



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



from the rear commodore

The hot, Hot, HOT summer is over, and fall is in the air! Soon our club will be bustling with our snowbird members returning to join in the high season. And high season means a lot more activities at the Club.

This weekend, October 8 – 9, is our Columbus Day Regatta with Portsmouth racing on Saturday and PHRF on Sunday. Weather forecast says we'll have a lot of wind, so get your boat rigged for racing. On Saturday evening, October 8, we're having a Pizza Party! Pizza, salad and dessert for \$7 per adult and \$3.50 per child (under 12). I am in charge of this event and would welcome some help on Saturday to make the salad. We also need clean-up crew afterwards. If you are available, contact me at sarakahler@aol.com.

Have you ever been to the big Columbus Day raft-up? If not, here is your chance. The raft-up is at Elliot Key, and our club cruising group plans to anchor on the outside of the crowd and dinghy in for the fun. Look for Don and Frigge Tucgu's trimaran "Sea Change" or Larry and Helen Koenig's Nonsuch "Helen K." Plans are to get together there on Saturday, October 8, and head for home on Sunday, October 9. Contact Don Tucgu (tucgus@yahoo.com) or Larry Koenig (skipperlarry78@aol.com) for more information.

And coming up this month is our FREE Adult Introduction to Sailing on Saturday, October 22, courtesy of Barb Short. We need to thank Paul Keever of Key Lime Sailing Club who is loaning us the boats for this event. The event is open to the public as well as club members. Barb will conduct a chalk talk in the clubhouse, and then she will assign novice sailors to boats captained by experienced sailors from our club. Afterwards, they will return to the clubhouse to discuss the sailing and enjoy light refreshments. Please spread the word about this event. How many times has someone asked you if they can take sailing lessons at the Club? Well, this is their chance. And if you as a member want to participate, that's great! Also, if you have a boat on the dock or in storage at the club and want to sail while the class is going on, that would be a good way to show our guests how versatile our fleet is. If you want to help with this event, contact Barb Short, barb@the-helm.com.

On Saturday, October 29, we will have our annual Halloween Party. Dress up and amaze us! We will do our regular Bring-A-Scary-Halloween dish to share...

Graveyard Cake?...Skeleton Candy?...Blood-and-Guts Dip? Use your imagination. Leah White (sokitoome@bellsouth.net) is in charge of this event, so contact her if you want to help or if you have SCARY ideas for the party!

Remember, the club is only as good as the volunteers who make things happen. It's more fun when you are there.

See you at the club!

Sara Kahler



from the fleet captain

For those of you that are members of US Sailing, please remember that you can renew via the Member Partner program on our web page and save 20% off the regular rates. <http://upperkeyssailingclub.com/USSailingMembership.html>.

Roland Santos has offered to bring his Flying Scot to the club for general use. Please contact me if you would like help get this project up and running.

We have a lot of regattas coming up this fall, please help us fill the RC slots. Now that the temperatures are down and the breeze is up, it is actually quite enjoyable on the committee boat.

Chip Short



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****FREE****

Adult Introduction to Sailing! Saturday, October 22, noon Upper Keys Sailing Club

100 Ocean Bay Dr.

(Turn toward bay at Burger King in Key Largo)

If you have always wanted to learn sailing, or you want to refresh your skills, come join us.

**Chalk talk and instructions at noon.
 Sailing will begin at 1 p.m.**

Then join us afterwards for light refreshments and swap stories of your accomplishments!

Can't make this date? Send your email to secretary@upperkeyssailingclub.com, and we'll put you on our mailing list for upcoming events.

See you at the Club!

To sign up, call Barb at 305-240-0937.

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volunteer opportunities

Each event at the club is hosted by a Director or a Member. Here is a list of the events and the assigned person. Step up and help out as a volunteer.

