



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



**mark sorensen youth sailing program**

The Mark Sorensen Youth Program ended the year on a high note. Our racers did a fantastic job at Orange Bowl. Sam Baker took 3rd, Ben Althouse 47th, and Ryan Guth 49th. This is the first time our team has raced in such a large fleet with racers from other countries. Our team brought home 1st place in every regatta this season except Orange Bowl where they still placed in top 3. We are so proud of them and are looking forward to the winter season. The Mark Sorensen Youth Regatta Jan 30 to Jan 31 might need a few more volunteers. If you are willing to help out, please email me. Happy New Year!

Lynda Munshower



Ryan and his dad Mitch taking Ryan's boat to the start of the Junior Orange Bowl Regatta at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami.

Ryan is off to the races!



Ryan accepting his 3rd place medal and trophy from Commodore Mark Kamilar.



**from the fleet captain**

It's a brand new year and our racing calendar is chock full of events. The Hangover Regatta was a blast, especially the first race in 15+ knots. Thankfully it calmed down a bit for the second race. Personally I love the all comers events. Seeing boats from 13 feet to 30 feet all out on Buttonwood Sound, when most of the country is huddled inside by the fire or out shoveling snow, is just the best! If you haven't gotten out to join us you're missing out on all the fun. The club has boats you can check out, and many racers are often looking for extra crew. And don't forget the best seat of all to watch the races is on the committee boat with the race committee. So for those of you who have been in the clubhouse too long and too long off the water please remember...We're a sailing club!

Check your plugs!

Jim Enright



**from the vice commodore**

Membership is

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

MaryLou Chambers



## race results

### Flail & Sail (Dec. 12-13)

#### Flail

- First Gary Cooper, Rosalyn Stevens,  
Jerry Creasman
- Second Tom Trump, Jim Enright,  
Kim Browning, Marcy Burkhead
- Third Pat McLaughlin, Nick Cash,  
Regina Hammond, Mark Weiss

#### Best Dressed Golfer

Stu Smith

#### Sail

- |        |               |            |
|--------|---------------|------------|
| First  | Bill Ellis    | Wild Thing |
| Second | Bob Sandifer  | Mischief   |
| Third  | Larry Thorson | Robin      |

#### Overall Winner

Pat McLaughlin

### Junior Olympic Sailing Festival (Dec. 12-13)

#### Green Fleet

- Second Christopher Slosar
- Fourth Luke Slosar
- Sixth Ryan Guth
- 32nd Sam Baker

### St. Nick's All-Comers (Dec. 26)

#### PHRF Fleet

- |        |                |        |
|--------|----------------|--------|
| First  | Larry Thorson  | Robin  |
| Second | Pat McLaughlin | JibSea |
| Third  | Lindi Mallison | Felix  |

#### Portsmouth Multihull Fleet

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|--------|------------|------|
| First  | Leah White | Wave |
| Second | Dave White | Wave |
| Third  | Rick White | Wave |

#### Portsmouth Monohull Fleet

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|--------|---------------|-------------|
| First  | Cheryl Signor | Flying Scot |
| Second | Tom Gleason   | Sunfish     |
| Third  | Jim Enright   | Flying Fish |

### Hangover Regatta (Jan. 1)

#### Multi-hull Fleet

- |        |              |      |
|--------|--------------|------|
| First  | Leah White   | Wave |
| Second | Dave White   | Wave |
| Third  | Inger Hansen | Wave |

#### Mono-hull Fleet

- |        |               |             |
|--------|---------------|-------------|
| First  | Jim Signor    | Flying Scot |
| Second | Slosar Family | Flying Scot |
| Third  | Bill Ellis    | Wild Thing  |



## from the dockmasters

The Dockmasters would like to thank everyone for all their help during the past year.

We would also like to give a big thank you to the members who sent us lovely cards, gifts and goodies for Christmas. We appreciate your appreciation and again thank you so much.

Jayne and Coop



## uksc cruisers

On Wednesday, January 27, 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.



