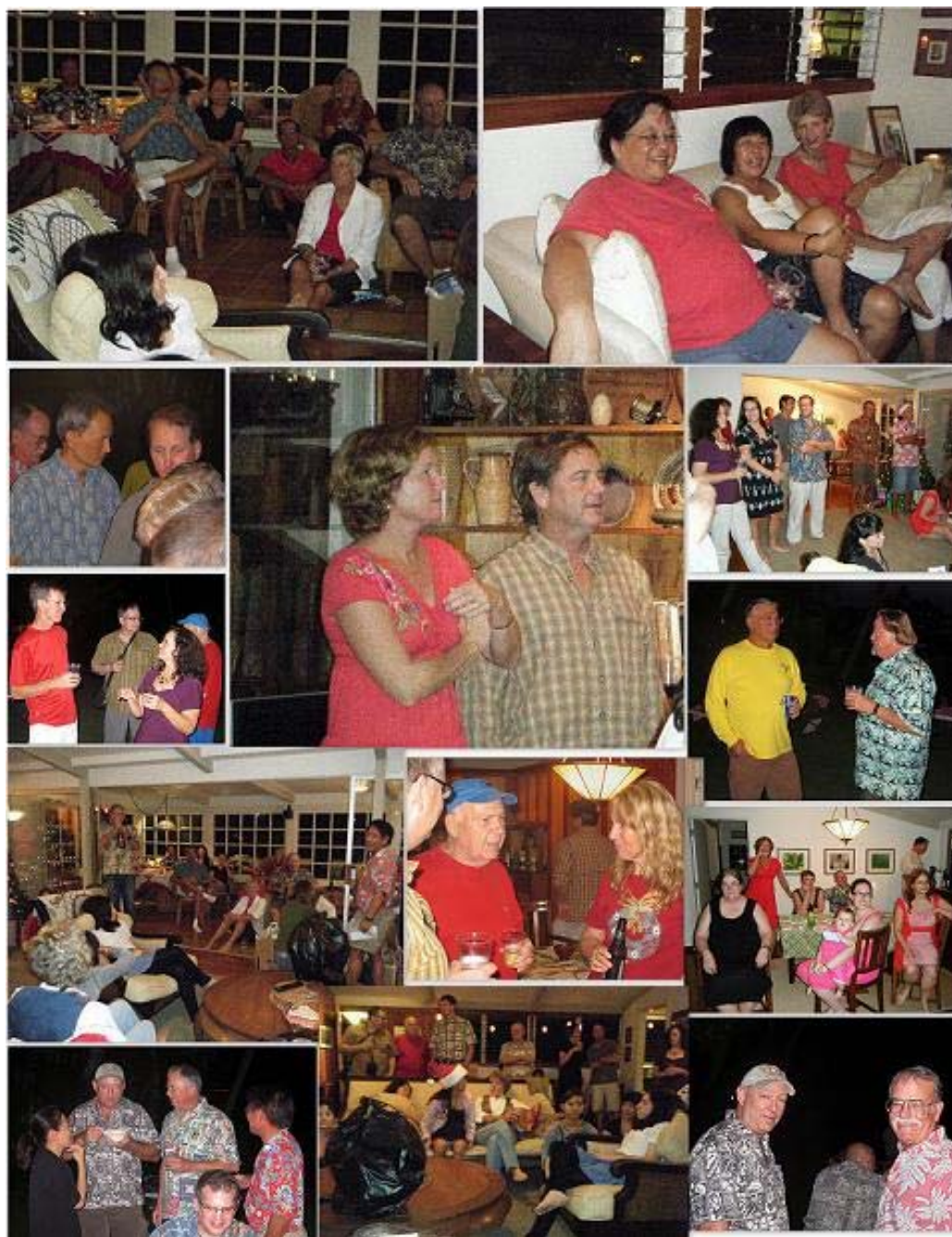




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K-Bay Bash 2010



This years K-Bay Bash was held September 18th and 19th at Kualoa Regional Park. Everyone who attended had fun.

