Commodore's Comments

Commodore Mike Buelsing



Aloha and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your trust in electing me to serve as your Commodore. When embarking on any new undertaking, I find

it helpful to begin with the end in mind. Visualizing the club in December of this year, I'd like to see:

- New members enjoying upgraded facilities and taking advantage of improved club amenities alongside our existing members.
- Trophies with new plaques representing regattas won by our exceptional sailors and paddlers.
- Well-read Windward Beats filled with stories of member's adventures out on the water.
- A healthy balance sheet with financial reserves that continue growing each month.
- And a deep bench of engaged members serving on our important committees - forming a pipeline of future club leadership for years to come!

We're not into fair winds and following



Onboard to serve. From left to right: R/C Sail James Ramsey, R/C Power Gary Evoniuk, General Manager Dennis Conneally, Vice Commodore Peter Rudlowski, and Treasurer Brian Goldstein (photo by Commodore Mike Buelsing) enjoying a Friday night race onboard Ramsey's J105 "Zephyr"

seas just yet, but we are fortunate to be starting this year with several advantages:

- A great group of board members and committee chairs representing a balance of younger folks with fresh ideas complemented by those with extensive experience and knowledge of club history and management.
- A world-class GM who at this point has the benefit of having experienced each of our numerous unique club events.
- An opportunity to rebuild the reserves with the anticipated onetime proceeds from the Employee Retention Credit (see note above

about our world-class GM!)The completed implementation

of our new NorthStar club management software. Note that this required a huge effort on our staff's part last year, but it's up and running, and the final features will be getting rolled out shortly.

Now, with lots to do, and only six months until the start of TransPac, it's time to get back to work!

Aloha,

Mike Buelsing Commodore 2025 commodore@waikikiyachtclub.com

To foster a better, more united community in the Club, we would like to encourage everyone to help spotlight members who have contributed to the success of our Club. This is open to new members and those long tenured. The column will be titled "Meet the Faces of Our Club."

So many of us have made positive contributions to the

Club and by bringing attention to these stories and accomplishments it will reinforce the wonderful spirit and camaraderie in our Club. We'd like to start in February 2025. Please send a quick narrative of no more than 200 words and hi-res picture to communications@waikikiyachtclub.com

~ Your communications staff

Vice Commodore's Notes

Vice Commodore Peter Rudlowski



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou Paddlers, Motorboaters and Sailors!

This last year has been one of trials and tribulations, lows and highs, culminating in the

most well attended Annual General Membership meeting I can remember in my last 27 years at the club. One could really tell from the speeches, that our membership is very passionate about Our club.

The start of a New Year is the perfect opportunity to look ahead and plan what we hope to accomplish in the new year. With that in mind, our new Commodore Mike Buelsing, held a Friday night sailing gathering for all the new board members aboard James Ramsey's Zephyr to build team cohesion. While aboard, not only did we enjoy a great sail, but we also started to talk about our shared vision of what might be accomplished in 2025. What emerged was a clear vision for a club that is fiscally sound, with increased membership and a dedication to continue the work on the myriads of projects to improve our facilities. We are planning a paddling outing and a motorboat outing for the board to further strengthen and solidify our team resolve, and to build unity with all our stakeholders.

Further, I would like to thank the outgoing board, our incredible staff and all the members who have contributed their time, energy, and creativity in 2024. It is absolutely this remarkable Ohana that makes the Waikiki Yacht Club so special.

Finally, I am honored to be elected as your vice Commodore. The vice commodore position is the chair of the Operations Committee.

The Operations Committee meets once monthly with each one of the subcommittees. The commodore and I

will be recruiting many club members, to volunteer their time, brainpower and passion to building the club that we envision. We have many committees that anyone can join. This is your chance to bring your talents to the service of the club and to become involved in steering the club. If you would like to volunteer, please feel free to email me with your interests, or stop me at the club and let me know. Also, I would like to invite all members to the Operations Meetings and Board Meetings. They are open to ALL members, and we value your input.

