



from the vice commodore

special report concerning club finances

We have a new regular membership, Scott Boggs and Susie Shimamoto. Scott has done lots of sailing in the Great lakes and is a member of the Grand Island Yacht Club in New York. He has recently purchased a 30' Bristol "Kahlua", a familiar boat that has been around the UKSC for a long time. If you see Scott and Susie at the club, please introduce yourself and welcome them.

Look for our "Sailors Wanted" ad that will run in the Keys Cruisin' section of the Free Press starting February 9th and will continue to run every other week through April 20th. Hopefully we will have some new faces at Friday night's TGIF interested in joining the club.

The membership statistics as of February 1, 2011 are as follows:

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| Memberships | |
| Regular | 88 |
| Associate | 36 |
| Founding Regular | 4 |
| Founding Associate | 1 |
| Life Regular | 1 |
| Total | 130 |
| Members | |
| Regular | 159 |
| Associate | 65 |
| Total | 224 |

Until next month,
Joe Worley

It has become more and more apparent that the Club really needs a Club Management software system, including a Point of Sale system at the bar, to reduce costs and maximize efficiency. Amongst other benefits, a Club Management System would integrate member purchases into our accounting system without having to manually input tabs. Chip Short, as Chair of the IT committee, and I are actively researching options and plan to have information at the February Budget Committee meeting, which is going to be held just prior to the regular board meeting on February 17. To help us save for the initial start up costs and generally improve our bottom line, the BOD recently decided to change our bookkeeper. Jerry and Helen Creasman have offered to pick up doing the club's bookkeeping at their previous charge of \$250/month, and the BOD has accepted that offer. Considering that as of the end of December we had already spent \$3846 for just 8 months of bookkeeping services, this will save the club a lot of money, and ensure the accuracy and timeliness of member statements in the meantime until the new system is fully implemented.

I urge all interested members to attend the Budget Committee Meeting on February 17 at 6:30 PM. According to our Policy Letter C-1, the Budget and Finance Committee consists of the BOD with the Treasurer acting as Chair. A draft budget to give us a starting point, based on past and current performance and projected expenses, will be provided about a week in advance to give members the opportunity to review and develop questions. This initial meeting will be limited to an hour to allow the regular BOD meeting to start on time, and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed before the budget is presented to the membership for approval at the General Membership Meeting in March or April.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to ask me or any Board member.

Fair winds,
Ginette Hughes, Commodore



Vice Commodore Joe Worley presents the club burgee to new member Scott Boggs at the 01/28 General Membership Meeting.

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.

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| 02/12 - 02/13 Commodore's Regatta | Ginette Hughes |
| 02/24 - 02/26 Force Five Midwinters | Steve Perry |
| 03/04 - 03/06 JY15 Midwinters | Barb Short |
| 03/12 - 03/13 Marlin Cup | Sara Kahler |
| 03/19 - 03/20 Glander Cup & Dinner | John Sorensen |
| 04/02 President's Cup | David Adamusko |
| 04/09 - 04/10 TIB Regatta & Dinner | Larry Koenig |
| 04/24 Easter Brunch | Bill Stanard |
| 05/07 Change of Watch | Ginette Hughes |
| 05/08 Mother's Day Brunch | Barb Bauman |



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from the fleet captain

Thanks to the help of several members, I can proudly report that a bunch of stuff got done in the past few weeks. Many projects are too small to mention, but I want to go over a few of the big things. The Pontoon boat now has a really loud air horn for RC signaling. Over time this will save us a bunch of money, as we had been spending hundreds of dollars every year on cans of air. Thanks to Bob Brown and Jimmy Norie who climbed the antenna mast we now have a working weather station on the roof again. There is a new 802.11n WIFI hotspot to the clubhouse. This should have enough punch to make it out to the dock for our weekenders. Look for the SSID UKSC-GUEST. We also have a new wimper laser printer in the office. We can now do all of our club printing in-house for a lower cost than going to Office Depot.

The Hobie Wave orange sail is back in working order, you will find it in the Q-hut. Please make sure you sign the boat out and report all problems.

The club fuel has been moved out of the Q-hut and is now in the white dock box near the main dock. Please make sure you fuel the club boats after every use. I try to keep the 2-stroke tanks topped off, but if you go into alarm there is a jug onboard both boats. I am pretty sure nobody reads my column when I talk about fuel, so I am going to purchase a beverage to the first person that contacts me after reading this.

We are getting to the time of year we have our big trophy PHRF races. And like every other Fleet Captain in the past, I am faced with a dilemma on how to best score our very mixed fleet of boats. No matter what I do I am going to make somebody very happy and somebody very not happy. This year I am going to try something different. I am asking you, the members, to write me a letter and tell me how I should score the race. These letters will be graded by none other than Bill Stanard. The best written paper will decide how the race is scored.

