



Lifeline

Newsletter of Hui Wa'a Kaukahi

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A Letter from our new President

Dear Hui Wa'a members,

This has been a great year for Hui Wa'a -- we had record turnout for some of our paddles around Oahu, pulled off successful special events including fishing contests, did our island clean-up and the Windbag Regatta, went on a number of exciting inter-island trips, and gained some new active members that I hope will carry on our traditions into the future.

Turning to 2010, the Hui Board has been working diligently to plan another varied and event-packed year. In doing so, we are in the midst of reviewing how we conduct our paddles. One important decision that has come out of our review is that on December 1, 2009, the Hui Board voted against continuing to be a Paddle America Club ("PAC") with the American Canoe Association ("ACA") for 2010. The major reason for being a PAC with the ACA is that ACA provides liability insurance to PACs for their sponsored events, so long as certain requirements are met. Assuming that we meet these requirements, what this means for our members is that if you caused another participant's injuries during a Hui paddle, then the ACA's insurer would pay the attorneys' fees and/or the claim. The Board analyzed and debated the ACA insurance requirements and ultimately decided that it was not worth carrying on with ACA for 2010.

Many of the ACA requirements are sound, and the Board will be reemphasizing safety techniques and what members should expect on a paddle for the New Year. Indeed, our January general club meeting will focus on water safety and what to expect on a paddle. I encourage all members, both new and old; to attend what I am sure will be an informative meeting.

Thank you all for a very fun, safe, and successful year. We could not have had such a great year without your support and participation. Special thanks also go to last year's officers, board members and all those who have and continue to lead paddles and volunteer to put on events. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Happy Holidays,



Chuck Ehrhorn
President, Hui Wa'a Kaukahi

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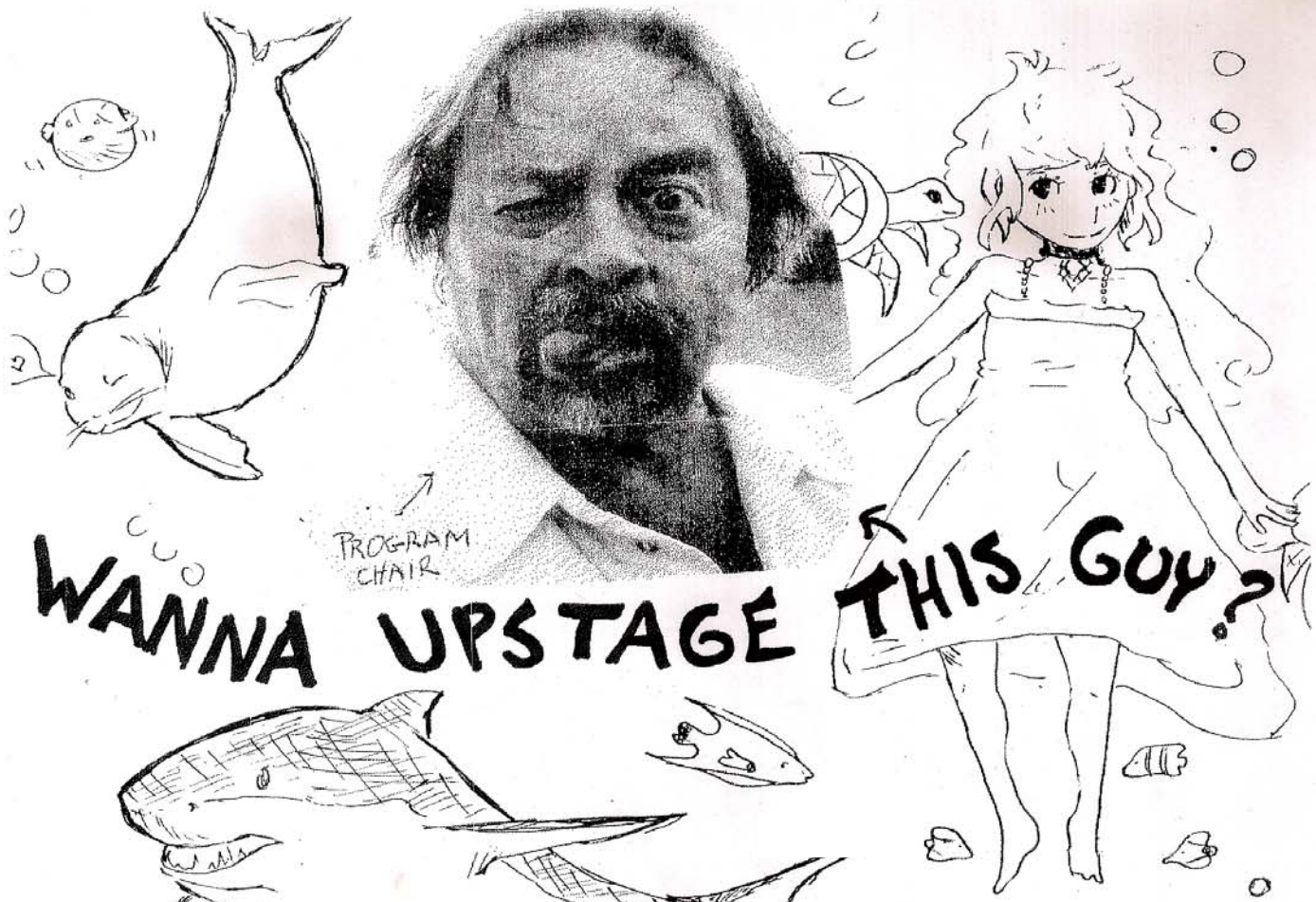
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- SHOW US YOUR ADVENTURE
- TELL US YOUR TALE

