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commodore's corner

Another busy month for the club...another month closer to spring! I know that doesn't mean as much to us as it does to our friends up north, but I for one welcome the longer days. It gives me a chance to go sailing in the evening after work. Oh well, in my dreams anyway!

On a selfish note, a round of applause to Pat and Tracey McLaughlin, Sharon Berry, Dennis and Sara Kahler, and Lynn Baisley for their culinary talents, shown off at the Commodore's Regatta! Thanks to Lindi Mallison and Lynne Spingler for coming through for me on desserts at the last minute, Bonnie Stanford for her wonderful decorations and a special thanks to Kim Hamilton for my raffia-wrapped Chianti-in-a-box! (Kim, next time call me when you're actually drinking the Chianti, I'll help!) It was a two-week event, with the Portsmouth racing pushed to the next weekend due to weather, and West Marine came through with fabulous prizes for all our sailors. Big thanks to member Mike O'Connor of Pincrest West Marine and Ivan Martinez of our local Key Largo West Marine for all the goodie bags and the really great prizes! I know that sometimes we are frustrated (or at least, I am) by the lack of sailing tackle available at our local store, but Mike tells me if we order at the store, we can get it the next day, or darn close – and no shipping costs! So instead of buying online, please support our local businesses, which support our friends, which means they can come and support the club. It's one big circle.

Speaking of circles, or maybe cycles is a better word, our club is currently experiencing a growth spurt in youth sailing. Seriously, it's like having a teenager in the house! All elbows and knees, noise and chaos, but at the same time a cheerful promise for the future of sailing... I have been hearing, directly and indirectly, that some members are unsure of or don't understand the relationship between the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) and the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program (MSYSP). The MSYSP is a funding mechanism for the UKSC's youth sailing program. The UKSC uses the MSYSP to make its youth sailing program happen. Many sailing or yacht clubs have similar situations, only the names are more alike. For instance, the Miami Yacht Club's sailing programs are supported by the Miami Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation. Having a different funding mechanism enables our youth sailing program to be independent of bar sales or dock slip rental

income. It means that members and non members alike can give money to the program and get a tax break. It means that the youth program can purchase boat parts and pay for services without paying sales tax. It really has to stand on its own; despite having a "nut" of savings or initial donations, to cover cash flow in slack times, the youth program has to depend on its own funding to run its summer camp and racing team programs.

We have a growing group of youth sailors. Those kids come with parents and siblings and proud grandparents all tagging along. A good number of those parents are ALREADY members, of long standing. Some of those families may decide to become members. Some may not. But down the line those kids may become members of another sailing club, whose youth program nurtured sailors to join OUR club ten years from now! Time to cue that Disney song: The Circle of Life (or sailing!) Remember that when you see our kids around the property on a Sunday afternoon.

March is a big month for us, with our season-crowning Oceanside Marlin and Glander Regattas dominating the calendar. There are a couple of Portsmouth events dotted in here and there and of course our social events. I hope to see all of you there - and I'll buy a drink for the **first** member who hums or sings "Circle of Life" to me at the club during March!

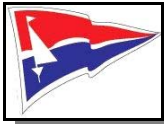
Fair winds, as always!
Ginette Hughes

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.

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





member of the month



from the vice commodore



The Upper Keys Sailing Club is REALLY very fortunate to have members that donate their skills to help the club keep our costs down. The volunteer spirit in general in our club is impressive, but on occasion an individual member goes above and beyond! Digging

ditches by hand and laying sewer pipe well into the night certainly falls under that category of above and beyond! **Dave White** is that person and it gives me great pleasure to name him as our March Member of the Month. Dave is a professional plumber and is donating his time to make our lateral connection to the sewer. This connection would have cost us much more without Dave's generous gift of his time and expertise, along with John Sorensen's donation of his trencher. Dave quietly works behind the scenes, not asking for recognition or thanks. That doesn't mean he's shy, though! In addition to his professional plumbing skills, Dave loans his karaoke machine on request, providing great fun and entertainment with his musical and DJ talents. Dave is also an excellent sailor, and loves to share his experience. Out on the water, Dave is constantly encouraging new sailors and providing lots of great advice, plus he is always willing to help out a member who needs help fixing or fine tuning their boat. Dave is a great asset to our membership, so next time you see him say "Thanks, Dave!"

I would like to thank Bill Stanard and Dave Hawkins for serving on the By Law Committee. Their hard work and expertise was essential in reviewing our By Laws and making the recent necessary changes.

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

Memberships	
Regular	87
Associate	36
Founding Regular	4
Founding Associate	1
Life Regular	1
Total	129
Members	
Regular	157
Associate	65
Total	222

See you at the Marlin and Glander,
Joe Worley



from the rear commodore

When I was a new member of this club I was impressed to find out that it owned its own property outright. Not only that, but it had no other outstanding debt and had money in the bank!