Columbus Day Regatta, Sara Kahler
 Halloween Party, Oct 29: Leah White
 Dockmaster's Regatta, Nov 5: Guy and Sallie
 LUKI, Nov. 12: Ginette Hughes
 Thanksgiving, Nov 24: Sara Kahler
 Key Largo Regatta, Dec 10: Jerry Creasman
 Flail & Sail and Christmas Party, Dec 17: Dewey Jackson
 New Year's Eve Party, Dec. 31: Larry Koenig
 New Year's Day Brunch, Jan. 1: Tom Chambers
 DDTW Dinner, Jan 14: Ginette Hughes
 Commodore's Regatta: Larry Koenig
 Buccaneer Blast, Jan 28: Dominic Marsden
 Fleet Captain's Regatta, Feb 11: Chip Short
 Force 5 Midwinters, Feb 25: Steve Perry
 Marlin Cup, Mar 10: Sara Kahler
 Glander Cup Dinner, Mar 17: Chip Short and Bill Stanard
 Easter Brunch, Apr 8: Dave Adamusko
 TIB Regatta, Apr 14: Larry Koenig
 Change of Watch, May 5: Larry Koenig and Tom Chambers
 Mother's Day Brunch, May 13: to be announced

upcoming events

October 2011

Columbus Day Regatta	Saturday, 10/08—Sunday, 10/09
Portsmouth/Fall #2	Saturday, skippers' noon, 1st flag, 1 p.m.
Pizza Party	Saturday, 7 p.m.
PHRF/Bayside #2	Sunday, skippers' noon, 1st flag, 1 p.m.

Columbus Day Raft-up Elliot Key	Saturday, 10/08—Sunday, 10/09
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Founders Park Destination Race	Saturday, 10/15
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Membership Comm. Mtg.	Tuesday, 10/18, 7:30 p.m.
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Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 10/20, 7:30 p.m.
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Adult Intro to Sailing	Saturday, 10/22, noon
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Halloween Party	Saturday, 10/29
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Halloween All-Comers/ PHRF Bayside #3	Sunday, 10/30
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November 2011

Dockmasters' Regatta	Saturday, 11/05—Sunday 11/06
Portsmouth/Fall #3	Saturday, skippers' noon, 1st flag, 1 p.m.
Dinner	Saturday, 7 p.m.
PHRF	Sunday, skippers' noon, 1st flag, 1 p.m.

Black Betsy	Saturday, 11/12
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Membership Comm. Mtg.	Tuesday, 11/15, 7:30 p.m.
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Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 11/17, 7:30 p.m.
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General Membership Mtg.	Friday, 11/18
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LUKI	Saturday, 11/19
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Thanksgiving	Thursday, 11/24
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swap shop

FOR SALE: **Johnson 5 hp motor.** Very low hours. \$400. **8' inflatable dinghy** with oars and foot pump. \$100. **30 amp Shore Power cord.** 40'. \$50. **25lb. plow anchor.** \$50. Contact Jim Enright, 305-731-6434, james.enright@keysschools.com.

FOR SALE. **Marine Trader Trawler,** 1978, 34', 120 HP Lehman diesel engine. Bow thruster and much more. Good cruiser or liveboard. Contact Harry Brunnhoelzl, 305-451-3796 or 305-304-9700.

FOR SALE. **Open Bic Sailboat,** \$1650 or best offer. Used 10 times, new ones cost \$2950. Exciting 9' planing hull for juniors aged 8 thru 15. Per the manufacturer the Open Bic is the link between the Opti and the new generation of sailing dinghies. More than 4000 have been sold and the Miami Yacht Club has an ongoing fleet of Open Bic's. Contact Dick Slosar at 305-393-4600 or for more information see www.openbic.com

FOR SALE. **West Marine 11'6" Inflatable Boat/Dinghy HPV 350.** This model comes with a High Pressure V Keel for excellent performance and is extremely lightweight. Easy to inflate and rolls up for easy storage. Inflatable trim tabs insure fast planing and a stable ride. Will easily plane with 4 adults and 15 hp engine. Purchased in 2009 and only used 7 times. Has 18" large tubes and weighs 94 lbs. Comes with seat and storage compartment, oars, and pump. Also has a canvas case with handles to easily carry it. New cost is \$ 1699 but will sell for \$1100 or best offer. Call Dick Slosar for more info 305-393-4600

FOR SALE. **1997 Ford Conversion Van,** 126,000 miles, engine and transmission very strong, does not burn any oil, air conditioning works, needs brake job and new tires. No radio and some leaks in roof. Call for additional details. Great for someone who needs a vehicle to haul things. \$1000 OBO. Dick Slosar 305-393-4600

FOR SALE. Sell: at best offer 1) VERY large **Panasonic stainless microwave/inverter 1250 watt** used 2) New **Broan 80cfm ventilation fan** with WVK2 ducting kit. Contact Hobie Kostyk 609-929-3104.

