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BULLETIN

HAWAII YACHT CLUB



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2023 FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore – Mike Claus
 Vice Commodore – Paul Antonelli
 RC for Sail – Travis Scott
 RC for Power – OPEN
 Judge Advocate – Jeff Hossellman
 Fleet Captain (Cruisers) – Thomas Gebhardt

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 Steven Eder
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JUNIOR SAILING DIRECTOR

Steven Eder

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By-Laws – Roger Takabayashi
 Finance – Tony Miller
 Galley and Bar – Bobby Frazier
 Gate Watch – OPEN
 Historian – OPEN
 House & Grounds – Joe Bakos
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 Marketing - OPEN
 Membership – Joe Hillje
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 Publicity – OPEN
 Recording Secretary – Mary Jo Noonan
 Ships Store – TBA

Volunteer Coordinator: Paul Antonelli

GALLEY BY THE SEA

Chef Spencer

Bulletin Editor - Mary Jo Noonan

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Holiday SALE EVENT

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WE GOT IT.



S/V Country Boy heads out for a Friday night race.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE



Aloha all,

'Tis the season, *hau'oli kalikimaka a hau'oli makahiki hou!!!*

I just wanted to wish everyone a beautiful month of December and to remind you to remember to count your blessings. We are very fortunate to have our club and its great potential. It's always easier to look at the negative and overlook the potential that we all have. It's not if the glass is half full or half empty-- but it's refillable!!! I believe our bartender Kevin knows of this philosophy. Let us make it a great 2024 and all the best to you and your loved ones!

I hope that you make it to this year's HYC Holiday Boat Parade. Be sure to bring a new toy for Toys for Tots! We will have a silent auction with prizes from Pesca, The Prince Hotel, and many more! All funds will be given to Toys for Tots and The Lahaina Yacht Club. This is a great way to spend a holiday night at your club.

I want to possibly start something new here with the *Bulletin*. Meet a great HYC member. We have so many legends and great people and yet not all of us know them. I just want to introduce Roger Takabayashi: I was fortunate to meet Roger when I was the RC for Power. He helped me conduct our fishing tournaments with a great team of volunteers. Obviously, he is an extraordinary fisherman to say the least. Just recently he landed a 482 lb. marlin, see photo. Consider this, he once caught a marlin when he was bottom fishing! That is just one of many stories that he could recall for you. Besides these great tales, he shares his knowledge with you on how to fish along with a fine recipe on how to prepare your catch. He does it all! Be sure to ask him to share a story or a recipe when you see him at the club. I have attached two photos so you might recognize him at the club!

Mahalo,

Mike Claus
Commodore



Roger Takabayashi



Hawaii Yacht Club

HYC Holiday OPEN HOUSE

LEARN ABOUT **HAWAII YACHT CLUB**
& MEMBERSHIP AT A FESTIVE EVENT!

HYC opens its doors to the public for one night! Tour the Club, meet the community, learn about the Club's history & membership, & enjoy pupus & a cocktail. Then stay for dinner to watch the Holiday Boat Parade!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

1739c Ala Moana Blvd

EVENT SCHEDULE

3 - 5 PM <i>Cocktails and Pupus</i> <i>Tours & Information</i> <i>Meet & Mingle</i>	6 - 8 PM <i>Dinner Buffet</i> <i>Holiday Boat Parade</i> <i>Bar Open for Business</i>
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NOMINATIONS - ELECTION INFORMATION

Aloha Hawaii Yacht Club Members,

At the General Membership meeting on November 21st, the membership voted in your Nominating Committee chairperson and set the date of December 19th for our General Elections. The Nominating Committee of seven (7) members includes the following volunteers:

- Brian Malecek – Chairperson
- Crystal McBroom – Co-Chair
- Rick Pelton – Member
- Rich Smith – Member
- Kawika Warren – Member
- Cody Jarrett – Member
- Malachi Greiner – Member

The slate of candidates vetted by the Nominating Committee include the following:

Commodore:

- Mike Claus
- Steven Eder

Vice Commodore:

- Mike Twigg-Smith
- Jeff Bryan

RC for Sail:

- Scott Allen

RC for Power:

- OPEN (no volunteers found)

Board of Governors:

- Andy Sexton
- Kerri Scott
- James "Sunny" Mills
- Russ Johnson

The candidates' biographies will be posted at the Club for your review.