Mahalo, Peter Rudlowski WYC Vice Commodore vicecommodore@waikikiyachtclub.com

From the Foredeck

Rear Commodore for Sail James Ramsey



Happy New Year, I hope everyone is excited for the 2025 sailing season! I'm grateful and excited for the opportunity to serve the Waikiki Yacht Club as

the 2025 Rear Commodore for Sail. This month's focus will be on creating more access to Friday night sailing



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Waikīkī Yacht Club was founded in 1944 and has been a cornerstone of Hawai'i's maritime heritage for 80 years, fostering a deep appreciation for the ocean and nurturing the spirit of sailing and water sports; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 80-year history, the Waikīkī Yacht Club has been an integral part of Honolulu's community, hosting charitable events, promoting youth sailing programs, and supporting ocean conservation initiatives, embodying the values of service and commitment to preserving Hawai'i's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Waikīkī Yacht Club has continually promoted the love of the sea by offering education, camaraderie, and competitive opportunities in boating, sailing, outrigger canoe paddling, and fishing for generations of O'ahu residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Waikīkī Yacht Club has provided a welcoming home for individuals and families who share a passion for ocean activities, encouraging sportsmanship, teamwork, and environmental stewardship, with members participating in numerous regattas and races locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Waikīkī Yacht Club continues to be a gathering place where generations of sailors and boating enthusiasts celebrate their love for the ocean and our island's maritime traditions, exemplifying the spirit of aloha; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its historical significance, the Waikīkī Yacht Club was officially listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places on May 23, 2023, following approval by the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board; and

WHEREAS, in this milestone year, the Waikīkī Yacht Club is commemorating eight decades of excellence, honoring its rich history, and looking forward to a future filled with continued service to the community, innovation in maritime activities, and a dedication to nurturing future generations of ocean enthusiasts,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim November 2024, to be

WAIKĪKĪ YACHT CLUB 80TH ANNIVERSARY MONTH

to urge all residents and visitors to join in recognizing and celebrating the remarkable legacy and contributions of the Waikīkī Yacht Club as it reaches this distinguished milestone, while continuing to support this venerable institution and its efforts to uphold the maritime traditions that are so vital to our island community.



Done this 21st day of November, 2024, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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RICK BLANGIARDI

and increasing this year's regatta participation.

Friday night sailing is a terrific way to end a busy work week but it's not possible to sail without a boat, skipper, crew. There are multiple vessels at WYC that routinely participate on Fridays with room for more and I encourage boat owners who have not previously or don't currently participate to consider joining. There are multiple skippers who regularly race Fridays and they are good resources if you need to find crew or just have questions about how to get your own program started. As someone who put a program together for the first time

in 2023, I know firsthand how helpful they are.

Participation in the 2024 regatta season was a mixed bag with some having fifteen boats across three classes (X, A, and B) while others were struggling to get five. Many factors contribute to participation level including weather, schedule awareness, and crew availability. While we can't control the weather, we can control the other two. The 2025 HYRA racing calendar will be finalized in early February and will be posted in the club and online for all to review. I also implore that all skippers sign up as early as possible because it eases the planning burden on the host club and allows for better post racing parties. Crew availability can be improved upon through early awareness of the schedule and earlier signups by skippers. Friday night participation is also a pathway to increase the number of skilled sailors within our club.

If anyone has questions about Friday night sailing or the upcoming regatta season, please reach out. Email works well but I'm at the club regularly and happy to talk in person so I can put a face to the name. Thank you again for trusting me to be our 2025 Rear Commodore for Sail, I look forward to seeing everyone at the club and on the water.

Food



and Beverage Hours MONDAY Closed TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY Liquor Service: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Lunch Service: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Appetizers: 2:00 pm - Close Dinner Service: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm FRIDAY Liquor Service: 11:00 am - 10:00 pm Lunch Service: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Appetizers: 2:00 pm - Close Dinner Service: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm SATURDAY Liquor Service: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Lunch Service: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Appetizers: 2:00 pm - Close Dinner Service: 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SUNDAY Liquor Service: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Kitchen Service: 10:30 am - 5:00 pm

Reservations are encouraged in the Dining Room for dinner on Friday and brunch on Sunday.

Wharf reservations are no longer required. Seating is now first come, first serve at these tables.