At Hui Waa Club Meetings 3rd Tues Every month

SHARE YOUR SNORKELING, RAFTING, BOATING
Kayaking, FISHING, Travelling Adventures

Contact The Gary Budlong (seen above) 737-8893



The HWK "LIFELINE", our periodic newsletter, also welcomes articles, pictures, and notices of interest. Please submit what you would like to share with us to kayak-fool@hawaii.rr.com

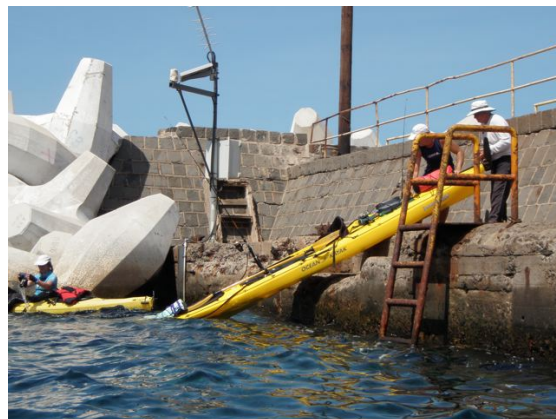
West Side Story 2009

By Sailor Steve Harris

The Second Annual Lana`i Rendezvous was a super success for the small group of four who enjoyed the six day adventure. Tim Baltzer, Chalsa Loo, Anne Ashford and I set out from Kaumalapau Harbor late Thursday morning, the 8th of October.

We then paddled a mere 3 miles to our first campsite at Nanahoa with its distinctive sea stacks.

The paddle itself was easy, especially since it turned out to be downwind, but the landing on the boulder beach was memorable with the beach being very steep and a solid swell running. It was a project to get the fully loaded boats up the rocks. We made it though, and set up camp for three nights. That was followed by a fresh barbeque dinner featuring uku (gray snapper) sashimi, King Salmon, rib eye steaks, and salad.



Launching at Kaumalapau Harbor.



Chalsa celebrating her arrival at the pinnacles of Nanahoa.

The next afternoon Steve came back from a long fishing run and met Tim, Chalsa and Anne snorkeling in the bay. When he stopped to talk to them he got a strike on his live moano bait. The sleigh ride was on as the big fish towed him back out to sea and down toward the harbor. She circled back around into the bay and was soon on the boat – a 32 pound ulua aukea. She was too big for the four of us to eat in a couple of days so Steve released her to make more eggs. We had no way to get her to market or keep her cold, and the bigger fish produce many, many more eggs than the smaller fish. It was the ecological thing to do.

Steve had caught a smaller omilu before the ulua so he sashimied that for pupu before a delicious okra Creole stir fry main dish. As we finished dinner we all decided to stay another day in order to snorkel the back side of the sea stacks. This was agreed to on the condition that we'd have pancakes for breakfast. That was a good decision because the Kodiak / Aji Nori Furikake pancakes prepared by chef "Julia" Loo were delicious. That was followed by a great morning of exploring in the water.

As we snorkeled out along the islands we found some opihi to pick, and Tim spotted a big lobster skittering down the underwater wall of the outside island. The water was clear and very blue as it dropped off into the open ocean.



