and other events that might pop up!***

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

#### *UKSC "Speakeasy" Hosts Flappers and Dappers*

*Saturday, December 31*—Our New Year's Eve party transformed the club into an event worthy of both Gatsby and gangsters.

Gina Dunnett and her crack party planning crew, Ginette Hughes (decorations) and Sharon Berry (party food), pulled it all together to treat us to a glitzy, glamorous, fun-filled gala.

Many thanks also go out to our Dock Masters, Guy and Sallie, for keeping the food and drinks flowing all evening long.

The evening featured entertainment by our own Joe Worley and his "Outer Band" (who kept the



party going well past midnight), Charleston dance lessons, and a midnight champagne toast. Suffice to say it was nothing short of the "bee's knees."





**TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION**  
*Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations*

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the joy of waking up on Christmas morning and finding longed-for toys under the tree was again a reality for children in need in the Florida Keys.

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. Our contributions make a huge difference in the lives of these kids. **Thank you!**



**ASIAN DINNER NIGHT**

*Dumplings, "Singapore Slings," and More*

*Saturday, December 5*—Due to heavy rains, our annual "Flail and Sail" event had to be postponed to January 2-3. But, the Special Asian Dinner was a huge success! Thanks go out to Keith and Nora Harker, Rick and Georgie Taylor, and Nora's sister ChiFang, who did all the planning and cooking. Thanks also goes out to the "Dumpling Gang," Lynda Munshower, Helen Koenig, and LeAnn White (for helping everyone learn what goes into making this special Asian delight), and to Gina Dunnett, Lynda Munshower, Sharon Berry, and Catherine Duncan for decorations.



Tommy and MaryLou Chambers headed up the kitchen crew. Larry Koenig, Lynda Munshower, Gina Dunnett, Brenda Lewis, and Chuck Nihart handled clean up. Not only was this one of the best dinners the club has enjoyed yet, it was a true show of volunteer spirit.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
*UKSC Celebrates the Season*

Saturday, December 19—Members joined at UKSC clubhouse for a festive evening that featured a gift exchange... and a special appearance from “Santa” just for us!

Thanks to Sharon Berry for all the preparations and to our members for bringing the many tasty holiday dishes that made the party perfect.



**MARK SORENSEN YOUTH SAILING**  
*UKSC Kids Continue an Amazing Season*

December, 2016—Our young sailors continue to rack up impressive results. In December, the Orange Bowl Final Results are as follows: Mathew 7<sup>th</sup>, Michael 16<sup>th</sup>, and Roberto 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 70 kids from 3 continents. It was truly an amazing effort by the boys. And, Coach Roger deserves a big round of applause for what our kids have accomplished this season.



**NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

*Welcome Mike Waters and Connie Zeckendorf*

**Meet our new members, Mike and Connie.**

Although Mike has been in the Florida Keys for over 20 years, his original home port was Blackrock, Ireland where he first learned to love boats and scuba diving.

Mike, who commuted from the Keys to manage operations at various airports for a major airline, also worked here in Key Largo with Stephen Frink as an underwater photographer and for Ocean Divers as a boat driver.

Now retired, he still answers the Captain's call in a pinch to take divers out to the reef and wrecks. Mike loves to cook and take care of his beautiful gals... Connie and Molly, the kitty.

Connie hails from Darien, CT where she grew up racing Blue Jays, Fireballs, and Lasers at the Norton Yacht Club. Later, she moved to New York where she sailed Lasers and her Beneteau 311 at the Devon Yacht Club.

Once she discovered scuba diving, however, she



made it her mission to move to the Keys. She has two children who live in New York City, Artie (28) and Jenny (27).

Mike and Connie lived in Key West for 3 years before settling in Key Largo. During that time, they purchased an Island Packet 350, which is now kept in the canal beside their house on Bahia Ave. And most recently they bought *Sea Bird*, a Marshall Sanderling for exploring the bayside.

Be sure to say hello next when you see these two around the club. They have some great sailing stories to share!



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**UPPER KEYS  
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HOURS**



**The Club is open on the following days and hours:**

- Monday and Thursday: 9 AM to 5 PM
  - Friday and Saturday: 9 AM to 11 PM
  - Sunday: 9 AM to 9 PM
- Bar service is available:**
- Friday: 5 PM to 11 PM
  - Saturday: 12 PM to 11 PM
  - Sunday: 12 PM to 9 PM

**The Club is closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, which are the Dock Masters days off!**

**See you soon!**



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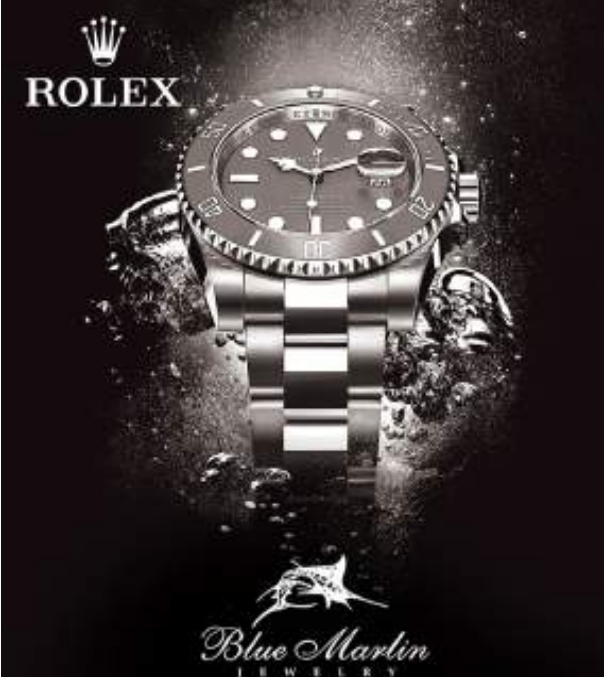
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