General Manager's Message

Dennis Conneally



We are excited to share the rolling out of our new NorthStar club software system which is being implemented in several phases. On December 1st, we went live

with "Phase One" including member billing, accounts receivable and payable as well as our Point-of-Sale system in the dining room and bar. YES, we are now using those funny iPad tablets in the dining room and YES, you need to sign the tablets when closing your bill, but this enables us to track member trends, capture much needed data for galley sales and food reports as well as tracking member usage for efficiency and planning.

Phase Two begins January 7th with the launch of our new website and enhanced communications capabilities. You can now make reservations online for all Club events as well as dining room reservations. Our "Online Boatique" goes live this month but we ask that you give us a little time to load all the pictures, pricing and inventories of each product offered.

February 1st, we plan to launch our very own WYC Mobile App with all the bells and whistles allowing full access to everything WYC. From checking balances to making payments, reservations, signing up for club activities, all of this will be done from the convenience of your mobile phone.

The final phase (March 1st) will be the implementation of our new key card access and club security. This will take the longest time to roll out because once we flip the switch on the changeover date, all current access cards will be cut off and only the new cards will work. This includes the parking lot, walk-through gates and all access points into the Club. The new cards will be encrypted and cannot be duplicated or transferred. ID photos will be requested, which helps in several ways, by adding another

layer of security for the members and by helping the staff with member photos which help to minimize billing mistakes

Beginning this month with your January statement, the Club will be reactivating the "Credit Card Convenience Fee" that we used to charge for credit card transactions but stopped several years back. The Club pays more than \$80,000 each year in fees to the various credit card companies, so this one small cost savings measure will have a significant impact. A 4% convenience fee will be seen on every receipt for each transaction going forward. The board of directors and membership at large appreciate your understanding.

This month we say "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to Chef Shiloh Garcia who has led our galley crew for the past year. Chef Shiloh and her husband Abel have been deployed to San Diego, CA. where they will spend the next several years enjoying all fun and amenities that San Diego has to offer. Thank you, Shiloh, for keeping our galley together and for your steady hand and tireless dedication to the members of WYC. Both members and staff wish you all the best in your next adventure.

Power Perspective

Rear Commodore for Power Gary Evoniuk

HENNIS



As we step into the new year I will be stepping into a new role as your Rear Commodore for Power. For 2025 I have three priorities for this role: (1)

to organize at least one adult fishing tournament; (2) to bring back the Keiki fishing tournament; and (3) to provide continuity and perspective to the Board of Directors as we chart our way through the new year. Most people know me as a long-time sailor but may be surprised that I've also been hanging around power boats and fishing for many years, going back to days spent fishing the sound waters of North Carolina, especially in and around Beaufort. I look forward to leaning on the experience of the many avid fishermen (and women) who are members of our club in putting together one or more successful and fun fishing events. On a related note, I participated in our Keiki fishing tournament for several years before it became a victim of COVID in 2020. This is a great community outreach event that I look forward to resurrecting in 2025. There's nothing like watching a youngster hook their first catch. Finally I look forward to working with the new board to help chart a strategic direction for the club that will ensure WYC remains the premier yacht club of the islands for many years to come.



Burgee Banter

Jeanne Martin-Hopkins

The Chagos Islands, or Chagos Archipelago, is a string of tropical islands in the Indian Ocean, about 1,000 miles south of the southern tip of the Indian subcontinent. Up until recently the UK has had sovereignty over this chain of islands, including Diego Garcia, the largest of the 55 islands in the chain. In October, the UK relinquished its sovereignty over Chagos Islands. Under the terms of the agreement, Mauritius will assume sovereignty over the remote archipelago, but the US and Britain will continue to operate a strategically important military base on the island of Diego Garcia.

Besides being an important military base, Diego Garcia also is home to the Diego Garcia Yacht Club (DGYC). DGYC was



established in May 1979, and is affiliated with the Royal Yachting Association and the United States Naval Sailing Association.

What does all this have to do with burgees? To remind everyone of how many wonderful burgees we have at our Club - our DGYC burgee can be found at position 75.5 - look for it!

Do you have a burgee story to share? Please email Jeanne at jeannem1212@ hotmail.com.









