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from the commodore

Another month gone and another here and your Flag Officers and Board Members are doing a great job of steering the UKSC in the right direction! Whenever you see one of them let them know how much you appreciate the hard work and volunteer time that each one puts in making the UKSC a better place!

The month of June was a somber month for us at the UKSC. We lost Jon Barth, a good friend and family member. Thanks to all the membership whom came out and supported the Barth Family during Jon's Celebration of Life and the spreading of his ashes.

Our Fathers Day Low-Country Boil was a great success and a big thank you goes to all those volunteers that came out and helped put together some excellent chow! Good Fun, Good Food and Great Family Time!

I want to personally thank Ginette Hughes for re-vamping all three UKSC websites. They are all up and running and she really did a great job bringing them up to date! You can go online and check them out at www.upperkeyssailingclub.com, www.m24keylargo.com, & www.msyp.com.

The Fourth of July Regatta and subsequent BBQ was well attended both on and off the water! Thanks to all the membership whom came out and supported the UKSC during our Independence Day. The wind was, well at its best, I would say fluky!

Congratulations to Bill Ellis on the purchase of USA 630, a Melges 24, another great addition to the UKSC racing fleet! Our first regatta on the water with Bill saw some great racing and tactics with what I believe was no fewer than four lead changes in the first race alone! Our first start saw some interesting bumping and grinding at the start line! But to use a great quote I once heard from someone, "rubbing is racing".

As usual my column is most likely last to arrive! I am packed and ready for my travel north to Newport, Rhode Island for the Sail Newport Challenge to be held this weekend July 10th – 12th. See you on the flip side!

Jerry Creasman



aahhhhhh



from the fleet captain

The Great Greased Watermelon Grab was almost cancelled due to some local melon felons who nearly made off with the goods! However, their tracks were easily followed since the aforementioned melons were leaving a very traceable slick...think Exxon Valdez! (Don't worry, it was biodegradable vegetable oil and no melons were injured in the whole affair.) There were three teams of 4 persons each. Two teams raced at a time. Each team had two people on a Hobie Wave. They had to go out from the beach, round a mark, retrieve a melon from the floating corral, return it to the beach, and rotate positions with the other team members (each team member had to take a turn at the helm, grabbing a melon as crew and shore support). When it was all said and done (and there was way more said than done!) the winning team, with two wins in the round robin event went to the "A" team captained by Luke Slosar. Other team members were Barb "Hey, where'd our melons go" Short, Jim "Fish" Enright, and Pat "Strokes Like Mark Phelps" McLaughlin.

This Weekend is the Firecracker Regatta. Note the earlier (12 o'clock!) start time for the PHRF fleet with the Portsmouth fleet to start shortly after the PHRF fleet. This Regatta will be followed by Bill Ellis's Mojo Chicken. At 6 o'clock The Run Aground Crew takes the stage for you listening AND DANCING pleasure. The band will stop by the time the fireworks start. And what better place to watch them than from the comfort, convenience and safety of our very own jetty.

So come out and celebrate our Nation's Birthday with a GREAT day and evening on Beautiful Buttonwood Sound.

And don't forget to check your plugs!

Jim Enright

Summertime...



from the vice commodore

This coming July 18 we will be having an Open House at the Club from 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. We need everyone to show up. This is a race day also for Portsmouth boats. I would also like to have some big boats ready to take people out to watch the races. All of the Membership Committee need to be there to show any new people around and help set up the light lunch.

TOTAL MEMBERS 142

REGULAR 92
ASSOCIATE 46
JUNIOR 4

MaryLou Chambers



from the secretary

Check out our updated web site at www.upperkeyssailingclub.com. You will find all the latest news and photos from our events—Ginette is doing a wonderful job. We have some of the photos here, but Ginette has them all on our site.

And for Signals, I am always looking for new material and am open to suggestions for articles, news or features you would like to see. And I always need pictures of our activities. Send all your suggestions, ads, and pictures to me at sarakahler@aol.com or to Cris Sandifer, crissandifer@bellsouth.net.

See you at the Club!

