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commodore's corner



member of the month

Wow, do you feel that? It's the cool breath of fall! Welcome to October at the UKSC! Our sailing calendar is REALLY starting to hum now, with an event three weekends out of four for every month from now through March! Opportunities for Portsmouth and PHRF racers abound, and daysails and rendezvous will be added spontaneously as we move through our season. And don't forget that all those races need race committee, so step on over to the pontoon boat and take your turn on RC.

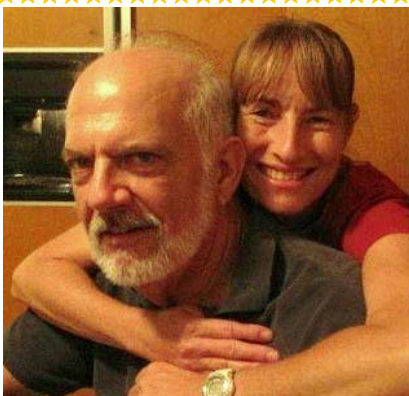
Another sign of fall is the return of our Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program race team practices! Our race program has grown to include an advanced racing team and a whole new Opti Green Team of budding racers. Their first regatta is this month, October 16-17, at the River Romp over in Ft. Myers. Make sure you wish our young sailors LUCK and FAIR WINDS when you see them!

Our TGIF "Great Eats" series continues as club members happily volunteer their time preparing their signature dishes for our delectation! And October features one of the best parties at the club, our annual Halloween party. Express your inner child and come dressed up in costume on Saturday, October 30.

Don't forget to express your appreciation to our dockmasters Guy and Sallie. They're doing a great job and fit right in with our quirky sailing community. I hear those jello shots are pretty good...and I foresee a few more sing-alongs, if Sallie will bring her keyboard again!

I am fortunate to have such a great Board, active membership and enthusiastic dockmasters who are willing to spend so much time creating such great sailing and social events for all members to enjoy. THANK YOU!

Ginette Hughes



I am extremely pleased to name **LYNDA MUNSHOWER**, our Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program Director, as our October Member of the Month! Lynda's dedication to the youth sailors is amazing and her energy seems boundless. Her enthusiasm and hard work has taken our youth sailing program up a few notches since she took over. I chose Lynda myself because I am absolutely impressed with how much she accomplishes in the little time she has available, between two jobs and her family. Running a full summer camp schedule, doubling our racing team program, trying to stay on top of maintaining sailboats and power boats, and generally just keeping a bunch of kids (and parents) happily sailing is NOT an easy task; Lynda makes it look effortless! Thank you, Lynda, for all your hard work, because I know very well it is NOT effortless!



Fall is in the air.



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from the fleet captain

The Africa hot of late summer is now over, and we are into my personal favorite time of the year to be on the water. Big air and warm water.

I am going to hold a fun "Welcome to Race Committee" class on 11:00 am Saturday. The class will start with about 1 hour of classroom material, then shift to running real races on the water for our Portsmouth sailors. This class is designed for somebody that has never been on RC before, or would like to learn a little more about what a RC does. There is a signup sheet on the wall by the office. The class will be taught by Certified Race Officers using the latest official US Sailing materials.

This year I am proud to announce that we are attempting to restart the Race to Plantation Yacht Harbor. This will be a pursuit race. PHRF boats will have to go outside Pigeon Key, and can motor in the creeks. Portsmouth boats have no official course, paddling, pushing, ooching are allowed and even encouraged. Dock Slips are available at \$2.50 per foot. Small boats can stay on the beach or be pulled out using the ramp. For those who wish to anchor, the skiff will be acting as a taxi until dark. We will be cooking burgers and dogs on the beach. The event will be BYOB, and remember there is no glass or open alcohol allowed on the beach. Bring plastic cups and everybody will be happy. You must register at the skippers meeting at 7:00pm on Friday. Starting times will be calculated at the meeting.

I would like to refresh the membership on the fuel policy at the club. It is very important the club powerboats use only non-ethanol fuel. The club's fuel is located in the Quonset hut (5 gallon Gerry cans). The MSYSP fuel is located next to the sail loft (28 gallon cart). The boats should be refueled after every use. Club fuel should never be used to fill a privately owned boat. Members seeking repayment should fill their own tanks and provide receipts to the proper flag officer.

I am proud to report that several club members will be bringing boats back on property. We are going to have to rearrange some boats, but I am sure we will be able to fit everybody in. Please make sure you drop me a line before bringing your boat on property at chip@the-helm.com or 305-240-0593. I am also looking for a club member that has a vacant lot that could be used to store a few of the club owned trailers that we currently have on property. It would free up the space for additional dry storage. If we increase the number of members with boats on property, we can increase the level of participation in the club in general.

I would like to thank Sharon Berry for the donation of a laptop. It provides our musical entertainment.