## from the treasurer

Here's wishing everyone a great New Year in 2010. Speaking from a personal perspective, I'm happy to have 2009 behind me and looking forward to a better year coming up. Speaking as your Treasurer, this is a reminder that payment of your Club bill is due by the end of the month in which you receive it. Failure to do that puts your membership status at risk. Most members are great about paying in a timely manner and your Club and your Treasurer thank you for that. There are a few, however, that aren't so good about it. Just as a heads up, anyone that is in arrears more than 30 days (which means including the billing received in December) will be placed in a membership suspended status if payment isn't received by 01/15/10. If you aren't sure where you stand, please contact me or Coop.. The decision to allow monthly payment of dues to make it easier on those who chose to do that means you have the responsibility to pay this promptly.

I'm hoping my personal situation settles down enough that I will be at the Club more and am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Judy McGraw



## race committee

Ladies and gentlemen, start your race committee engines! Our club enters the busiest part of the racing season this month with FIVE consecutive weekends of regattas! Please check your email regularly as we are filling the numerous race committees to support each event. If there is a particular regatta you would like to volunteer for please shoot one of us an email. Something tells me we're going to be handing out a lot of bling at the next general membership meeting!

Submitted by Barb Short of the Ginette and Barb RC duo

## upcoming events

### January 2009

Key Largo Regatta Friday, 01/08—Sunday, 01/10  
(see [www.m24keylargo.com](http://www.m24keylargo.com) for detailed schedule)

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  
(see [www.upperkeyssailingclub.com](http://www.upperkeyssailingclub.com) for detailed schedule)

Membership Committee Mtg. Tuesday, 01/19, 7:30 p.m.

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

UKSC Cruisers Wednesday, 01/27, to Boca Chita

Gen. Membership Mtg. Friday, 01/29  
And Trophy Presentation Covered dish 7 p.m., Mtg. 8 p.m.

Mark Sorensen Youth Championship Saturday, 01/30—Sunday, 01/31

### February 2009

Commodore's Regatta Saturday, 02/06—Sunday 02/07  
Commodore's Portsmouth Saturday, Skippers noon, 1st flag 12:55  
Commodore's PHRF Sunday, Skippers noon, 1st flag 12:55

Racers' Mtg. Tuesday, 02/09, 7 p.m.  
Upwind Tactics and "Ladder" Effect

Portsmouth Winter #3 Saturday, 02/13  
Skippers noon, 1st flag 12:55

Membership Committee Mtg. Tuesday, 02/16, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Mtg. Thursday, 02/18, 7:30 p.m.

JY-15 Mid-Winters Friday, 02/19—Sunday 02/21

Force Five Mid-Winters Thursday, 02/25—Saturday, 02/27

## 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.**

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

## swap shop

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

### FOR SALE:

1. 250' of ¼ inch, high tensile, galvanized **anchor chain** in excellent condition. Asking \$150.
2. **10' Avon hard bottom dingy**, virtually new in excellent condition. Asking \$1,100.
3. **35# Delta plow type anchor** in excellent condition. Asking \$75.
4. **St Croix davits**. Designed for a swim platform to tilt up the dingy out of the water onto the platform. Asking \$350.

CONTACT: Alan Hulbert at 305-394-1497, or [AWHulbert@aol.com](mailto:AWHulbert@aol.com)

### FOR SALE. Mistral Maui windsurfer long sailboard.

This is a quality board and has been in dry storage. Comes with several fins, dagger board, footstraps, mast, ARI wishbone boom set (180-220 CM), Neil Pride Vitesse 5.0M sail, Neil Pride Vitesse 7.0M sail, Gastra 6.4 racefoil pro2 sail, Thule 532 car top carry system. \$200. Pickup Miami. Fred Edwards ,703 798-0404. [wingsailor@gmail.com](mailto:wingsailor@gmail.com)

FOR SALE: My wife's **Hobie Wave** for Sale within the club. Good shape, good sail, and will only sell to someone interested in racing with the fleet. Rick White. [rick@catsailor.com](mailto:rick@catsailor.com) or 305--451-3287.