Sara Kahler



board of directors

great greased watermelon grab



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race results

Father's Day PHRF, Sunday, 06/21

Spinnaker Fleet

1st	Dick Slosar	High Yield
2nd	Dick Saylor	SaylorMan
3rd	Jerry Creasman	Aiemef

Non-spinnaker Fleet

1st	John Sorensen	Tequesta
2nd	Kyle Christoffel	Judy B III
3rd	Mike Hughes	Slow M'Ocean

Summer Solstice Great Greased Watermelon Grab Race, 06/27

Team A triumphed under Captain Luke Slosar, with members Pat McLaughlin, Barb Short, and Fish. Team C (Christopher Slosar, Sharon Slosar, Sandi Younger, and Kyle Christoffel) scored a win, and Team B (MaryLou Chambers, Ginette Hughes, Tom Witmer, Dick Slosar) generously lost to all other teams!



Photos: Lynda Munshower

Girls rule!!

Janessa



Sara receiving her certificate



youth sailing program

Our Summer Camp is in full swing. The sailors have enjoyed some great sailing days. On those inevitable bad weather days they challenged each other to home made boat building contests and other sailing games. We still have openings for all weeks in July. We would also like to say a big thank you to John Sorensen for donating the Optimist pram to the club. One boat in good condition is a welcome addition to our fleet.

Lynda Munshower

upcoming events

July 2009

Coop and Jayne
On vacation Monday, 07/13—Wednesday, 07/22

Membership Committee Mtg. Wednesday, 07/15, 7:30 p.m.

UKSC Open House Saturday, 07/18, 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

Portsmouth Summer Series #3 Saturday, 07/18
Skippers' mtg. noon, 1st flag 1 p.m.

Board of Directors Mtg. Thursday, 07/23, 7:30 p.m.

August 2009

Dog Days Regatta Portsmouth Saturday, 08/01—Sunday 08/02
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PHRF Skippers' mtg. Noon, 1st flag 1 p.m.
Sunday, 08/02
Skippers' mtg. Noon, 1st flag 1 p.m.

Portsmouth Summer Series #4 Saturday, 08/15
Skippers' mtg. Noon, 1st flag 1 p.m.

Membership Committee Mtg. Tuesday, 08/18, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Mtg. Thursday, 08/20, 7:30 p.m.

General Membership Mtg. Friday, 08/28, 7:00 covered dish,
And Trophy Presentations 8:00 meeting

Don't forget our Open House on Saturday, July 18. Volunteers with larger boats needed to take visitors out on the bay to watch the Portsmouth race. Contact MaryLou Chambers at 305-342-6332 or mlcham10000@aol.com.

**MSYSP Summer Sailing Program
Learn to Sail This Summer**

- July 6-10 Beginner Sailing
- July 13-17 Beginner Sailing
- July 20-24 Intermediate Sailing
- July 27-31 Learn to Race

When: Classes Run from 8:30 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday.

Where: Upper Keys Sailing Club
100 Ocean Bay Drive, Key Largo

Cost: \$200 a week.

The camp provides boats for sailing, a certified instructor, bottled water during the day, and a pizza party for lunch on the last day of class.

For more information contact Lynda Munshower
lyndamunshower@hotmail.com or call 305-304-0036



swap shop

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

HOME SALE – **Too many items to list.** I need to downsize. Please call Nancy @ 451-4999 (home) or cell 305-923-9995 for appointment. Fishing gear, tools, hammocks, propane and Scuba tanks, dive gear, artwork, furniture, roof racks, electronics, wiring, chain-saws, luggage, 19 foot camper/trailer (very clean), hitches, dishes – whatever – I need to sell.

FOR SALE. **Charisma, 21 ½ foot Windward**, a factory-built Lugger design. New Calvert sails plus extra set of sails. 3 HP Mercury. Furling jib. Rigged to be sailed by one person from cockpit. Located in Stillwright Point. Asking \$2500.

Denny Kahler, 305-453-3379 or
dennisjkahler@aol.com.

FREE: **130 feet of 5/16” chain**, some rust. Free to good home. Larry Koenig, 305-451-3573 or
HSKoenig@aol.com

FOR SALE: **GLANDER CAY “PENNY B”**
Call Dermot, 305-522-6926
or dermothenssey@ireland.com

FOR SALE: **Chrome Winch** --- Barlow #19 --- Self tailing \$100
Lee Mielke, 305 852 8158

portsmouth summer series #2



youtube videos

Dewey Jackson's videos of Jon Barth's Celebration of Life at the Club on June 6:

Taps

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B91S6z9KAM>

Craig Belcher

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAoCbAy9NxU>

And here is Barb Short's video of the Great Greased Watermelon Grab Race on June 27:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXyv4AGDeqY>

farewell to our friend and commodore
jon barth



Photos: Cris Sandifer and Sara Kahler