Keep an eye open for the weekly announcements, as we have an event on the calendar virtually every weekend for the next few months. I hope to see you at the club!

Late breaking news: The 2010 Portsmouth handicap

numbers have just been released. As this is the first new set of tables in years, there are many minor adjustments. The Portsmouth series race #4 (Dockmasters) will be scored using the old 2008 numbers. All other future races will be scored using the new 2010 tables.

Chip Short



from the vice commodore

Nothing to report as far as new memberships. There will be a collaborated effort on Saturday November 6, 2010 between myself, the Commodore and the Fleet Captain to launch the LUKI ladies race, a keel boat sailing seminar and an open house all open to members and the public. This will hopefully be a huge event and anyone wishing to volunteer some time to this project please contact me, Ginette or Chip.

As of October 1, 2010 the membership statistics are as follows:

Memberships

Regular	88
Associate	37
Founding Regular	4
Founding Associate	1
Life Regular	1
Total	131

Members

Regular	159
Associate	66
Total	225

Until next month.

Joe Worley

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.

10/09 - 10/10	Columbus Day Regatta	Sara Kahler
10/23	Founders Park Regatta & Party	Chip Short
10/30 - 10/31	Halloween Party & All-Comers	Sharon Berry
11/06 - 11/07	Dockmasters Regatta	Dockmasters
11/13 - 11/14	LUKI	Joe Worley & Ginette Hughes
11/20	Black Betsy Race & Raftup	n/a
12/04 - 12/05	Flail & Sail	Bill Stanard
12/10 - 12/12	Key Largo Regatta	Jerry Creasman & Andy Sikora
12/18	Christmas Party	Bonnie Stanford
12/26	St Nick's All Comers	n/a
12/31	New Year's Eve	Ginette Hughes
01/01	New Year's Brunch	Barb Bauman
01/01	Hangover Regatta	Barb Bauman
01/08 - 01/09	Fleet Captain's Regatta	Chip Short
01/14 - 01/16	Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles	Ginette Hughes
01/28 - 01/30	Mark Sorensen Championship	Lynnda Munshower
02/12 - 02/13	Commodore's Regatta	Ginette Hughes
02/18 - 02/20	JY15 Midwinters	Barb Short
02/24 - 02/26	Force Five Midwinters	Steve Perry
03/12	Marlin Cup	Sara Kahler
03/19	Glander Cup & Dinner	John Sorensen
04/02	President's Cup	Andy Sikora
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	Bill Stanard



from the rear commodore

It's all in the details. The Rear Commodore is always trying to improve or fix the little things that are not noticed until they're broken. Guy and Bob Brown installed new ceiling fans on the front porch. One was covered with rust. The other one was removed long ago. The lights in the quonset hut (also known as the Freddie Feldman building) now work and Guy organized all the tools and maintenance materials. Bob Brown and I are working on the lights in the clubhouse so that you can now see your way around at night.

The BBQ grill is the big news right now. Tommy Chambers is getting burners installed that will convert the big smoker into a combination smoker/barbeque. No charcoal will be needed any more. It's a little more expensive than we expected so we're asking for donations to defray the cost. Cash or checks in any amount are appreciated.

Special thanks to Sallie Lange for providing entertainment for Guy's birthday party on Sunday the 3rd. She plays a mean piano and sings with alacrity.

It's still hurricane season until November 30th so continue to make arrangements to move your boat off the dock or out of dry storage in case there is a hurricane threatening. Should you be going on a trip make a plan for someone to move your boat. Meanwhile primp up your sailboat because the best sailing time for us is fast approaching.

Larry Koenig



race committee

Congratulations to Dick Saylor for joining our Principal Race Officer ranks and BIG thank you to Cris and Bob Sandifer, Dick's mentors last weekend.

Coming up: It's never too late to volunteer for race committee. This Saturday and Sunday is our Columbus Day Regatta. Saturday's PRO will be Chip Short. You may want to come to the club at 11am for his "Welcome to Race Committee" seminar. And on Sunday we have Dennis and Sara Kahler leading the crew. Need spare bodies for both days.

Then, in a couple of weeks we have the revived Race to Plantation Yacht Harbor. Since it is a pursuit start boats will be crossing the start line at various times, but if you'd like to volunteer to keep an eye on the honor system at the start let us know. We could probably use a volunteer or two on the finish end as well.

And we wind up the month with Halloween All Comers. Do we have any creative ghouls or goblins who would like to have some fun with race committee for this one? It's whatever you want to make of it, so if you want to play some tricks or treats with the racers, here's your opportunity.

And looking slightly into next month, the weekend immediately following Halloween is Ladies Upper Keys

Invitational (LUKI), traditionally staffed by the guys, but gals are welcome, too. So guys, if you're looking for an opportunity to show the ladies a good time and impress them on the water, get on race committee and start taking bribes now.