Papio Tournament contestants and organizers



Stan McCrae won the HWK Papio Fishing Tournament. Coming in second was Chuck Ehrhorn. Earning third was Steve Harris.

Photos by Lois Keliikuloa Miyashiro



Coconut Island Revisited

By Kevin Ching DDS

It has been a while since the Hui last went to Coconut Island. Our contact, Dr. Kim Holland, could not host us anymore due to a new protocol. So when we finally arranged a tour with Mark Heckman, the director of the Community Education Program, Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology at Moku o Lo'e, over 30 members signed up. Expectations were high, since the Hui has always had a special relationship with Kaneohe Bay, Coconut Island included. We fish, take pictures, sail and paddle just about everywhere in this beautiful body of water.



Mark had not had many requests to paddle to the island, so he had to figure out the best place for all of us to land, but he finally came up with the flats behind the dorm. It turned out to be a pretty good place to land, but the low tide created a challenge to get our kayaks up on to the greens, which were elevated 3 feet above sea level and over a sea wall.

After we all arrived, we assembled into 2 groups and we toured the island in different directions, Mark leading one group and Sharon leading the other. I was on Mark's group, and we immediately headed towards the dorm.

Apparently, Coconut Island was a playground for the rich and famous, Errol Flynn, and other stars at the time, spending many days there.



In fact, there were plans to turn the tiny island into a resort, but apparently it was given up because Kaneohe is so rainy. But not on this day, the weather was so nice, it made you forget about all the gray, rainy days we have spent paddling in Kaneohe in the past. We moved on to the research facility, where we came across the tanks of exposed water that a researcher would have lost months of data if any of us stuck our hand in the tank. Mark explained that as one of the reasons that public access to the island is restricted to guided tours, and visitors are not allowed to wander about on their own. We were allowed to take a break on one of the boat ramps in the small boat harbor on the north side, in an enclosed area we saw two tiger sharks swimming around. They ignited our attention as we saw the lovely animals slowly making a circle around the enclosure. Before long we were off to the classrooms and research building. Heading around the south side of the island, we came to the highlight of the trip, the shark tanks. In one enclosure, a black tip shark and an Ulua swam around the shallow lagoon.

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Steve Harris looked longingly at the large fish. We continued on to the smaller, outer enclosure that was filled with small hammerhead sharks. Mark pointed out that Kaneohe Bay is the most heavily populated water by sharks than anywhere else in Hawaii. Later, he spoke of the research the University of Hawaii has done on tiger sharks. Through the work of researchers, it was determined that most of the waters surrounding the islands have been or are being visited by tiger sharks, in fact, if you have been out paddling for 2 hours, it is very likely you have been visited by at least one shark. Fortunately, we are not the primary diet of these great animals, so shark attacks are very rare. Unfortunately, when they do occur, it gets worldwide attention in this age of the Internet.

After the tour was over, we took a short break for lunch on the grass,



and it was time to paddle home. Some of us weren't quite ready to end the paddle just yet, so we circumnavigated the island, visiting all the sites that we just walked by. The weather was still idyllic, and we leisurely paddled back to He'eia, with that great feeling that we had restarted a great paddle of the Hui's past, and next year, we may go back for an overnight, service project.

KAHANA RIVER PADDLE

Sunday November 21

Led by George "of the Jungle" Shoemaker

Photos by Lois Miyashiro



HUI WA`A KAUKAHI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JANUARY-MARCH 2011

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
JANUARY			
Sun 9	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. There are 2 "portages" around bridges & over berms, so pack light and bring footwear. 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 11	Steering Board meeting. Chez Passamaneck. Email for directions. 6:30 pm.		Nora Passamaneck 908-346-4668 <i>norapass@hotmail.com</i>
Sat 15	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	Rob Murphy 398-0542 <i>paddlemonkey</i> <i>@email.phoenix.edu</i>
Tue 18	Meeting. Aiea Public Library, 7 pm. You can find a map and directions by clicking on the link on the calendar on the club website. