



Upper Keys Sailing Club Newsletter • P.O. Box 3154, Key Largo, FL 33037 • (305) 451-9972



from the commodore

December is here and things are happening at the Upper Keys Sailing Club! We start off with the 10th Annual Flail & Sail to be held on Saturday and Sunday December 12th and 13th with the Golf Team parings happening on Friday December 11th. Also on Friday is our annual Christmas Tree trimming party starting at 7pm. Saturday will be the Flail and Sail dinner featuring BBQ baby back ribs! Our New Year's Eve Party is in the planning process and should be ready to go! New Year's Day we will feature our one-of-a-kind breakfast buffet with the usual good eats and our annual Hang-Over Regatta!

Jerry Creasman



Happy Holidays!
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from the vice commodore

Welcome our newest members Chuck Nihart and Min-Ae Mayhew! Chuck and Min-Ae have been to a lot of our activities and also served as race committee. They are joining as associate members, but Chuck is looking for a sailboat.

Membership is

- 137 total members
- 87 regular
- 4 associate
- 1 founder associate
- 4 founder regular
- 1 regular life
- 2 juniors

MaryLou Chambers



Walt Kostyk, new regular member, voted in on 10/22/2009.



from the fleet captain

Racing season is getting ready to shift into high gear. Check the club calendar join us out on the water. Even if you just like to cruise, joining us for some races will help you become a better cruiser. Also, many races need help with race committee. Please feel free to join race committee whenever you can. Other than racing (or if you're me even if you're racing) it's the best place to see all the racing action.

Cooler temps mean strong winds from different directions. If you have a boat on the dock please check and re-check your lines. We don't want our dock to scratch any of your boats.

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be a good boy/Fleet Capt. this year. I hope you will bring me:
Steady winds in the 8-15 knot range for our races.
Clear lanes at the weather mark,
Lifts when I need them,
Port tack boats when I'm crossing on starboard,
Podium finishes,
Race Committee volunteers,
But please...No protest!

Check your plugs!

Jim Enright



race results

Halloween All-Comers Race (Oct. 31)

PHRF Fleet

First	Pat McLaughlin	Jibsea
Second	Larry Koenig	Helen K
Third	Larry Thorson	Robin

Portsmouth Monohull Fleet

First	Slosar Family	Flying Scot
Second	Tom Trump	F5
Third	Jim & Cheryl Signor	Flying Scot

Portsmouth Multi-hull Fleet

First	Dave White	Wave
Second	Rick White	Wave
Third	MaryLou Chambers	Wave

Dockmasters Regatta (Nov. 14-15)

Melges 24 Fleet

First	Dick Slosar	High Yield
Second	Jerry Creasman	Aiemeff
Third	Bill Ellis	Wild Thing

PHRF Fleet

First	Larry Koenig	Helen K
Second	Kyle Christoffel	Judy B III
Third	Karl Langefeld	Freestyle

Portsmouth Fleet

First	Dave White	Wave
Second	Tom Trump	F5
Third	Bruce McCord	F5

LUKI (Nov. 21)

First	Barbara Bernstein	Sunfish
Second	Cheryl Signor	Flying Scot
Third	Ginette Hughes	Mutineer



mark sorensen youth sailing program

November was a busy practice month with high winds for our young sailors. They were practicing in 25+ knot winds! The Green Fleet was not planning on attending any regattas in November, but Sam Baker sailed in the Davis Island Regatta over Thanksgiving. Here we go again folks, another first place for the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program! I want to note that Sam was behind with only 3 knots of wind, but pulled it out just right in the final race to earn himself another 1st. We are so proud of their accomplishments in just 3 short months.

December will be a busy month. The Martin County Sailing Center will be hosting the Junior Olympics December 12-13. Our racers will then sail the Orange Bowl December 27-30. We know they have lots of tough competition, but so far, they are unbeaten this season.

Lynda Munshower



uksc cruisers

UKSC Cruisers attended the Christmas Festival on Lignumvitae—Larry and Helen Koenig and John Bliss anchored nearby and went ashore on Saturday, December 5. The weather and other activities prevented more of our cruisers from going, but there is another opportunity coming up soon.

On Wednesday, January 20, the UKSC Cruisers will begin to tie up at Boca Chita in Biscayne Bay National Park. This is a great park with an excellent harbor for overnight and daytime visitors. John Bliss on Adriana will be going up on Wednesday. Other cruisers can arrive whenever they are able, and we can raft up to each other. The harbor there gets crowded, and boats stack up on the dock.