WANTED. **250 feet 1/2 inch 3 strand anchor line** in GOOD condition. Hobie Kostyk 609-929-3104.

WANTED. **Small air compressor** for use at club. We need to inflate dolly and trailer tires, so would like for it to be portable yet strong. A small tank compressor would be ideal. If you have one to donate or for sale at a good price, contact Sara Kahler, sarakahler@aol.com, 305-453-3379.

WANTED. **RV parking space.** I have a 22 ft. RV that I would like to move down here. Am looking for a space to rent for it. Angus McKinnon, 360-961-1242, angusmckinnon@comcast.net

WANTED. Operable small **trailer for a JY15 sailboat.** Dick Saylor 305-849-0322

business ads

Members and non-members may now place commercial advertisements in Signals. Signals is distributed to over 200 UKSC members and to a much larger audience through our web site www.upperkeyssailingclub.com. Rates are a bargain: \$50 per year for a standard business card ad; \$10 for a simple classified ad in 2 issues. Use Signals to advertise your special events and sales. For more information, contact Sara Kahler (sarakahler@aol.com).

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Breton



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Currently we have 17 youth sailors and would like to welcome aboard our newest Green Fleet Team Racers, Breton and Eden Sears of Key Largo and Kevin Merten from Miami.

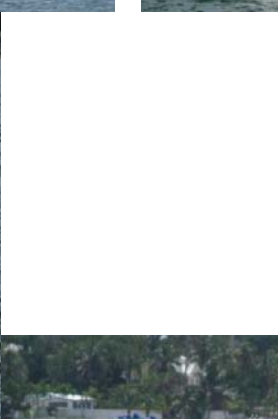
just for the halibut (09/18)



Our Just for the Halibut race took place out beyond the Opti sailors at practice. Our bay was full of sailboats on a beautiful day.



labor day regatta (09/03—09/04)



burgee painting (09/14)



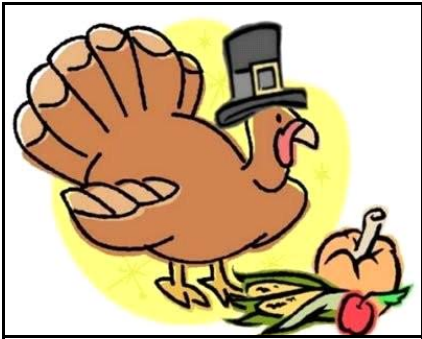
Thanks to Bob Brown, we have two fresh burgee signs on the Quonset hut. Bob first repainted the sign already there facing the bay. He then suggested that we have another burgee on the clubhouse side, and he and Larry Koenig laid it out. It's looking good—thanks, Bob and Larry!

guy's surprise birthday (10/01)



Surprise!!

thanksgiving at the club



Last year we had a Thanksgiving Dinner at the club that was well attended. Cost per person was minimal, and the club furnished turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Everyone brought a dish to share, and we had a table decorating contest. You could reserve a table for your family and friends, and you could decorate it as you wished. Those without a full table of people joined with others to fill up the spaces.

I would like to know if we are having Thanksgiving at the club this year. We would have it on the actual day, Thursday, November 24, and we would plan to eat mid-afternoon. There is no limit on the number that may attend, but we MUST have a headcount so that we have enough turkey and ham.

Please let me know if you are interested and about how many people you would be bringing. If we have enough, then it will be on! Contact me at sarakahler@aol.com or call 305-453-3379.



Sara Kahler
Rear Commodore