



from the fleet captain

I stopped by the club last Saturday on my way to work, and saw 17 boats on the water for Portsmouth race #2. That's fantastic! I have a feeling the upcoming TIB regatta will be even larger. We will be running two starts so our Opti sailors will get a chance to have fun with the rest of us. Come on out and be part of the largest dingy race in quite a while! Yours truly will be PRO on the signal boat sporting quad horns for their Portsmouth debut.

Now is your last chance to nominate your friends (and enemies) for our annual awards: Sailor of the Year, Race Committee, and Blunder bucket. Please get them into me by the end of the week.

The following Sunday the 17th will be what I am calling racers day. The PHRF meeting will start at 11:00. While everybody is allowed to attend the meeting, only PHRF owner/drivers are allowed to vote as per the policy letter. If you have a suggestion as a crew, please forward that to your skipper. If you really want to have some input into the process, it is very simple. Buy a PHRF boat. At 1:00pm or after the PHRF meeting concludes, we will have a planning session for the coming year's schedule along with other race related issues such as trophies and courses. At 3:00pm we will have the Race Management Meeting with all the PROs and race officers that can be present. The subject will be horn training. If you have any questions give me a call at 240-0593.

Chip Short

annual election of flag officers and board members

At the March 25 General Membership Meeting the Nominating Committee presented the new slate of Officers and Directors. There were no nominations from the floor at that time. At the General Membership Meeting on April 22, the floor will again be open for nomination before we vote.

2011/2012 Slate

Commodore, Larry Koenig

Vice Commodore, Leah White

Rear Commodore, Sara Kahler

Fleet Captain, Chip Short

Secretary, Bill Stanard

Treasurer, Ginette Hughes

Board of Directors - 2 year term, Dewey Jackson

Board of Directors - 1 year term, Tom Chambers, Neal Hoover, Mark Weis.

John Sorensen is staying on the Board as it will be his second year of a two-year directorship

Absentee ballots for members unable to attend the meeting may be requested from the Secretary, Sara Kahler (sarakahler@aol.com). These absentee ballot can be sent to you via e-mail, but MUST be returned to the Secretary via US Mail before the April 22 meeting.

miami to key largo race, april 16



First held in 1956 with 33 boats, the annual Miami to Key Largo Race represents the "rite of spring" to South Florida sailors. This race now has as many as 200 boats participating. Boats start just south of the Rickenbacker Causeway and proceed directly to Jewfish Creek area of Key Largo. Everyone starts at once! All boats must be greater than a 14' minimum and include both monohulls and multihulls in various classes. Proceeds go to the MYC Youth Sailing Foundation.

This year UKSC has a new role in the race—the Kahlers' boat Conch Cat will be the finish line boat in Barnes Sound.

For more information, visit the Miami Yacht Club web site: www.miamiyachtclub.net.

water usage at the UKSC



Please be aware of water usage at the club. You've heard it before but now we're paying for it both ways, incoming and outgoing! We recently were successful in reducing our water usage base account, but they told us they would be watching us. Our sewage bill is based

on our incoming water bill, so PLEASE TURN OFF THE HOSE WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH!

things that make you go hmmm....



Not all Master Builders have a truck!

Photo: Cris Sandifer

SPRING!



race committee

Hear ye, hear ye, the end of our racing calendar for this year draws near! I count 47 separate race days this year (we had a few cancellations). Given that on any given race day we have in the neighborhood of 4-5 volunteers that's a pretty impressive number of "volunteer days" served on race committee. That means a lot of bling was handed out this year. And some has gone unclaimed since some folks don't come out to the General Membership Meetings. If you are on the following list of unclaimed bling, you have until Change of Watch to see somebody on RCC to personally claim your bling. Otherwise, we thank you for your service and the slate is cleared for next year's RCC. And my big hug and thank you goes to Debby Lloyd and Kim Hamilton, my fellow cohorts this year.

List of unclaimed bling:

Curt Burkhead, Jim Bigham, Paco Calvet, Cy Hammond, Susan Holtzworth, Kathy Hulbert, Alan Hulbert, Mike Hughes.

Final note, if you think you've been overlooked for a hat or bling please contact me. I'm only human and make mistakes like everybody else.

Thank you all as I bow out of service as Race Committee Chair!

Barb Short



from the secretary

This is my last month as club Secretary, and I want to thank everyone who has helped along the way. I have appreciated all the suggestions, comments, encouragements, e-mails, pictures, and information that were sent my way. Special thanks go to Cris Sandifer, my co-editor of Signals, without whom I couldn't take a vacation. And thanks to John McLeod for faithfully doing his newspaper column every week. And our Publicity Committee was great, too: Kim Hamilton, Debby Lloyd, John McLeod and Lindi Mallison. It's been a good year – and I'm looking forward to the next one!