We're still in pretty good shape financially and we intend to keep things that way. But just look at the debt obligations we have. Insurance is \$25,000 a year. Mortgage payments for the dock are \$12,000 a year. Real estate taxes are \$10,000 yearly. Of course, there are a lot more expenses that are too numerous to mention here. The bottom line is that it costs a lot to keep our little ship afloat. How much? About \$150,000 (that's American dollars) every year. We need income to pay the bills. The dock, the bar, the dry storage and the dues accomplish that, but expenses continue to rise.

We are always under pressure to raise the dues when expenses rise but that is the easy way out. Believe it or not you can help keep your dues down. Paying your dues on time keeps the cash flow going. Attending events like dinners and Friday night Happy Hour contribute to the club coffers. If you have company, have them join you for a dinner at the club. Or invite them for drinks in the bar. Make an effort to find us some new members. If you see someone who might be interested in sailing, by all means bring them here, and show them your beautiful sailing club. They'll love you for it, and your club will love you for it. Thanks for your help and I'll see you at the club!

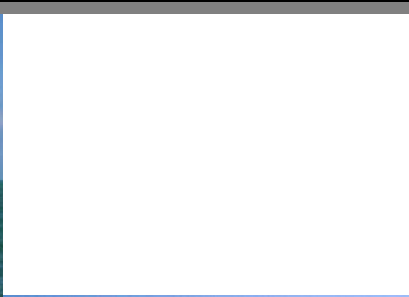
Larry Koenig



Are you on **Facebook**? Then you can find us there by searching for "Upper Keys Sailing Club" and clicking to become a fan. You don't want to miss any of our Facebook posts, pics and videos.



msysp oceanside practice (02/27)



Photos: Karen Tone



Ryan Guth, Olivia Gonazalez, Sam Baker at the Tradewinds

Sharon Berry hosted a Chili Cook-off to benefit the Mark Sorensen Youth Program through donations. A lot of chili and a lot of fun for all!

chili cookoff (02/19)

Photo: Lori Guth





mark sorensen youth sailing program

I would like to thank Sharon Berry for organizing and putting together the Chili Cook-off that took place at the Upper Keys Sailing Club on Saturday, February 19. There were 16 entries of various types of Chili and the membership turn-out for this event was tremendous. I would also like to thank those of you that made donations to the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program totaling about \$340. These donations are extremely helpful in the day-to-day operations of the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program (a recognized 501(c)3 Not-For-Profit under IRS code regulations) and are 100% tax deductible to those of you that have made or wish to make contributions.

The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program has experienced great growth this year through our Summer Learn to Sail program. Currently, we are in the process of assessing our remaining student Opti fleet for this coming summer sessions for sail worthiness as these boats have many years on them. The repairs to these boats will consume a large portion of our operating funds but these expenditures are necessary in order to have safe and operationally sound boats. Our objective is to have at least 10 fully functioning Optis available for each week's summer session (10 youths per week) with the possibility of a couple more, if needed. In order to accomplish these repairs I would like to offer to our membership the ability to sponsor an Opti by making a \$250 tax deductible contribution per boat. We will not only get the necessary repairs done but will add your name on the boat (or if you prefer add a name of your choice PG rated). If you prefer to remain anonymous that is fine also. You can email me @ JCreasman@aol.com with any questions or concerns or simply talk to me when you see me at the Upper Keys Sailing Club or call me @ 305.522.3245. So far we have 3 Opti Sponsors - Bill Stanard, Dennis & Sara Kahler, Dave & Rosayn Stephens - who have offered or written checks for our program. The entire Upper Keys Sailing Club and The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program appreciate the contributions of these members!! For those of you that may have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews that may be interested in enrolling in one of our summer sessions, please contact Dominic Marsden @ 305.310.2535 or stay@azulkeylargo.com.

Our Opti Racing Team has really matured over the last couple years to the extent that they are placing in the top of almost every regatta they have attended. They are being coached very well by Karen Tone and are excelling in all areas of sailboat racing. All of our race team currently have their own boats, which is a large financial commitment by their parents. Our hopes are to increase the Opti Green fleet by at least 8 youth sailors after the Summer Learn to Sail Program and eventually have these parents make the financial investment in their kids' sailing future.

Mark Sorensen was a tremendous sailor and was always enthusiastic when it came to youth sailing. When

he passed away at the age of 48, the Upper Keys Sailing Club held a Celebration of Life, and all donations from our local community were specified to create funding for what eventually became The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program. Approximately \$10,000 was contributed locally with a matching \$10,000 contribution from Ken Sorensen. These funds became our base funding for the creation of a new entity that we felt needed to be a true Not-For-Profit organization. Unlike the Upper Keys Sailing Club (which is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501(C)(7)), the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program, Inc. is a fully recognized 501(C)(3) organization that can receive 100% fully tax deductible contributions. The UKSC has always had some form of "Youth Sailing Program" and continues to have a Youth Sailing Program that offers children and young adults the ability to learn about boat handling, sail trim, wind conditions, safety and most importantly self-confidence. Our programs feature Summer Learn to Sail classes from Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Race. We also feature a Race Team that begins practice in late August and finishes the season in early May. Our program offers Summer Lesson Scholarships on an "As Need" basis as part of Mission Statement to the Upper Keys Community. The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program, Inc "IS" the Youth Sailing Program of The Upper Keys Sailing Club.