As always, get in touch with Barb, Kim or Debby to volunteer or find out more about race committee!

Barb Short, Debby Lloyd, Kim Hamilton
Race Committee Committee

race results

Portsmouth Fall Series #2, September 18

Monohull Fleet

1 st	Tom Trump	Force 5
2 nd	Steve Perry	Force 5
3 rd	Paco Calvet	Force 5

Multihull Fleet

1 st	Leah White	Wave
2 nd	Dave White	Wave
3 rd	Inger Hansen	Wave

Portsmouth Fall Series Combined (Day 1 & 2)

Monohull Fleet

1 st	Jim Signor	Flying Scot
2 nd	Dominic Marsden	Laser
3 rd	Neal Hoover	Laser

Multihull Fleet

1 st	Leah White	Wave
2 nd	Dave White	Wave
3 rd	Inger Hansen	Wave

Portsmouth Fall Series Combined (Days 1—3)

Monohull Fleet

1 st	Jim Signor	Flying Scot
2 nd	Neal Hoover	Laser
3 rd	Bruce McCord	Force 5

Multihull Fleet

1 st	Leah White	Wave
2 nd	Dave White	Wave
3 rd	Inger Hansen	Wave

things that make you go hmmm...



Photo: Ginette Hughes



mark sorensen youth sailing program

The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program is starting the best race season ever. We are pleased to announce our new Green Fleet team: Emma and Ella Marsden, Caroline Althouse, Ethan Osborne and Alex Ohrmundt. Our head coach is Karen Tone, assisted by Wes Tone and Garrett Munshower. Justine O'Connor is our advanced fleet coach for the returning advanced race team members: Ryan Guth, Ben Althouse, Luke and Chris Slosar. We have purchased a 16' Zodiac which is perfect for a coach boat. The SkipJack has been repaired, but still requires a bit more work. (Anyone willing to change throttle cables, please contact me!)

The team will travel to their first regatta of the season after only one month of practice. On October 16-17 our Green and Red White and Blue fleets will proudly represent the Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program in Ft. Meyers at the River Romp Regatta. This is the first regatta in which our new team members will participate. We wish them all well.

I want to thank Karen Tone and Bill Stanard for the incredible fiberglass repairs to the Optimis. We plan to sell the boats that are not in use, to make room for more Optimists. The team is growing, with more potential racers than we have boats.

As most club members are aware, Nautica was filming at the club last Tuesday. The big surprise came Thursday when they returned and requested another filming session with our race team practicing. Karen did a wonderful job of putting the team through their regular drills, all while keeping the film crew dry on her personal vessel. This will be on Nautica Ocean to Ocean in January. Look for photos in next month's edition of Signals.

Lynda Munshower



L-R: Ryan Guth, Karen Tone, Bryce Tone, Ben Althouse, Caroline Althouse, Alexander Ohrmundt (back), Ethan Osborne (front), Ella Marsden, Emma Marsden, Justine O'Connor (back)

team practice

From now through December, the teams will practice every **Thursday from 4—6:30 p.m.** and every **Sunday from noon until 6:30 p.m.**

Except that the **Sunday, October 31, practice will be moved to Saturday, October 30.** That day will be a fun Halloween regatta with we will have racers in costume and prizes for everything from 1st place backward race to best capsized. Don't miss the fun!



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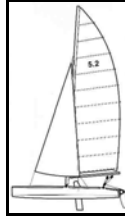


swap shop

FOR SALE: **Freestyle - a beautiful Nonsuch 30 Ultra**. Asking \$72,500. Contact Karl Langefeld at 954 755-9108, klfreestyle@aol.com or for complete details and pictures go to - nonsuch30forsale.com



FOR SALE. Newly acquired **Nacra 5.2 catamaran** for sale for \$1,350 OBO. Includes new sail bag, reconditioned sails, much new running rigging, and a spotless racing record (it has never been raced at UKSC). Contact Bill Stanard at wstanard@palmertrinity.org or (305) 632-7396.



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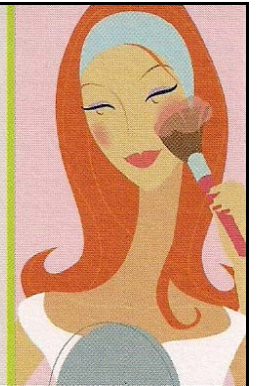
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wow! - uksc has gone hollywood again! by neal hoover

Through our new booking agent, Fleet Captain Chip Short, Nautica rented our club as the location to shoot commercials for some of their products. Neal Hoover and the Tone family were involved in the productions as well as our youth sailors. Here is Neal's story.



Several weeks ago our own Barb Short was the Star of a movie being filmed in Islamorada (well maybe not THE star but our star) and now the International sportswear company Nautica descended on little ole UKSC for a location photo shoot.