Sara Kahler

Bird's eye view of UKSC— photos by David Adamusko



board of directors

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Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Fleet Captain
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Secretary
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Director
Director
Director
Director
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Larry Koenig
Chip Short
Barbara Bauman
Sara Kahler
John Sorensen
David Adamusko
Bill Andersen
Bill Stanard
Bonnie Stanford
Dominic Marsden

volunteer opportunities

Each Director on the Board is responsible for events during the year, and our members also host regattas. Here is a list of the events and the assigned person. Step up and help out as a volunteer.

04/09 - 04/10	TIB Regatta & Dinner	Larry Koenig
04/24	Easter Brunch	David Adamusko
05/07	Change of Watch	Ginette Hughes
05/08	Mother's Day Brunch	Barb Bauman



mark sorensen youth sailing program

Forty five years ago a measly kid and his dad took off on their first sail at their new sailing club. The boy had pestered him to buy a boat ever since summer camp and the day was here.

The old man loved sailing so much he soon bought another boat to teach his other son.

So now the kid taught his sister how to crew and they began racing together. When she married, the sister taught her husband to sail and they both took their kids cruising.

The boy, now a man, taught his wife to sail next and together they had kids who Coach Karen taught to sail and now the kids teach their friends.....

That first child was me.

And while my children may not be the future of this sailing club, in the same way I was not the future of my first club, we all are the future of sailing!

From one measly kid came nine awesome sailors - and counting.

So let's pass it on!

Dominic Marsden
Youth Sailing Director



Dominic—the young sailor

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opti-fest (03/12—03/13)



Ella and Emma Marsden with their trophies at Jensen Beach



Team Action at Opti-Fest

With five top 10 finishes from just nine competing sailors, Upper Keys Sailing Club continues to make big waves in the US Sailing world. This time the 94 boat fleet at the US Sailing Opti-Fest Regatta, Jensen Beach was on the receiving end of their dominance, and for such a small program the odds of consistently high finishes is staggering.

In Green Fleet, split in two because of its size, sisters Ella Marsden (3rd), and Emma Marsden (5th) are proving to be a formidable double act, while Alex Ohrmundt, also fifth, had his best day ever. Ethan Osborne rounded out the podium finishers in 10th.

In the mixed conditions which ranged from blustery on Saturday to flat calm Sunday, Bryce Tone, who is only eight and sailing in White Fleet for the first time, notched a well rounded 4th, while just missing the cut in Green were Olivia Gonzalez (11th) and Caroline Althouse (12th).

Sailors can start at age eight in Green and progress, according to results, through White, Blue and Red Fleets before aging out on their 16th birthday. Around 80% of all US Olympic sailors either hail from or train in South Florida. Most begin in Optimist dinghies.

Coach, Karen Tone features prominently in Nautica's online Ocean 2 Ocean Series and her philosophies, that drive the Upper Keys Sailing Club's Mark Sorensen Youth Program forward, represent ideals that we can all learn from. Take a look at www.nautica.com in the Ocean 2 Ocean testimonials.

Dominic Marsden
Youth Sailing Director

swap shop

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upcoming events

April 2011

President's Cup	Saturday, 04/02
TIB Regatta	Saturday, 04/09—Sunday 04/10
Miami-Key Largo Race	Saturday, 04/16
PHRF Racers' Mtg.	Sunday, 04/17, 11 a.m.
Race/Event Scheduling Mtg.	Sunday, 04/17, after PHRF Mtg.
Calendar Meeting	Sunday, 04/17, 2 p.m.
Race Management Mtg.	Sunday, 04/17, 3 p.m.
Membership Comm. Mtg.	Tuesday, 04/19, 7:30 p.m.
General Membership Mtg. And Elections	Friday, 04/22, covered dish 7 p.m., meeting 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday Brunch	Sunday, 04/24, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 04/28, 7:30 p.m.

May 2011

Change of Watch	Saturday, 05/07
Mother's Day Brunch	Sunday, 05/08, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Membership Comm. Mtg.	Tuesday, 05/17, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 05/19, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Gen. Membership Mtg.	Friday, 05/27, covered dish 7 p.m., meeting 8 p.m.

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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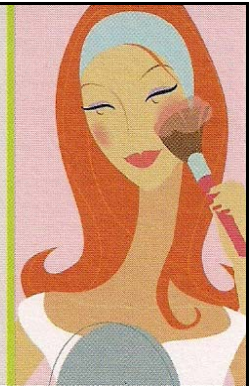
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the marlin (03/12—03/13) and
the glander (03/19—03/20)



Photos: Alan and
Kathy Hulbert

the marlin (03/12—03/13) and
the glander (03/19—03/20)

Photos: Sara Kahler

marlin winners



1st place spinnaker—Dick Saylor

1st place non-spin—Joe Worley

2nd place non-spin—Larry Koenig

glander winners



1st place overall—Dick Saylor



Photos: Ginette Hughes

**president's cup (04/02—04/03)
sponsored by TIB**



Photos: Dennis Kahler & Sara Kahler

1st—Lindi, Leah and Inger



2nd—Barb, Ginette, and Kim



3rd—Cris, Kathy, Min-Ae, and Jen



4th—MaryLou

dewey's birthday party (04/01)