Fair Sailing
Chip Short

race results

Fleet Captains Regatta, January 8 - 9

Portsmouth, January 8

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| 1 st | Leah White | Wave |
| 2 nd | Dave White | Wave |
| 3 rd | Marlyn Hahn | Wave |

PHRF, January 9

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| 1 st | Jerry Creasman | Aiemef |
| 2 nd | Bill Ellis | Wild Thing |
| 3 rd | Karl Langefeld | Katzenjammer |

Portsmouth Spring Series #1, February 5

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| 1 st | Bruce McCord |
| 2 nd | Jim Bigham |
| 3 rd | Paco Calvet |



from the rear commodore

All of the members have done a great job keeping the Quonset hut (also known as the Freddie Feldman building) neat and clean. There is, however, some personal property stored in there that I'm curious about. Off in a corner is a paper chart bottom recorder still in the box (useless on any sailboat). There is also what I think is a hookah rig which divers use to pump air to their mouthpieces. Also a 12 inch trailer tire and wheel, an 8 inch tire and wheel and some other small odds and ends. If you recognize any of these items please label them with your name or they will be discarded.

The Quonset hut is really not for personal storage. If you have to put something in there temporarily please label it with your name. Otherwise it will be considered abandoned and discarded. Then we'll have room for sails and things necessary to the operations of the club. Thanks for your help.

Larry Koenig
Rear Commodore

from the uksc nominating committee

The nominating committee is now actively seeking people who have an interest in serving our club as officers and board members.

We welcome all inquiries and suggestions and will be happy to answer questions about the duties and responsibilities of the various positions. Our philosophy is to prepare a well-rounded slate with some choices for the voters. We would like to have names on the ballot of everyone who is seeking a position. It is very difficult for the full membership to be able to consider all of the choices when some people are nominated from the floor and their names are written in immediately preceding the election. There still can be nominations at the last minute.

Feel free to approach me or any member of our committee: Tom Butler, Diana Good, Lindi Mallison and Larry Thorson.

Cris Sandifer, Chair

Dead Dogs and Tin Whistles, January 14 - 16

Friday Fun Race around Porjoe Key

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| 1 st | David Spira | Buccaneer, Colorado |
| 1 st | Jerry Thompson | Mutineer, North Carolina |

Buccaneer Fleet

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| 1 st | Rick Scarborough | Alabama |
| 2 nd | David Spira | Colorado |
| 3 rd | Patrick Hopp | Georgia |

Mutineer Fleet

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| 1 st | Tate Beckham | Alabama |
| 2 nd | Jerry Thompson | North Carolina |
| 3 rd | Jim Davis | Florida |
| 4 th | Ginette Hughes | Florida |

mark sorensen youth championship "buccaneer blast" (01/29—01/30)



A loud cannon report shattered the silence on Buttonwood Sound to get The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Championship's Buccaneer Blast Regatta underway on January 29-30. Hosted by Upper Keys Sailing Club, visiting sailors from as far

away as Ecuador and as close as Tavernier, splashed their Optimist and Laser dinghies against a picture perfect Keys' backdrop - fair winds, blue skies and cotton ball clouds.

Eighty two racers, aged seven to 15, challenged for position on two courses and as nervous parents looked on, the clocking northerly breeze proved as challenging as it was chilly. More than forty boats in Optimist Green comprised the largest fleet while Red, White and Blue managed to attract another 32 little salts.

On their home waters, Bryce Tone and Luke Slosar (both 3rd), Ethan Osborne (6th) and Christopher Slosar (9th) from the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program posted impressive top ten finishes and when you factor in that Ethan only joined the Learn To Sail Program last summer, his result was remarkable. It may have been the stronghold Yacht Clubs of Lauderdale and Coral Reef that stole top honors but the MSYSP sailors are gaining ground rapidly and as this regatta proved, they put everyone on notice.

Team racing in Green were Ella Marsden (11th), Caroline Althouse (12th), Emma Marsden (13th), Olivia Gonzalez (14th) and Alexander Ohrmundt (15th) who somehow, after nine races, finished in the standings together, just ahead of newcomer Makenzie Wright.

Over on the Blue course, Christopher Slosar bagged a first place on his way to 9th overall while Ryan Guth and Ben Althouse, in only the second start of his new fleet, both had moments of glory and a strong showing.

"This regatta was a resounding success and our little pirates rose to face the challenge of some stiff competition," said Dominic, the Program's Assistant Director. "The sport of sailing combines athletic ability, tactics, judgment, and self reliance. All qualities and experiences children can draw from for the rest of their lives."

If your child is interested in joining the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program call Dominic Marsden at 305 310 2535. A new Learning To Race Program is about to start for the Winter and Spring seasons.



Ben



Chris

Photos: Cris Sandifer



Luke



Ryan



Green Fleet



Lasers

Photos: Ginette Hughes



swap shop

FOR SALE. **Moving sale.** Too many items to list. Please call 305-923-9995 for inquiry or apt. Nancy Joe.