See the web site for park information:
<http://www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/bocachita.htm>

For more information about UKSC Cruisers, contact John Bliss, Kyle Christoffel or Bob Brown.



race committee

Hello everyone! It's good to see some of our snowbirds returning to the Keys - we have more of you to choose from when assigning race committee hee hee!

Before we get started on assigning race committee for the St Nick's All Comers, we would like to know if anyone is actually planning on racing? Since it falls on the day after Christmas this year, we don't know if people will still be in family holiday mode. If you are planning on racing, let one of us know and we'll make sure there's race committee present!

Here are your December race committee assignments:

- Flail and Sail PHRF Race, December 13: Joe Worley, Ginette Hughes, Inger Hansen, Stewart Glegg
- Portsmouth Winter Series #1, December 19: Jerry Creasman, Mark Leffler, Sharon Berry
- St Nick's All-Comers, December 26: (IF we have racers) Dennis Kahler, Sara Kahler, John Bliss

Stay tuned to your email box for that special email gift from one of us advising YOU that we want YOU to serve on race committee. Oh, it'll be just like Christmas when you get it! Remember, you can always beat us to it and sign up for a specific regatta's race committee, too!

Happy Holidays to all!
Barb Short & Ginette Hughes

upcoming events

December 2009

Tree Trimming Party	Friday, 12/11, 7 p.m.
Flail & Sail Golf	Saturday, 12/12
Flail & Sail Dinner	Saturday, 12/12, 7 p.m.
Flail & Sail PHRF	Sunday, 12/13, Skippers' mtg. noon, 1st flag 12:55 p.m.
Membership Committee Mtg.	Tuesday, 12/15, 7:30 p.m.
Private Party (Rotary)	Wednesday, 12/16, 6 p.m.—10 p.m.
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 12/17 7:30 p.m.
Portsmouth Winter #1	Saturday, 12/19 Skippers' mtg. noon, 1st flag 12:55 p.m.
Christmas Party	Saturday, 12/19, 7 p.m.
Racers' Mtg.	Monday, 12/21, 7 p.m. Windward Mk. Rounding & 3 Boat Length Circle
St. Nick's All-Comers Race	Saturday, 12/26 Skippers' mtg. noon, 1st flag 12:55 p.m.
New Year's Eve Party	Thursday, 12/31, 8 p.m.—midnight
January 2009	
New Year's Brunch	Friday, 01/01, 11 a.m.
All-Comers Hangover Race	Friday, 01/01
Key Largo Regatta	Friday, 01/08—Sunday, 01/10
Skippers Mtg. & Welcoming Party	Friday, 01/08
M24 Racing and Dinner	Saturday, 01/09
M24 Racing and Awards	Sunday, 01/10
Racers' Mtg.	Thursday, 01/14, 7 p.m. Leeward Mk. Rounding & 3 Boat Length Circle
Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles	Friday, 01/15—Sunday, 01/17
Membership Committee Mtg.	Tuesday, 01/19, 7:30 p.m.
UKSC Cruisers	Wednesday, 01/20, to Boca Chita
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 01/21, 7:30 p.m.
Fleet Captain's Regatta	Saturday, 01/23—Sunday, 01/24
Fleet Captain's Portsmouth	Saturday, Skippers noon, 1st flag 12:55
Fleet Captain's PHRF	Sunday, Skippers noon, 1st flag 12:55
Gen. Membership Mtg. And Trophy Presentation	Friday, 01/29 Covered dish 7 p.m., Mtg. 8 p.m.
Mark Sorensen Youth Championship	Saturday, 01/30—Sunday, 01/31



volunteer opportunities

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

December 12-13, 2009 Flail & Sail—Jerry Creasman
 December 26, 2009 St. Nick's All-Comers—Mark Leffler
 December 31, 2009 New Year's Eve—Jerry Creasman
 January 1, 2010 New Year's Brunch and Hangover Regatta—Pat McLaughlin
 January 8-10, 2010 Key Largo Regatta—Jerry Creasman
 January 15-17, 2010 Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles—Ginette Hughes
 January 30-31, 2010 Mark Sorensen Championship—Lynda Munshower
 February 6-7, 2010 Commodore's Regatta—Jerry Creasman
 February 19-21, 2010 JY15 Midwinters—Barb Short
 February 25-27, 2010 Force Five Midwinters—Tom Trump
 March 13-14, 2010 Marlin Cup—Sara Kahler
 March 20-21, 2010 Glander Cup—Bill Ellis
 April 3, 2010 President's Cup—Barbara Bauman
 April 4, 2010 Easter Brunch—MaryLou Chambers
 April 17-18, 2010 TIB Regatta—Larry Koenig
 May 1, 2010 Change of Watch—Jerry Creasman