It all began for me when Chip Short called to ask a favor. I braced myself for the inevitable four letter word Chip would utter but the word "work" never came. Instead he asked if my Laser dinghy was available as a prop for some pictures. Being a typical proud owner of a new boat I agreed without a bit of hesitation.

At 7:00 the next morning I wandered over to the club and was met by a large motor home blocking the back gate. After watching the expert driver maneuver through the gate and park, I drove onto the grounds and was greeted by another large truck and a flurry of activity. There were people everywhere unloading tents, cables, large lights and big boxes of gear. Inside the clubhouse were more people setting up computers, a buffet breakfast, clothing racks and a makeup and hairdressing area. I thought to myself "you lucky ole geezer - you've stumbled into the big time".

I met a young lady who was the producer and she handed me over to the photographer. I was shown where to set up the boat and left alone to rig the boat. Karen Tone was there as well and in all we had two "Laser" and two "Optimist" dinghies set up for the photographer. The male model, a young man from England, walked onto the "set" and the cameras started clicking and clicking and clicking. The model was certainly a pro as he needed very little direction on how to stand and move for what at times seemed like the same picture over and over. Pictures were taken on the beach at waters edge, in the water as if launching the boat and on the water near the jetty.

This day also produced some new talent as Karen and Wes Tone had their sons Tyler and Brice along who were included in many of the pictures. Also Ben and Caroline from the youth sailing program became stars as well. At the end of the day the kids had taken the title of "Model" for themselves. The title must have been deserved as I overheard the artistic director mention that the kids were better than many of the young "pros".

Part way through the shoot a young lady from northern California began her modeling duties on the jetty along with the male model on a Jeep with surf boards. All of this occurred from early in the morning until well into the evening as the rest of the week called for a

tropical storm. All of this activity was for the 2011 Nautica sportswear catalog, website and magazine ads so look closely for our little bit of paradise in the coming year.

The crews who came from NYC and Europe were very impressed with our club and I was impressed with them. They were courteous, friendly and respectful of our property. Our little club and members have had two recent brushes with stardom, I wonder - might there be a third on the way?
Neal Hoover

upcoming events

October 2010

Columbus Day Regatta	
Cris' Birthday Party Dinner	Friday, 10/08, 7 p.m.
Portsmouth and Welcome to Race Committee Training	Saturday, 10/09, mtg noon, 1st flag 1 pm
PHRF	Sunday, 10/10, mtg noon, 1st flag 1 pm
Special TGIF Dewey & Kathy's Vieja Ropa	Friday, 10/15, 7 p.m.
Membership Committee Mtg.	Tuesday, 10/19, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Directors Mtg.	Thursday, 10/21, 7:30 p.m.
Founders Park Destination Race	Saturday, 10/23
Halloween Party	Saturday, 10/30, 7 p.m.
Halloween All-Comers	Sunday, 10/31, mtg. noon, 1st flag 1 pm

November 2010

MSYSP Spaghetti Dinner	Friday, 11/05, 7 p.m.
Learn to Sail Keelboats	Saturday, 11/06
UKSC Open House	Saturday, 11/06
LUKI	Saturday, 11/06—Sunday, 11/07
LUKI Dinner	Saturday, 11/06, 7 p.m.
LUKI Awards	Sunday, 11/07
Dockmasters' Regatta	Saturday, 11/13—Sunday 11/14
Portsmouth	Saturday, 11/13, mtg noon, 1st flag 1 pm
Dinner	Saturday, 11/13, 7 p.m.
PHRF	Sunday, 11/14, mtg noon, 1st flag 1 pm

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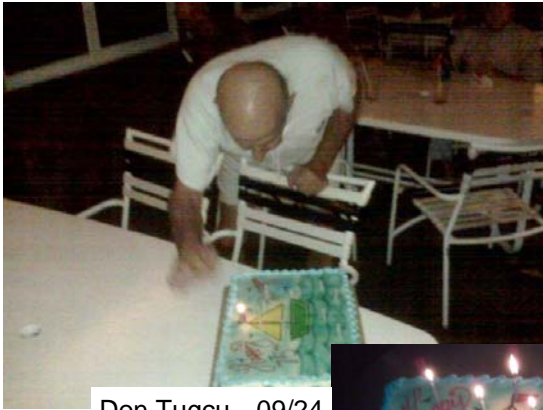


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you say it's your birthday?



Don Tugcu—09/24



Photos: Kathy Grasser and Sara Kahler

Guy Lange—10/03



just for the halibut—09/26

Photos: Sara Kahler



Although the race started with a nice breeze, it turned into the kind of race that made the Hoovers' boatname appropriate—*Keys Drifter*. The race was abandoned (Ginette got to use the Abandon flag for the first time), and places awarded in order at abandonment.



1st—Bill Ellis



2nd—Mark Leffler



3rd—Sarah Hoover