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Anchored in Tradition, Sailing into the Future: WYC's 80-year Legacy

William Anonsen



As we sail into 2025, it's the perfect time to reflect on the extraordinary legacy of the Waikiki Yacht Club, which celebrated its 80th anniversary

this past year. From its founding in 1944 to its role today as a cornerstone of Hawaii's maritime community, the WYC has weathered the tides of time, growing and evolving into an organization that embodies tradition, innovation, and the Aloha spirit.

The anniversary is a milestone to honor the people and events that have shaped our voyage. Over the past eight decades, the WYC has become synonymous with yachting excellence, hosting world-class regattas, and fostering a love for the ocean that resonates far beyond our island shores. Signature events such as the Transpacific Yacht Race, which attracts sailors from around the globe, have not only brought international recognition to the Club, but have also strengthened Hawaii's reputation as a premier sailing destination.

While these high-profile events have solidified our place in the world of competitive yachting, our most meaningful accomplishments often happen closer to home. The WYC has long been committed to nurturing the next generation of sailors through our Youth Sailing Program. This program has provided young people with the skills, confidence, and passion to excel on the water for decades. Many participants have gone on to achieve success in national and international competitions, but perhaps the most significant achievement is the sense of adventure and connection to the ocean that we instill in every young sailor who sets foot in one of our boats.

Equally significant is the sense of community that defines the WYC. Our Club is more than a venue for races and regattas; it's a place where lifelong friendships are forged, families come together, and members of all backgrounds find a shared love of the sea. From festive holiday gatherings to informal evenings on the lanai, the WYC is a place where people connect, laugh, and celebrate the joy of life on the water.

In addition to fostering relationships, the Club has consistently been a leader in innovation and progress. Over the years, we have modernized our facilities, embraced new technologies, and continually sought ways to better



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serve our members. At the same time, we have remained committed to preserving the traditions and values that have defined our identity for 80 years.

Looking ahead, the WYC is poised for an exciting future. We must continue enhancing member services, expanding our environmental sustainability initiatives, and hosting even more prestigious sailing events. With the same passion and vision that has guided us since 1944, we are ready to embark on the next chapter of our story.

To everyone who has been part of this remarkable voyage, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Your support, dedication, and enthusiasm have made the Waikiki Yacht Club what it is today. Together, we'll continue to build on this legacy and create new memories for generations to come.

Here's to 80 years of excellence, friendship, and adventure and to the many years ahead. Let's continue to sail forward together. Imua







Youth Sailing

Coach Guy Fleming



We celebrated Youth Sailors and the end of our season with our own WYC Awards and ice cream social on November 30. Many thanks to Commodore

Ian Scott for helping to present the trophies. We were also able to recognize our parents whom play a vital role as supporters and transporters; The WYC Board for their ongoing support of the program; the WYC Education Foundation for their endless fundraising efforts to provide the boats and equipment for our sailors; our Coaches, for sharing their passion for their enthusiasm as they follow the currents developing a lifelong love of learning.

Our award winners were as follows:

Duke Kahanamoku Bowl

Laser–Michael Hochart El Toro– Spencer Fleming



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Youth sailing awards

Waikiki Yacht Club 420 Championships

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WYC Laser Season's Points John Higham Trophy-