board of directors

Commodore	Jerry Creasman
Vice Commodore	Marylou Chambers
Rear Commodore	Bill Ellis
Fleet Captain	Jim Enright
Treasurer	Judy McGraw
Secretary	Sara Kahler
2-year Director	Pat McLaughlin
Director	Barbara Bauman
Director	Larry Koenig
Director	Mark Leffler
Director	Joe Worley
Youth Sailing	Lynda Munshower

swap shop

Send your ads for Swap Shop to Sara Kahler
(sarakahler@aol.com)

WANTED. A **sailboat trailer** or one that can be modified to fit a 21-foot swing-keel boat. Denny Kahler, denisjkahler@aol.com or 305-453-3379.

FOR SALE. **Dinghy trailer**, new springs and shackles. \$75.00 OBO Call Larry Koenig at 305-451-3573 or cell: 305-304-8986

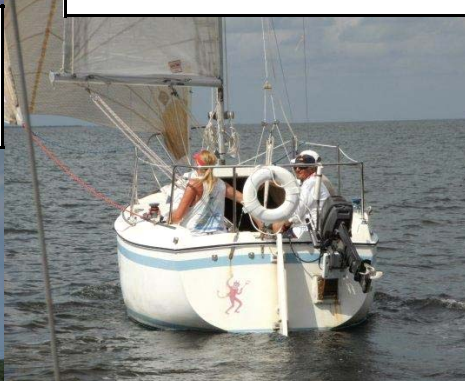
halloween—spooky fun



Go, Annie Boney and Lucinda!



The Guest Race Committee from the Salem Yacht & Broomstick Club. Left to right: Lucinda, Annie Boney, Crush and Perketta the Pretty Pink Witch.



halloween all-comers race



halloween party

Photos: Ginette Hughes, Sara Kahler



dockmasters' regatta 11/14—11/15



Photos: George Edwards, Sara Kahler

LUKI 11/21



Geri Smith, winner of the orchid raffle

Our winners—1st row, l-r, Kathy Kulkowski, Tracey McLaughlin, Ginette Hughes. 2nd row, Leah White, MB Villa, Barb Bernstein, Cheryl Signor

Sandra Sawyer, winner of the 50/50 raffle



Photos: Jay Younger, Sara Kahler

Harry Brunnhoelzl—90 years young!! (11/13)



Ginette's birthday—a sailing/towing adventure! (11/29)



wave nationals 12/04—12/06

At the 2009 Wave Nationals the UKSC comprised 1/3 of the competitors with 8 boats racing out of the 21 entered. Here's how it turned out:

Hardware:

- Leah White - 2nd place Overall and 1st place Women
- Dave White - 3rd place overall
- Marlyn Hahn - 1st place Silver Fleet
- Barbara Bernstein - 2nd place Silver Fleet

Representing:

- Skip Kaub - 12th overall
 - Marlyn Hahn - 16th overall
 - Dan Kulkoski - 18th overall
 - Kathy Kulkoski - 19th overall
 - Barbara Bernstein - 20th overall
 - Marylou Chambers - 21st overall
- Marylou, Barbara, and Kathy are now the "Girdle Girls." They were holding up the rear and they are proud of it. There were some pretty trying conditions to contend with and in Kathy's case a shoulder surgery that is in recovery. They contend it was a fun event even with the front passing through Saturday afternoon.

And several of our members helped behind the scenes:

- Rick White served as PRO and recruited race committee.
- Mary White prepared the sailing instructions booklet and shopped for the beer, soft drinks, sides and more.
- Kathy Kulkoski helped with trophies.
- Marylou Chambers did our BBQ shopping, prepared and brought dessert, breakfast, and the D-licious burgers for the BBQ.
- Chip and Barb Short did scoring and arranged banquet at Chilli Willie's and each day's lunches.
- Chip was BBQ chef for burgers, dogs, and fries on Sunday.

Go UKSC! Way to represent!

Barb Short



The top five in the Open Class: From left, Ray Matuszak, 5th; Stan Woodruff, 4th; Dave White, 3rd; Leah White, 2nd; and Jack Woehrl, 1st.



Leah White was 1st in the women's division, and MB Villa was 2nd.

Silver Fleet trophy winners, Marlyn Hahn, 1st, and Barbara Bernstein, 2nd.



Our chef, Chip Short