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WINTER SERIES #4

The Season Continues and the Competition is On

Sunday, January 10—Although the Regatta was postponed Saturday for lack of wind, we had 7 to 10 knots on Sunday and 2 good races.



The PHRF and Portsmouth fleets had separate starts and sailed different courses.

Many thanks go out to Sara Kahler, Helen Koenig, and Angus McKinnon for serving as Race Committee.

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PHRF: 1st Pat McLaughlin on "Jibsea," 2nd Larry Koenig on "Helen K," and 3rd Dick Saylor on "Saylorman." **Portsmouth:** 1st Leah White, 2nd Dave White, 3rd Steve Perry, 4th Dan and Kat Kulkoski, 5th Tom Trump, and 6th Marlyn Hahn.



IN MEMORIAM

The UKSC Mourns the Passing of Larry McGraw

January 2016—It is with sadness we say goodbye to former member and good friend, Larry McGraw. He and his wife, Judy, were members for 25 years, and were very active in all aspects of the club. Judy says: "We had a lot of wonderful years at the Club and have always held it dear to our hearts." No services are planned, but let's all keep Judy in our thoughts during this difficult time. You can send her a personal email at: RENWICKMC@AOL.COM, or write to her home address: Judy McGraw, 1640 NE 37 Ave., Homestead, FL 33033.



ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S "HANGOVER" POKER RUN
Sailing and Cards Prove the Best Hair o' the Dog

Friday, January 1—The Annual Poker Run is a fun day on the water where skippers and "card sharks" (aka crew) set out to pick up cards and build winning hands from various points stationed across the Sound. With sailboats, power boats, and even the pontoon competing, the event proved a great way to enjoy the first day of the new year.



FLAIL 'N SAIL WEEKEND
A Quirky Mix of Seas and Sand (Traps)

Saturday, January 2 & Sunday January 3—This highly anticipated annual event finally happened in early January (after being postponed due to weather back in December), offering members a chance to test their skills on both land and at sea!



ANNUAL CLUB WORKDAY

Hard Work Delivers Beautiful Results

Saturday, January 23—Our annual Club Workday was a success, with everything that was on our list either finished or near completion... despite the challenge of high winds. Special thanks goes to Joel Jones, who planned and pushed the big table project with the help of Dennis Kahler, Tom Jett, Jim Moreland, Jim Johnson, and Bill Stanard who worked on cutting and assembly.



But the projects didn't end there! Special thanks to the following teams:

- Kitchen cleaning: Sharon Berry, Brenda Lewis, Kim Hamilton, and Sallie Lange
- Chair webbing repair: Susan Shimamoto and LeAnn White
- New cover for the committee boat seat: Helen Koenig, Julia Hahn, Kim Hamilton, and Brenda Lewis
- Landscape: Brent Hooker and Andy Sikora

- Cleaning and waxing the clubhouse sign: Geri Smith
- Power- and hand-washing all furniture: Ken and Janet Pangborn
- Quonset hut repair and organization: Mike O'Hara
- Lunch preparation: Sara Kahler and Mary Lou Chambers

Many, many thanks to our stalwart crew for a full 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM workday to beautify our club!



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

It's Your Turn to Be Featured In Upcoming Issues of SIGNALS

Help us get to know you better! Please send a brief write-up about yourself (where you come from, sailing experience, children, pets, etc), along with a picture, to Liz Hooker, editor at: elizabeth.b.hooker@gmail.com. Thank you!

DEAD DOGS & TIN WHISTLES REGATTA

UKSC Celebrates Year 9

Friday-Sunday, January 14-16—Although sailing conditions ranged from floater to gale over the course of the weekend, Saturday’s light air finally made for a great day out on Buttonwood Sound.

RC got 5 races in for each class, giving us our throw out for the Regatta. The wind stayed steady so they didn’t have to move any marks, but they DID do 10 starts and 10 finishes. That’s a good hard day on the water for RC!

Everyone returned to the clubhouse to enjoy Tommy’s “Piratical Pig Roast.” There were even leftovers to put out for Sunday lunch—a VERY good thing because the weather on our final day went from sunny and breezy to gale force, sending spindrift flying across the parking lot.

Ginette Hughes, event coordinator, reported: “I’ve been here 30 years, and I’ve never seen that happen, that fast... not even in hurricanes!”



Even the heavy air sailors were quite content to sit tight behind the windows and watch the wind.

All in all, there were 8 Buccaneers and 7 Mutineers. *(Fun fact: All the Buccs were from out of state; all the Mutts came from Florida.)*

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this Regatta the resounding success that keeps sailors returning year after year. “It’s like a family reunion,” says Ginette.



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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!



UKSC SWAP SHOP

If you have something you want to list, please email it to me before the end of the month: elizabeth.b.hooker@gmail.com with your name and "Swap Shop" in the subject line. *Many Thanks!*



For Sale: 1966 Hatteras 41' CV (Sport Fisherman)

Description: Classic fiberglass boat. 2' 11" draft, 14' beam. Twin 454 gas engines with fewer than 250 hours. All systems have been restored or replaced in the past year and a half: Retirement and move (North!) forces sale. Beautiful condition.

Asking \$19,950. Contact: Bill Stanard at 305-632-7396 or wstanard@palmertrinity.org.



For Sale: Head Sail for a 34' Sloop Rig Catalina

Description: Like-new condition. NOTE: It can probably be cut down to fit a smaller boat. Make me an offer.

Asking: Best Offer. Contact: Tom Butler at 305-453-0997.



For Sale: "Mischief" 25' O'Day Sloop

Description: Your chance to make this well-known boat yours! Very comfortable cruiser and a winning racer. Features new bottom paint, lots of sails, almost new Tohatsu longshaft 6 HP outboard engine.

Asking: Best Offer. Contact: Curt Burkhead at 561-845-1835.

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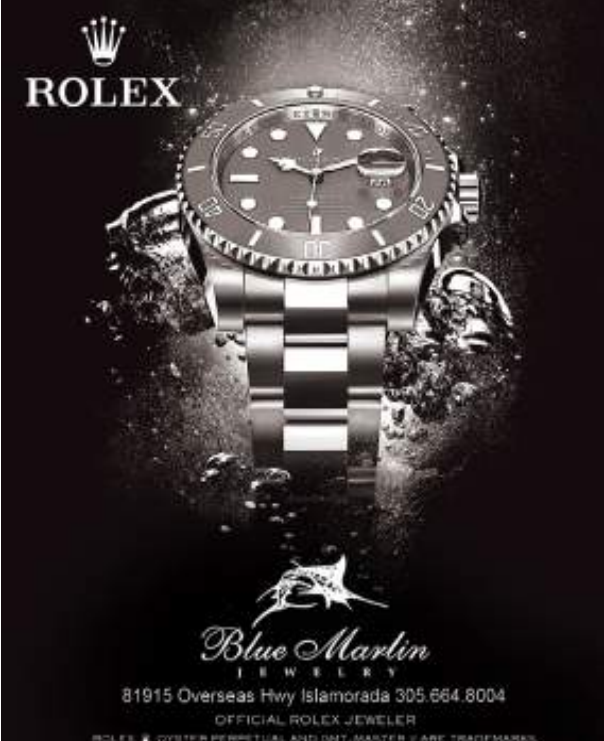
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