A: Guy Fleming B: Liam Chattergy

Laser B

3rd Lily Nomura 2nd Kazu Fowler 1st Liam Chattergy

Laser A

3rd Mathew Widlansky 2nd Charlie Field 1st Guy Fleming

El Toro Season's Points Beatrice Patton Perpetual– Spencer Fleming El Toro C2

3rd Seaena Charlton 2nd Avalon Tosaki 1st Lily Nomura

El Toro C

1st Gabriella Delgado

El Toro B

3rd Alex Picken 2nd Liam Chattergy 1st Kazu Fowler



Lily Nomura and Seaena Charlton preparing for next season

El Toro A

1st Spencer Fleming

Junior Championships Silver Fleet Skippers

3rd Noah Durant 2nd Haruko Nagai 1st Hal Inaba

Silver Fleet Crews

3rd Roman Tadaki 2nd Thomas 1st Elliott Mantis-Young

Gold Fleet

3rd Gabriella Delgado 2nd Lily Nomura 1st Liam Chattergy

Winner of Commodore Don Meyers Memorial Trophy Club Champion— Single Handed

Liam Chattergy

Sportsmanship winners for the Graciela Dixon Trophy

Lily Nomura and Henry Rhee

Most Improved Award Winners for the Commodore Phil Frey Memorial Trophy

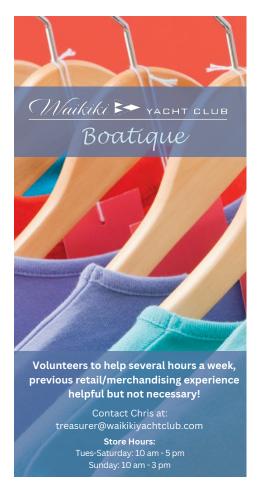
Gabriella Delgado and Liam Chattergy

JR. Yachtsman Awardee for the Commodore Walter Light Trophy

Charlie Parsons



The WYC Laser Team pushing themselves to the next level



Boatique January 2025!

Chris Clothier

Be prepared as the weather turns with some rainy days ahead!

The Boatique has some solutions for

New in stock from MV Sport a halfzip windbreaker in Navy and for the rainy days a Burnt Orange full zip rain jacket.

For days you just want to keep the chill off, a great oversized top to keep you warm, Spirit Jerseys has a special WYC design for you.

An Aloha Shirt by Kahala is always in style, a special design, Kihapai Pareo is honoring the Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, featured in Navy.



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The Manuiwa Cup

S/C Michael Roth



One of the most rewarding parts of working on the trophy committee is capturing our Club history that might otherwise be lost. On February 14, 2023, Dan McFaull, now a resident of Jacksonville Fl, stopped by the Club and dropped off a beautiful silver trophy. He wrote: "I wanted to get this trophy to WYC to honor the memory of my father Dave McFaull and Mike Rothwell's father S/C Frank Rothwell. I don't know if any descendants of the other winners of this cup are still members. My best guess is that it ended up with my parents because my father was the last recipient. Bill Arnemann might be one of the crew members. My only recall is the 210 fleet because I did not come along until 1956. My first memories of sailing were on Spree in the early 60s. I enjoyed sailing even more because it got me out of Sunday School. I was wondering how this Trophy got its name, so I reached out to Cappy Sheeley, and Bill Arnemann. Much Aloha, Dan."

Cappy Sheeley had written the following: "As you know "Manuiwa" was a 60' schooner owned by Harold Dillingham who had sponsored a lot of races by donating trophies. This trophy represents 3 different classes, "S class", Pacific Coast class and 210's. S/C Frank Rothwell and Bill Arnemann won it in an S class boat. Dr. Paul Withington and Cappy won it in a Pacific Coast class boat and the rest are 210's. I vaguely remember there was a trophy at the end of the season that went to whoever had the best record in

all of the fleets including Stars, Mercury's and 110's, this may be the trophy. I also remember my dad talking about a trophy like this in the 50's and he thought it was unfair because, like it reads, most of the competition was in the 210 fleet".

From Bill Arnemann: "I raced with Malcolm McFaull on 210s (Spree) for years as well as with Bayard Dillingham (Uhane Wai) until moving to Malcolm's larger boats. The 210s were the hot class boat racing fleet for a generation and produced a number of Commodores. My recollection is that the Manuiwa trophy was presented to the winning 210 skippers after the S boats and PCs no longer sailed competitively until that fleet also went dormant. Hope this helps, Bill".

It appears that for now we will document what we can and be thankful it is back at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Now it is back, and we have the opportunity to re dedicate it to a new class or event. Stay tuned for what is next for the Manuiwa Cup.

Thank you to our members who shared their memories of this important part of our history.

If you have any knowledge of this trophy or others, please contact me so we can add to the documentation and get it up on our web page so it is available for our current and future members. Please contact me if you have any information to add at rothcomm@gmail.com

General Manager



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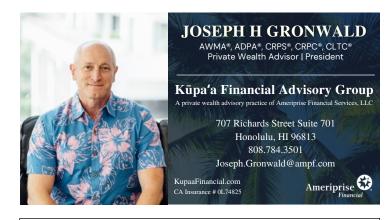
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