We thank everyone for your patience and understanding of the election delays.

PLEASE NOTE: If you will not be able to attend the General Membership meeting on December 19th and wish to vote by absentee ballot, you must submit your request in writing by emailing office@hawaiiyachtclub.org by Monday, December 4th.

Sincerely,

Brian Malecek
Nominating Committee Chair (2023)
Hawaii Yacht Club
808-949-4622 office
808-783-9369 cell

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ELECTION DAY: DECEMBER 19th

Dear HYC Voting Members,

Don't forget! December 19, 2023, is ELECTION DAY for the Commodore, Officers, and Board of Governors. We must have a **quorum** to make this election valid. Please come and vote in person on December 19! Our club depends on your involvement.

Absentee ballots are available by request for a legitimate reason, according to the Bylaws, Section 3: Ballots, item D: "If a member determines that he/she may not be able to attend the [General Membership Meeting] to cast his/her vote, he/she may request an absentee ballot." Also, as per the Standing Rules for General Elections Procedures, Section I: General Election Procedures, item B: "Absentee ballots shall be given to those Members in good standing who have **requested such ballots in writing**."

Please remember, *absentee votes do not count towards a quorum!*

If you are away, you can request an absentee ballot via email to the office:
office@hawaiiyachtclub.org

Requests for absentee ballots **MUST** be made by **December 4**. Please include your name, member number, and membership type. The link to vote electronically will be sent to you by email. **Your electronic vote must be submitted on or before December 11.**

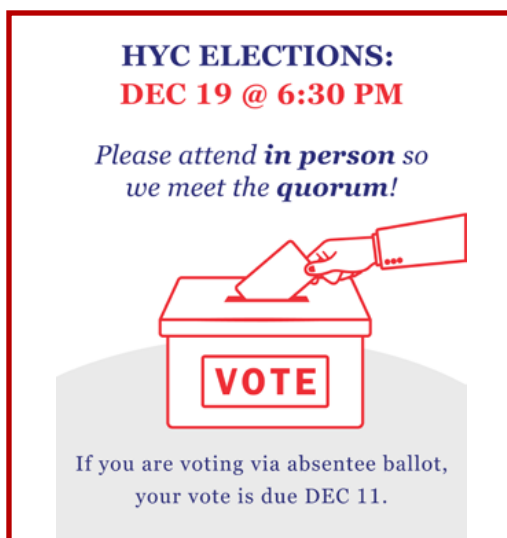
Any questions, please call or email the office: 1-808-949-4622 / office@hawaiiyachtclub.org

Please come to the club and vote in person on December 19!

Thank you and happy holidays!

Sincerely,

HYC Board of Governors



LIVE MUSIC
AT
Hawaii Yacht Club

THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS

RC SAIL REPORT

Aloha membership,

Another year is coming to a close. It flew by yet again. I have greatly enjoyed being your 2023 Rear Commodore for Sail. Thank you to Scott Allen for volunteering to take over the flag for 2024.

We have one final event in December: the HYC Holiday Boat Parade! Not much sailing involved, but I hope to see all the racers out with decorations on the evening of December 16th.

Lastly, Friday Night Races are year around which means race committee volunteers are needed year around. I am looking for volunteers to start and finish the race on Fridays. No experience necessary. We'll give you on-the- job training. Refreshments will be provided! Please reach out to me or come by the race committee table on a Friday starting at 5pm if you are interested in volunteering.

Happy holidays,

Travis Scott



S/V Bondi Tram heading out on her last Friday night race; November 3, 2023.
She will be missed!



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN AT HYC!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Aloha kakou,

Glad to be back writing this short *Bulletin* report, albeit my last one, as I will be resigning from this post at the end of December. It has been interesting, to say the least, but we need someone in this position who has the necessary time for developing avenues to attract new members. My current travel and work schedule is too hectic and does not leave me a lot of free time. I am hoping someone will step up and continue the work we have done.