Anne (above) and Steve, Tim and Chalsa (below) snorkeling at Nanahoa.

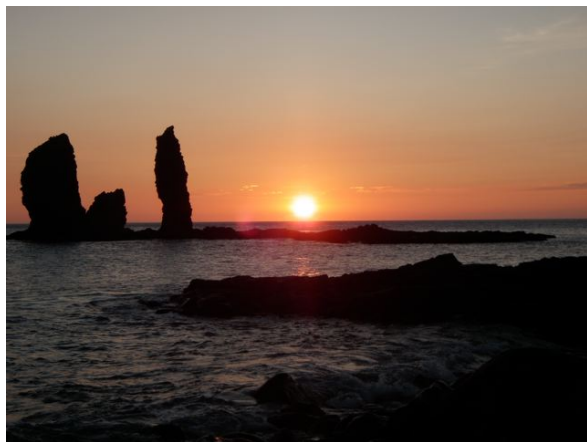


As we rounded the point of the furthest island, a pod of dolphins went swimming by. What a thrill! They were so close you could almost touch them, but they were gone in just a minute or two.

Anne and Steve climbed out onto the middle island to pick more opihi as Chalsa swam in the bay. Anne noticed a fin by Chalsa and we soon saw it was lone dolphin checking Chalsa out. This one hung with Chalsa for a long time. As we watched, we suddenly heard a loud snort from behind us. We jumped before turning to see a big monk seal about 50 feet away, intent on taking a take a nap on the rocks. She came very close as we stood motionless for at least 10 minutes. She left after a few more minutes, uncomfortable in the company of people.

We went back in the water too, and headed over to the rainbow blowhole. That was another great time playing in the spray and watching the sunlight turn it into one rainbow after another. Anne discovered a back entrance tunnel into the hole and we played around in the cave for awhile. On the way back to camp, we ran into the monk seal napping on another island she had found in our absence. We hung out for awhile in the shade of a shallow cave nearby and watched her as we ate our opihi out of a diving mask dish.

A green flash sunset preceded another collaborative dinner of Pasta Primavera as we discussed the details of the next day's paddle.



Nanahoa, Sunset

Soon we pulled into Kaunolu Bay and our next campsite. This is a great spot with a sandy river bed beach that was a great relief after the rocks of Nanahoa. We set up our camp and watched a solid green flash sunset while enjoying the beautiful lava landforms of the cliffs, the stream valley, Palaoa Point and Kaneapua sea stack. Chalsa was the lead chef on cooking the papio and we had a great dinner.



Anne (above) and Tim (below) at Nanahoa.



We woke up to the sound of birds in the keawe trees and packed up our boats for our next camp site. The swell was now negligible and we got off the boulders very cleanly for our paddle back to the harbor. At the harbor we loaded up on water and took a lunch break. The wind really came up on this paddle, which made it more of an adventure. Fortunately it was at our backs, or our sides, which actually helped us. We also had only 4 miles to go. After we rounded the last point and the wind dropped way off, Steve caught a nice 3 pound omilu. This was a great run of quiet paddling on clear blue and green water with the 1,000 foot high Palikoholo sea cliffs over our heads to our left.



Kaunolu Bay

The beach without the trees made for better stargazing and we spotted Capricornus, the Andromeda galaxy (2.2 million light years away and the furthest you can see with the naked eye), Jupiter, Sagittarius and Scorpio to name a few. This biggest hit though was the three blazing shooting stars we saw. Another thrill.



Looking into Kaunolu



Laundry day at Kaunolu

At 6:00 the next morning it was the famous “Rally, Rally, Rally, time to get out of the Valley!” wake up call and we started packing up. The hour and a half paddle back to the harbor in perfect conditions with beautiful water, sunlight and no wind was a fitting conclusion to a very fun and relaxing trip. Not much can beat fresh fish, dolphins, lobster, opihi, a monk seal and clear skies with glorious stars. It was indeed a trip to remember

The next day was a mellow snorkel dive, a short hike to the Palaoa Point light, checking out the heiau and house sites, and of course Kahekili’s leap. The only two other people we saw at our stop, came by that afternoon on their way to overnight ulua fishing. That night was another delicious team effort dinner followed by hot chocolate and a bon fire.



School of Yellow Tang in the bay

At the leap looking out toward Shark Fin Rock



Hui Wa'a Christmas Party 2009



And our heartfelt thanks to Margaret and Doug Peebles,
for hosting the Annual Hui Wa'a Kaukahi Christmas Party.



