



Lifeline

Newsletter of Hui Wa'a Kaukahi

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Help Us Find a New Club Meeting Place

Are you a member of a community association, church, school, business or other organization that rents meeting rooms to the public? If so, you may be able to help us find a new location to hold our monthly club meetings. We would like to find a place that is closer to more of our members. The Kalihi, Salt Lake, Moanalua or Aiea neighborhoods would be ideal. The meeting room should:

- Have seats for at least 40 people
- Have convenient free parking
- Be available from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Preferably be available on the third Tuesday of every month except December
- Cost around \$30 per meeting

If you know of a possible location please contact Terry Shimabukuro at 672-8377 or gobows58@gmail.com.



Do you know these people?
Check out their story at the
WINDBAG REGATTA, inside.



Read Cosette's account of her first trip
down the Na Pali Coast.

DATELINE: KAIAKA BAY

July 25, 2010

Reported by Bim Bousman

Yesterday an intrepid group of about 10 kayakers from the Hui Wa'a Kaukahi (originally known as an association of inflatable kayak paddlers) gathered to explore the wilderness up the river from Kaiaka Bay on the island of Oahu. The early morning tide was very low. The kayakers who arrived early for the expedition observed natives searching for limu on the exposed reef. The weather was near-perfect with clear skies and a light breeze.



The expedition was led by none other than Kate Schalk, an able guide with exemplary communication skills.

After completing the necessary formalities and an almost-on-schedule launch, the paddlers proceeded in an orderly manner across the bay, under the bridge, and up the left fork of the river and then to the left again and past Mackys Kahuku Sweet Shrimp Truck to the very end of the navigable portion of the stream under twin bridge road. It was at this point where Debbie Wheeler and Chuck Ehrhorn portaged upstream past the falls and then paddled, more or less, back down over them.

With that excitement over, the group returned to the second fork and explored the right hand branch. Here the lead paddlers encountered two who had straggled and taken a different turn and had become separated from the main expedition. Then reunited, the group returned almost to the bay.



At this time, after reaching the bridge closest to the ocean, and about two hours into the trip, a majority of the group took the rightmost fork of the river toward Waialua while others, including the author of this dispatch, chose to return to civilization on the beach at Kaiaka Bay Park.

All eventually returned safely and uninjured by early afternoon and dispersed to the locations from which they had come.

Notes from Na Pali Coast: North Shore of Kauai August 2010

Cosette Harms

I am sitting in the shade of a big leafed Kamani tree on the edge of Kalalau Beach. Today I've had three ocean swims and two rinses in the waterfall. I can hear the falls cascade over the rocks behind me. Below are the tents of the dune dwellers, Alan, Debbie and Cosette. Alan engineered a spectacular shade awning under which our gourmet meals are prepared and served just after sunset.



In the big cave behind the sound of occasional rock fall are Bob, Ian, Lauren, and Keith, and many others. You can always find Keith's massage parlor by the two palm trees at the entrance of his tent! Bob's pad is the one with more stuff than a kayak can hold. Ian and Lauren are young, strong, organized, and keeping track of us all. They are up valley floating in Ginger Pools eating mangos right now. Debbie has been a tremendous guide of the valley lore and the special places that are dear to her heart. This is her 16th kayak trip to Kalalau!!



We have had 3 sunsets so far - and two of them have had a green flash! Our paddle began with a complete double rainbow at Ke'e and the magic has continued since. Every cave was easy to explore - and the pinks of the smooth coral walls invited us in. A few caves had a skylight opening which provided illumination of the water below into the most amazing blues. Offshore countless lazy turtles didn't care about us. We cared! We snorkeled some along the way, towing our boats. Debbie was almost brave enough to dive down and grab a lobster that we had discovered in a little cave! Almost!

Honopu Valley, next door to Kalalau, is such a breathtaking playground. We snorkeled over there, walked with awe through the huge arch, received a massage from the giant waterfall, and then played in the deep whirling tide pool on the sea ledge. One could spend an entire day at each of these wonders.



Now the trip is a memory. The monk seals at Miloli'i didn't mind sharing their beach with us for one night. We dined Mexican ala Alan. The sliver of a baby moon joined Venus following sunset.