As you are probably aware by now, we are hosting another membership drive on Saturday, December 16th from 3-6 PM. Women will be greeted at the door with flower lei. Our upstairs restaurant area will be decorated and we're planning on having live entertainment and pupus, complimented by a free cocktail for new members.

To attract new members, HYC will waive initiation fees for eligible H2O members wanting to upgrade to Regular membership. Another opportunity for new members to have initiation fees waived is to sign up as Regular members on a 2-year contract, maintaining Regular membership for the duration of the contract period.

HYC continues to offer a range of activities and events, including sailing races, fishing events, social events, and educational workshops. Please keep attending our LIVE MUSIC events, so we can continue to fund them.

Looking ahead we plan to continue to focus on growing our membership and providing a wide range of activities and services.

Thank you.

Joe Hillje

Membership Chair

HAWAII YACHT CLUB

EVERY WEEK! COME ENJOY

Wine

WEDNESDAYS



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Aloha All,

Lahaina Yacht Club has reopened their Ship Store virtually to raise funds. If interested, please reach them at LYC.US. Of course, the HYC Ships Store is open, too, for your holiday needs!

Interested in playing Backgammon at HYC? Backgammon games started last month at HYC with master player, Mike Fujita, giving free lessons. Please contact Michelle at transpac.hyc.michelle@gmail.com for more information and the schedule for the month.

Volunteers are needed for the Holiday Boat Parade and the December Membership Drive. Please email volunteer@hawaiiyachtclub.org for information.

Mahalo for your support of HYC!

Paul Antonelli
Vice Commodore
Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer@hawaiiyachtclub.org



Hawaii Yacht Club



HOLIDAY



BOAT PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16



PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER TO SEE THE PARADE!

TREASURER'S REPORT



Aloha membership,

As reported at the November General Membership (GM) meeting, there was ~\$103.8k in the checking account after all outstanding checks were paid and \$56k in the Maximizer Savings Account at the close of October 31, 2023.

Year to date (YTD) 2023 HYC has revenue of \$1.4M and total costs of \$1.2M resulting in a net profit of \$231k, which is \$128k more than prior YTD. This is a testament that all the actions I have implemented this year as Treasurer in

consultation with our accountant Ben Choy, including the auto pay and no cash policies, keeping up on collecting accounts receivables (AR's-\$37k last YTD vs. \$7k this YTD) and our collections agency, are working. HYC has \$75.5k more YTD than last year in cash accounts. This year was a TransPac year and HYC generated roughly \$23k in revenue, however HYC lost \$57k in revenue from 53 members who either resigned or were terminated as per the bylaws for nonpayment.

As presented at the November GM meeting, it cost HYC \$109k to operate for the month of October, we had \$136k in revenue, resulting in a NET PROFIT of \$27k. We also had roughly \$12k in Galley damages from the prior chef, which have been fixed. Upcoming expenses: \$20K Honolulu Property Tax for 2nd half of 2023 due in Dec. 2023. We need to hold off on further major projects, repairs, or significant expenditures for the rest of the year as the club's cash flow needs time to recoup. As you may remember at this time last YTD, HYC was near a \$0 cash balance in the checking account, and we had to use approximately \$25k from our Line of Credit (LOC) which has been paid off in full.

We are enforcing boat usage once/quarter, in accordance with HYC bylaws, for ALL slip holders, including those who live aboard. Any who do not comply will be automatically charged one month's extra slip fees (double) in accordance with the bylaws on December 31, 2023. Also, anyone who does not have a working card on file and has not paid dues/fees on or before the 1st of the month as per bylaws will have their card access turned off on the 5th of the month. We have our lease renegotiation in the next 6 months, so we all need to comply with the by-laws and standing rules, so our lease renegotiation proceeds smoothly.

We will also finally start to use the \$41.7k in the Sea Wall Assessment Fund for long-needed repairs. When Past Staff Commodore and BOG Steve Eder and I meet with the DLNR property appraiser, I mentioned how it was DLNR's responsibility to maintain the sea wall and he agreed and mentioned how the entire sea wall in the harbor was in poor condition. I told him we now had to spend HYC funds on repairs before it becomes a liability issue. We indicated that it would be in DLNR's best interest to sell the property to HYC. He agreed and said he would recommend that to DLNR. That is what we need to push for during the renegotiation.

As a reminder to everyone, membership voted before COVID to increase membership fees and dues yearly at the current inflation rate or CPI index, whichever is greater, to keep up with inflation. Because inflation rates are decreasing, our accountant, Ben, calculated a fair inflation rate according to HYC departmental expenses at 5%. Check e-mail announcements upcoming for the 5% increase to be effective January 1, 2024, as well as a slight increase in monthly minimum spends.

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT.)

I would finally like to recap ALL that HYC has accomplished this year while I was treasurer and Ben was our accountant: \$16k in improvements (new fence/office carpet/bottom level flooring/H2O line) and \$34k in repairs and maintenance (elevator/galley/general repairs/grease trap/pest control and termite tenting/plumbing issues/new refrigerators bottom bar/tree trimming). In addition, the accountant and I worked hard to decrease HYC insurance costs for employees, funded music and advertisements on I Heart radio, brought Cory back to the downstairs Tiki Bar, and decreased office labor. We now operate more efficiently with Ben handling the back of the office house and keeping up on AR's, and initiating a new in-house Galley with the help and hard work of Bar and Restaurant Manager, Kevin Czaban, and new Chef Spencer. Remember to check e-mail announcements for weekly Galley menus and our big membership drive on December 16, 2023. There will be incentives for current members that bring new members for sign-up.

I would like to personally thank ALL members for working together as *ohana* and supporting our club. I have enjoyed serving as Treasurer this past year and making HYC operate more efficiently as a business. I have another year left on my term as BOG and would be happy to serve as Treasurer again. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you at HYC.

If you have any questions, you may contact the office directly at 808-949-4622.

Mahalo and aloha,
Brian J. Orandello
HYC BOG/Treasurer

HAWAII YACHT CLUB

Christmas EVE-EVE Wine Dinner

FOUR-COURSE MEAL AND
CELEBRATORY WINES
WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

SATURDAY	7PM	RSVP
DEC 23	\$150	THEHYCGUY@ GMAIL.COM



SHIPS STORE REPORT

Happy holidays to all!

This year the Ships Store is stocked with special items for all your gift-giving needs, including a limited-edition tree ornament made in Hawaii! On December 16 we are offering a 10% discount for members. Gift wrapping is also available!

Ships Store Hui



Holiday Ornaments

HAWAII YACHT CLUB
presents



H2O ENROLL TODAY **MEMBERSHIP**

\$100 INITIATION
\$52 PER MONTH*
\$25 MONTHLY SPEND

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3 GUESTS PER DAY
UNLIMITED USE OF CLUB'S
FACILITIES
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PADDLE BOARD
OUTRIGGER
LIFESTYLE
SAILING
& OCEAN

*H2O membership is a 1 year term

3 HR QUARTER
VOLUNTEER



DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Bengals v Jags 3:15 pm Monday Night BBQ	5 Repeal Day- classic cocktails w/ Amanda	6 BBQ Shindig	7 Live Music: Harry and Great Menu	8 Friday Night Races Fireworks Live Music: Brant	9 Live Music: Rendezvous
10 Eagles v. Cowboys 3:15 pm	11 Titans v Dolphins 3:15 pm Monday Night BBQ	12 BoG Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Dinner with a Brewer: Winter Warmer Beers	14 Live Music: Harry and Great Menu	15 Friday Night Races Fireworks Live Music: Kapu	16 Open House, Boat Parade, Live Music
17 Ravens v Jags 3:15 pm	18 Chiefs v Pats 3:15 pm Monday Night BBQ	19 General Membership Meeting (Election and Dinner) 6:30pm	20 Mexican Shindig	21 Live Music: Harry and Great Menu	22 Friday Night Races Fireworks Live Music: Kaponu	23 Holiday Wine Dinner and Piano Carols
24 Christmas Eve Potluck	25 Merry Christmas-- Closed	26 Boxing Day-- Closed	27 Themed Dinner TBD	28 Live Music: Harry and Great Menu	29 Friday Night Races Fireworks Live Music: Brant	30 Live Music: Solid Gold
31 New Year's Eve						

***Note calendar above is subject to change. For updates, check your email and please follow Hawaii Yacht Club on social media!**