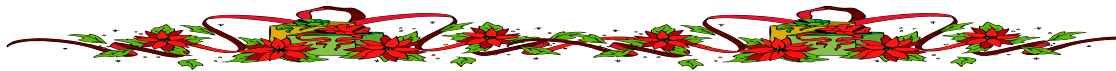
H.W.K. 2009 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



First Place

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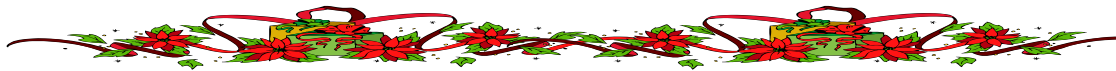
Whale surfacing,
Pacific Rim Park,
Vancouver,
British Colombia



Second Place

Picture by Terry
Shimabukuro

Kayak race start,
Easter Camp
Kualoa Park, Oahu



Third Place

Picture by
Chalsa Loo

Reflection in a
Salt Pool on
the Way to
Rainbow Blow
Hole, Lana'i



2009 H.W.K. PROGRESSIVE FISHING CONTEST

1st Place and Perennial winner
Steve Harris



2nd place Runner up
Norman Chun



3rd Place Most persistent
Chuck Ehrhorn



4th Place Most improved
Terry Shimabukuro



Oama King
Stan McCrae



Most likely to succeed (next year)
Ed Rhineland



Lady angler of year
Lois Miyashiro



New anglers of the year
Nora and Yale Passamaneck



Fisher's Corner



Alan fought an Awa'awa on the
paddle from Kualoa to Kahana.



Chuck caught a nice Omilu paddling
from China walls to Haleiwa.



Steve brought in a
hefty Kawakawa
outside the
Mokulua's.

HUI WA`A KAUKAHI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January-March 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

Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
JANUARY			
Sun 3	EZ Glider: Kawai Nui Marsh. Meet at Buzz's Steak House (Lanikai) at 8:30 for the carpool; launch at 9:00. Head across Kailua Bay to the canal, up to the Marsh, and return via the flood control channel to Buzz's for lunch. Possible alternative launch site: Pinky's. Check with Rusty beforehand. 9 mi. RT [28/E1].	1-2	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 <i>lillico@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Tue 5	Steering Board meeting. Chez Passamaneck. Email for directions. 6:30 pm.		Nora Passamaneck 908-346-4668 <i>norapass@hotmail.com</i>
Sat 9	Kahala (Waialae Beach Park) to Keehi Lagoon, or the other way around. Direction (and thus the launching site) depends on the winds: you must contact Steve the night before. There will be a mid-point put-in/take-out at the heliport by the Hilton Lagoon (Waikiki) for those who don't wish to go the whole distance, but all paddlers must meet at the launch point at 8:00 in order to organize the carpool, regardless. Launch at 9:00. 10.2 mi for the entire paddle [6/D1 or 14/A2].	3	Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i>
Sat 16	Weed Out The Wimps & Watch Out The Whales: Makapu'u to Hawai'i Kai. (This one is <i>not</i> for beginners.) Those coming from town may contact the trip leader to arrange a car drop-off in Hawai'i Kai. Otherwise meet at 9:00 am at Makai Range Pier for the car shuttle. Launch at 10:00. 9.5 mi. [22/E1].	4	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 <i>lillico@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sat 16 Sun 17	Weed Out the Wimps with a Twist. As above, but at a more leisurely, or should we say staggered, pace: stop halfway at 2-3 Beer Beach (Kaloko Cove) and campout for the night. Get to Hawai'i Kai on Sunday morning. Same details: meet at 9:00 on Saturday, launch at 10:00 [22/E1].	4	Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i> Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Tue 19	Meeting. Paki Hale, 7 pm. Program: New (and old) member orientation, to begin the new year. What to expect on a club paddle, including leaders' and paddlers' responsibilities. An introduction for some, a refresher for others, an opportunity for spirited discussion for all		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 23 Sun 24	EZ Glider: Kapapa Island Night Fishing. Fishing on Kapapa Island (Kaneohe Bay). Meet at Heeia Kea canoe hale for 2:00 pm launch. Footgear required for landing on Kapapa. Saturday day paddlers welcome; overnights must check with Rusty in advance for final arrangements. 5 mi RT [37/E2].	1	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 <i>lillico@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sat 30	Keehi Lagoon to Ewa Beach. Along Reef Runway and across the mouth of Pearl Harbor. Optional non-competitive kite run for interested fliers. Meet at 8:00 am for carpool at "Alan's Ramp" (by the Marine Education & Training Center. Take Sand Island Access Road, cross the bridge, turn right at the 2nd traffic light). Launch at 9:00. 7.5 mi. [5/D4]		Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i>