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HUI WA`A KAUKAHI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS October-December 2010

Check the website at www.huiwaa.org (maintained by Webmaster Rusty Lillico) for details and updates, or contact the trip leaders listed below. The calendar on the website also contains tide information and links to aerial photos of some of the paddling sites.

Unless stated otherwise, all groups should be assembled at the start point by 9:00 a.m. and launched by 9:15 at the latest. Depending on the length of the ride, car-poolers should have their boats set up and ready to leave the launch area **a half-hour to a full hour before the launch time**. Call the Trip Leader for the precise time. When given, **map references** (e.g. [22/D3]) are the page number and grid coordinates of the **launch** point in "Bryan's Sectional Maps of O'ahu," any recent edition

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Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
OCTOBER			
Sat 2	Makai Range Pier to Kailua Boat Ramp , with a stop at the Mokulus for snacks and surfing. Carpool will leave the pier at 8:20 am sharp. 7.5 mi. [22/E1]	2	Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i>
Sun 10	Sans Souci to Keehi Lagoon . See what the city looks like to the porpoises and the sea turtles. Meet at 8:00 for the 8:30 carpool; launch at 9:30. 7 mi. [13/E1].	2	Stan McCrea 306-6578 <i>sb.mccrea@earthlink.net</i>
Sun 17	Ewa Beach around Barber's Point to Kahe Point (Electric Beach) . Carpool will leave Ewa Beach Park at 8:00; launch at 9:00. Call Ed for carpool details. 13 mi. [98/E4-95/E1].	3	Ed Rhineland 497-3981 <i>loikake@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Tue 19	Meeting . Paki Hale, 3840 Paki Avenue, 7 pm. Program: Mark Rognstad on kayaking in the Sea of Cortez (aka the Gulf of California) in Mexico. Plus elections of officers for 2011.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 23- Sun 24	Annual Fishing Tournament (Braggart's rights) . Hale Koa Beach, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Camping on Friday night recommended for an early start on Saturday morning. Contest rules, entry form, details on the entry fee, base-access instructions, and driving directions are available on the club website.		Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i> Tim Sawyer 330-1108 <i>sawyer@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Wed 27	Target date for obtaining permits for the Easter camp. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Rusty.		Rusty Lillico 254-4123 <i>lillico@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sat 30	EZ Glider: Keehi Lagoon to Moanalua Gardens and back . Launch from the Marine Education and Training Center at 9:00 am. (Take the Sand Island Access Road and turn right at the first light after the bridge.) Some may wish to partake of lunch at La Mariana Sailing Club after the paddle. 2 mi. RT [5/D4].	1	Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>
NOVEMBER			
Sat 6	Mokes Surfing and Masters Hui Buoy . Kailua Boat Ramp to the Mokes and from there, for those who don't want just to play in the waves, out to the fishing buoy another 2 miles off-shore, then back to the Mokes for lunch, partying, and relaxation on the beach. No carpool; launch at 8:00 am. 6 mi. RT [28/E2].	2	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i> Rusty Lillico 254-4123 <i>lillico@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Fri 12- Sun 14	Hui Wa`a Steering Board Annual Campout and Planning Meeting . This year we'll be meeting on Lanai. All club members are welcome, particularly those who might want to be paddle leaders next year. Camp at Hulopoe Beach or book your own room at the Lodge or at the Four Seasons on Manele Bay. Official business on Saturday will include the election of new Board officers and the planning of next year's paddle schedule. There should also be plenty of time to play.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i> Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i>
Tue 16	Meeting . Paki Hale, 3840 Paki Avenue, 7 pm. Program: Well-known island photographer Doug Peebles' South Pacific Round-up.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>

Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
Sun 21	"Clean The Stream." Kahana Stream brush clearing party. Bring your kayak, plus machetes, shears, saws, first-aid kit, etc. Meet at the Kahana Valley State Park parking lot (near the mauka restrooms) at 10:00 am. Call George in advance so that he knows how many are coming: at least six are needed to get the stream ready for the paddle on 11/22.	1	George Shoemaker 237-8992 geoshoe@hawaii.rr.com
Sun 28	Kahana Stream paddle , from start to finish, with a hike at the top. Contingent upon the successful clearing of the stream the previous week (see 11/15, above); check with George. If it's a go, meet at 9:30 am in the first makai parking lot north of the Kahana Stream Bridge. [46/F1] 2 mi. RT, not counting the hike.	1	George Shoemaker 237-8992 geoshoe@hawaii.rr.com
DECEMBER			
Sun 5	Heeia Kea to Coconut Island. Tentative: details to be determined. Please check the website closer to the event.	1	Kevin Ching 947-4526 mokuluanui@yahoo.com
Sat 11 - Sun 12	Last Ditch Fish Twitch. Last chance at the Progressive Fishing Tournament trophy. For 2 days, anywhere you choose to fish, on any coast on any island, counts as an official paddle! Honor system rules: call or email Norm with your tally within 24 hours.		Norm Chun 247-7610 bluec239@msn.com
Sun 12	Hawaii Kai to Kahala or v.v. Launch site to be determined the day before, depending on the winds. Call Gary the night before. Carpool at 9:00 for a 10:00 am launch.	2	Gary Budlong 737-8893
Tue 14	Annual Christmas Party and Gift Bag Exchange Melee , at the home of Doug and Margaret Peebles in Kaneohe. Check the website for directions and details on activities, including how you can help.		Gary Budlong 737-8893 Rus- ty Lilloco 286-6514 lilloco@hawaii.rr.com
Sat 18	Outside Keehi Lagoon. Circle the lagoon outside the reef, and stop at Blue Pool for refreshments (BYO) on the way back. Meet at "Alan's Ramp" for an 8:30 launch. (Take Sand Island Access Road and turn right after the bridge, by the Marine Education and Training Center.) C. 4 mi [5/D4].	2	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 ehrhorn@lava.net
Sun 19	Double Rough Water Swim. Tentative date, and subject to possible cancellation. Club members often serve as escorts. Check the website or with Bim closer to the date.		Bim Bousman bim.bousman@yahoo.com

Notes from Na Pali (cont)



Then came the final pack and paddle to Polihale Beach, our take out. This beach is HUGE and STEEP and the sand is DRY and HOT and DEEP! Our exhausted group managed to haul our gear and drag our boats up to the road where Kyle came to the rescue with his big truck. The boats again loaded and heavy were tied on, and we stood on the truck for the ride out.



We appreciate Kyle for all of this shuttling. We appreciate Keith for his hospitality and letting us make his place our home base. We appreciate Alan and Debbie for making this happen. We appreciate the taxi that took us to the airport on that late dark night when the truck broke down... and that's another story!

WINDBAG REGATTA 2010

The Windbag Regatta just keeps getting better and better. What a race it was this year! We had a great group of entrants and very challenging conditions. The wind came up early and was strong and gusty, making for high drama and not a little frustration for all divisions of competitors. We'll have to beef up our gear and technique for future races like this one.



In the non-kite, non-sail or 'other' division, the entrants had high hopes for a good run and Yale took first place with a lava-lava held up on bamboo poles secured to the deck. Unfortunately, the wind gusts were too strong and his rig didn't survive. The attempt was valiant and counted for the prize.

In the kite division, the wind proved too inconsistent for a clean run by any of the entrants, and in fact, even prevented some kilters from launching. Debbie had the best run of the kilters and took first place in that division.



Amongst the entrants in the sail powered division, Kevin may have had the cleanest run and didn't huli. But he was beaten by Ed even though his sail started to rip before leaving the beach and continued to shrink throughout the duration of the race. Ed had the best start, and with the large sail and a fast boat, led the race for awhile as his



sail continued to be blown out by the gusts and was reduced to less than half its original size. At some point along the way, Steve took the lead and kept it to the end with his large square sail, even though he flipped and recovered quickly near the finish.

And Steve's already working on a new design for next year, watch out!

Thanks to Aimee and Jeanie for starting and timing the race, and to Yale and Nora for the post race party at their place nearby. It just keeps getting better!



Hui Waa Kaukahi Annual
Kahaka'aulana Island Clean-up
Keehi Lagoon Sunday, May 23, 2010



Lots of trash was removed; Good food was shared;
And Hui Waa camaraderie was in abundance.

Thanks to Ed and Lois for co-coordinating the paddle.

A special Mahalo to Norm Chun for bringing his boat. It was of immeasurable help in moving the opala to Sand Island for disposal.