WANTED. **Enclosed trailer**, about 6 x 10 or 7 x 12. Reply to Leah White, 305-619-5353.

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WANTED. **Dock rental for 54' sailboat with less than 5' draft.** Not live aboard, weekend only. MM102 and North. Reward for referral. Steve Morisky, 305-245-2622



upcoming events

February 2011

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| Commodore's Regatta | Saturday, 02/12—Sunday, 02/13 |
| Membership Comm. Mtg. | Tuesday, 02/15, 7:30 p.m. |
| Budget Comm. Mtg. | Thursday, 02/17, 6:30 p.m. |
| Board of Directors Mtg. | Thursday, 02/17, 7:30 p.m. |
| Chili Cookoff | Saturday, 02/19, 7:00 p.m. |
| Force 5 Mid-Winters | Thursday, 02/24—Saturday, 02/26 |

March 2011

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| Marlin Cup | Saturday, 03/12—Sunday, 03/13 |
| Membership Comm. Mtg. | Tuesday, 03/15, 7:30 p.m. |
| Board of Directors Mtg. | Thursday, 03/17, 7:30 p.m. |
| Glander Cup | Saturday, 03/19—Sunday, 03/20 |
| General Membership Mtg. | Friday, 03/25, covered dish 7 p.m., meeting 8 p.m. |
| Portsmouth Spring #2 | Saturday, 03/26 skippers' noon, first flag 1 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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dead dogs & tin whistles (01/14—01/16)



David Adamusko with the class flag for the Friday Race Around Porjoe



Chris and KK Scott from AL hiking



Buccaneer *Lunatic* from Long Island, NY

Ginette climbs back aboard Wing after falling in the drink due to hiking strap malfunction



Birmingham Sailing Club burgee presented by Vice Commodore Rick Scarborough



Team Beckham AL (Tate, Kat, Beven) accept Mutineer 1st Place Award



Buccaneer 1st Place—Rick Scarborough and crew Terry



Photos: Cris Sandifer, Mike Hughes, Kim Dresch

general membership meeting (01/28)



Lynda Munshower (center) awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Commodore Ginette Hughes and John Sorensen for Lynda's work with the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program.



The Munshower Family awarded the cruising burgee for their around-the-world cruise

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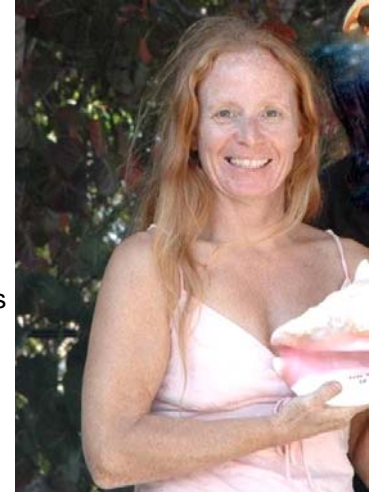
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Jerry Creasman

tradewinds (01/14—01/16)

Leah White wins the Wave Class for the Tradewinds Midwinter Open Cat Nationals! This event was sponsored by Catamaran Sailor Magazine of Key Largo, CABB (Catamaran Assn. of Biscayne Bay), OnLineMarineStore.com, Rick White's Sailing Seminars and Founders Park Watersports. (Photo: Terry Loewen) Read the whole story at www.catsailor.com.



Several UKSC members raced in the Tradewinds:

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| Leah White | Marlyn Hahn |
| Dave White | Inger Hansen |
| John Sherry (prospective) | Kathy Kulkoski |
| Skip Kaub | George Baisley |

Congratulations to all our sailors for this great turn-out!



mark sorensen youth sailing program

Thanks everyone for pulling together to make this year's Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Championship one of the best. I know we were tested in the kitchen at times and there are other areas we can streamline for next year, but we had absolutely no problems. No complaints. Nothing but compliments. It's a tribute to us all on every level. The kids sailed fast. Chris and Ryan were leading the Blue fleet one minute and Ethan leading Green the next. Our sailors are driving each other faster and demonstrating that at any given moment it could be anyone's day. Anyone's regatta. There's a camaraderie building at MSYSP that elevates sailing programs to greater heights. A wealth of information is being offered by our coaching personnel and when the kids tune in the difference is remarkable. Confidence builds confidence and I am equally confident that we are making waves down here. In the end we had 82 boats. The program made money, the club made money and we all made friends. Fort Lauderdale, Coral Reef, Key Biscayne, Coconut Grove, Fort Myers, Martin County, Sarasota and St.Pete take note, Upper Keys Sailing Club is on the map.

Results are online at www.regattanetwork.com in the *results archive*. They were already up as we presented our awards - kudos to our Commodore and Scorer Ginette Hughes.

Dominic Marsden
Assistant Director