FOR RENT: **One or two bedroom/one bath apartment** in a quiet and private Key Largo (MM 103) neighborhood. Partially furnished or unfurnished, Washer/Dryer, Full kitchen. Includes all utilities, Satellite TV and Wi-Fi Internet. Access to pool. Call Chip or Barb at 305-434-8984



## 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

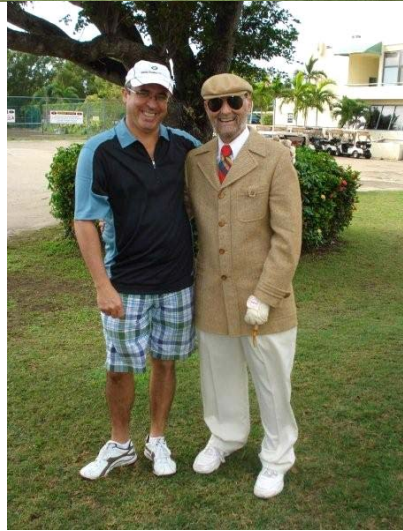
**flail and sail (12/12-12/13)**



**Best Dressed—Stu Smith**



Photos: Marcy Burkhead



Larry Thorson videos:  
St. Nicks' All-comers - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbMQ40YenQ8&feature=related>  
Hangover Regatta - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekFPLQB7EFg>

**christmas party (12/19)**



**new year's eve (12/31)**

Photos: Sara Kahler, Dennis Kahler



new year's day brunch (01/01)



hangover regatta (01/01)



## key largo steeplechase (12/12—12/13)



First three boats to reach the beach at Caribbean Club



Equipment failure for Dave and Leah White



Jay Sonnenklar and Steve Lohmayer pose with Ye Olde Lawnchair, the Rick White Perpetual Trophy, their gold key chains with their finishes engraved on them and their champagne.

Club member Steve Lohmayer won the Key Largo Steeplechase on December 13th on his Inter-20. This annual event has been run for the last 26 years and is still going strong. Club members Rick White and Mary Wells have been organizing this event ever since they created it all those years ago. A fleet of 20 catamarans registered this year and 15 boats completed the 110 mile trek around Key Largo. The start is on the north side of Jewfish Creek. They cross at Angelfish Creek and then run to Anne's Beach on Saturday. Sunday they cross back to the bayside at Channel 5 and skim across flats and through the creeks to the finish at Caribbean Club. Paddling, pushing, and dragging are all sanctioned techniques for getting your boat to the finish fastest. Everybody who makes it to the finish gets a bottle of champagne. The winner gets their name on a perpetual plaque and the honor of displaying "ye old beach chair" at their club for the year.

Other club members who raced this year are Skip Kaub on a Supercat 22. He had to pull out Sunday morning at Anne's Beach due to a maststep ball failure after a capsize. Karl and Ingrid Langfeld's son, Karl, finished in 9th place on his F18. Mark Lipkus sailed to an 11th place finish on a Nacra 6.0. Dave and Leah White had an unfortunate equipment failure shortly after the start at Jewfish Creek and returned to the Caribbean Club.

Steve Lohmayer hosts a big feast every year on Saturday night at his house and feeds the hungry sailors. Mary whipped up sloppy joes at the finish on Sunday. Chip and Barb Short hosted some cash strapped 20 somethings from New England so they could participate. The weather cooperated pretty nicely this year, it was a good turn-out, and we'll see a lot of these folks again in a few weeks at the annual Tradewinds regatta.

Barb Short

## nonsuch rendezvous—july 2009



Five UKSC members attended last July's Nonsuch Rendezvous in Newport, Rhode Island, and what fun to see the cover of the new Nonsuch Directory with UKSC members on it! (picture at left)

On Race Committee: Henry and Lynne Spingler, and Lindi M and Dave Adamusko.

Dave Olson was also there, sailing another UKSC members' Nonsuch...Nils Westberg's "Oli Oli".

Lindi Mallison

**A look back at last summer...when it was warmer!**

Wavy Davy is on the very top of the race committee boat! Henry, Lynne and I (and a member of the Newport Yacht Club) are in the cockpit.