The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program steering committee consisting of Dominic Marsden, Matt Sorensen, Susan Holtzworth and Lori Guth are working diligently towards making this program one of the best in the state. We are also working on obtaining new UKSC members from our Opti Racing Team parents and believe that we should be able to secure 4 to 5 new memberships prior to the end of this fiscal year.

Sailing is a great sport for developing minds! Sailing enhances mental, physical, psychological, emotional, and social fitness and focus - it is not a sport dominated by the most athletic, but those who pay attention to both small details and their surroundings. The mission of the MSYSP is to develop knowledgeable young sailors and to instill in them a love for the sport of sailing that will serve as a foundation for their future, and the future of our club.

We thank all the members of the Upper Keys Sailing Club and especially the Board of Directors for their continued support of The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program!!

Jerry Creasman
Youth Sailing Director
Dominic Marsden
Assistant Youth Sailing Director



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swap shop

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

FOR SALE. **Fifty foot scuba rigged hose**, \$80.00. **Scuba tank**, bright green, ready to go, dated 1—11, \$90.00. Lee Mielke, 852 8158,

FOR RENT. **Asheville, NC: Our mountain home** is available for weekly rental April - June. Beautiful setting at 2600 feet, 13 miles from A'ville, on 6.5 acres, gorgeous mountain views, nice decks for relaxing. 3BR/2B, can e-mail photos. Ask Debby Lloyd or Steve K. for details, sundance@terranova.net or 305.394.0868. \$800/week/2 or \$1000/wk 4-6 people.



upcoming events

March 2011

Spaghetti Dinner	Saturday, 03/05, 7 p.m.
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.

April 2011

President's Cup	Saturday, 04/02
TIB Regatta	Saturday, 04/09—Sunday 04/10
Miami-Key Largo Race	Saturday, 04/16
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.
US Sailing Race Officer Seminar	Saturday, 05/14

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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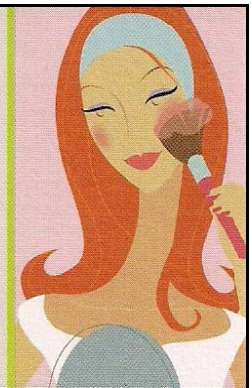
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**commodore's regatta (02/12—02/13, 02/19)
sponsored by west marine**

Photos: Sara Kahler

Due to Key Largo snow, the Portsmouth racing for 02/12 was rescheduled to 02/19



The Portsmouth Winners!
Rick White, 1st Waves,
Commodore Ginette
Hughes, Paco Calvet, 2nd
monohulls, Bruce & Annie
McCord, 1st monohulls,
Tom Trump, 3rd monohulls,
and Marlyn Hahn, 2nd
Waves

Italian Bistro Night and Karaoke with Dave



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The PHRF Winners!
Ivan Martinez, Key Largo West Marine; Fleet Captain Chip Short; Cris Sandifer, 3rd; Commodore Ginette Hughes; David Adamusko & Lindi Mallison, 1st; Larry Koenig, 2nd; Michael O'Connor, West Marine of Pinecrest

**Commodore's Regatta, February 12-13, 19
Portsmouth, February 19**

Multihulls

- 1st Rick White Wave
- 2nd Marlyn Hahn Wave

Monohulls

- 1st Bruce & Annie McCord
- 2nd Paco Calvet
- 3rd Tom Trump

PHRF, February 13

- 1st Lindi Mallison Felix
- 2nd Larry Koenig Helen K
- 3rd Cris Sandifer Mischief

Force Five Midwinters, February 24-26

Short Rig

- 1st Byron Hicks
- 2nd Marty Schilke
- 3rd Win Cooper

Full Rig (Bob Bigham Perpetual Trophy)

- 1st Fred Meno
- 2nd Bob Cullen
- 3rd Steve Perry
- 4th Jim Bigham
- 5th Court Young

Biggest Bar Tab

Bob Cullen

Challenger Division Winner

John Erhard

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- Vice Commodore
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- Youth Sailing

- Ginette Hughes
- Joe Worley
- Larry Koenig
- Chip Short
- Barbara Bauman
- Sara Kahler
- John Sorensen
- David Adamusko
- Bill Andersen
- Bill Stanard
- Bonnie Stanford
- Jerry Creasman

force five midwinters (02/24—02/26)



Photos: Sara Kahler & David Adamusko

spaghetti dinner & sallyoke (03/05)

A fun evening at the club with a great pasta dinner, and THEN—Sallyoke!! Oh, sure, you've done Karaoke, but you've never done it with our Dockmaster Sally! We have the talent here in our club—come join us!



Photos: Kathy Grasser