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FEBRUARY			
Sun 7	EZ Glider to the Mokes and Super Bowl Sunday Surf Clinic. Meet at the Kailua Beach Boat Ramp at 8:00 and head out to the Mokulua Islands. Surfing not required, but those who wish will get basic instruction and then a chance to practice with other experienced kayak surfers. If you don't have a good surf boat, contact the leaders in advance about borrowing one. Bring snacks and lunch. Those who <i>have</i> to will be able to get back in time for the 1:18 pm kick-off. 3.5 mi. RT [28/E2].	1-3	Jodi Dingle 951-4360 <i>jldingle@hotmail.com</i> Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i> Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Thur 11 -- Tue 16	Off-Island: South Shore Kauai. Launch from Nawiliwili, spend 3-4 days camping and paddling; sites to be determined by the group. (Note that Monday is Presidents' Day.) Potential for heavy seas, and potentially tricky reef and boulder landings. Limit 6-8 people. Contact Chuck by January 1 to sign up.	4	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 13	Kualoa to the Sand Bar and back , with a tour of Turtle Town. Launch at 8:00 am. 8.4 mi. round trip.	2	Matt Isono 735-3624 <i>evil_vegita@hawaiiantel.net</i>
Tue 16	Meeting. Paki Hale, 7 pm. Program: Steve Harris on the Lana'i Rendezvous paddles, past and future.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 20	EZ Glider: Magic Island to Sans Souci and back. Launch from the canoe ramp next to the Waikiki Yacht Club at 10:00 am. (No carpool.) 4.5 mi. [12/D1].	1-2	Gary Budlong 737-8893
Fri 26	(Nearly) Full Moon and Fireworks Paddle. Launch at 6:00 pm from the heliport just beyond the Hilton Lagoon (access via the road behind the Ilikai). Bring snacks and drinks and some way to illuminate your boat for the paddle back. White is a good color, or light blue cayalume sticks. Please, no red or green lights: they confuse the boaters. 2mi. RT [12/D1].	1	Gary Budlong 737-8893
Sun 28	Heeia Kea Boat Harbor to Kualoa Regional Park. Meet at the Kaneohe Canoe Club Hale (just to the left as you enter the boat harbor) at 8:30 for the 9:00 am carpool. C. 5 mi. [37/E2].	2	Kate Schalk 235-8654 <i>kschalk@hotmail.com</i>
MARCH			
Tue 3	Steering Board meeting. Chez Passamaneck. Email for directions. 6:30 pm.		Nora Passamaneck 908-346-4668 <i>norapass@hotmail.com</i>
Sun 7	Circle Rabbit Island and Black Island (Manana and Kaohikaipu) from Makai Range Pier. Surfing and snorkeling. No carpool. Be ready to leave the beach at 8:30 am. 4 mi. RT [22/E1]	3	Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i> Charlie Hekekie 259-7190 <i>chashekiekie@yahoo.com</i>
Sat 13	Surf launching and landing clinic. Prequalification for the club's neighbor island trips. Practice launching and landing Scupper Pro or equivalent touring kayaks in surf conditions. Learn to implement safe procedures, observe conditions early, and practice various techniques. Meet at Sherwood Forest (Waimanalo Sate Recreation Area, across from the polo field), 9:00 am.	2-3	Alan Calhoun 291-5505 <i>kayak-fool@hawaii.rr.com</i> Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Tue 17	Meeting. Paki Hale, 7 pm. Program: Chuck Ehrhorn, with a presentation entitled "Pavarotti on Lake Mead."		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sun 21	Electric Beach to Pokai Bay Beach Park. Meet at 8:30 for the 9:00 am carpool. 11 mi. [102/C2].	2	Ed Rhinelander 497-3981 <i>loikake@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sat 27- Sun 28	Open Ditch Fish Twitch. Fisherpersons get to pick their own favorite spot to paddle in, and any fish caught on either or both days count towards the Progressive Fishing Tournament score as long as you've paid to enter the contest and you report the fish within 24 hours to Norm, either by phone or email.		Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i>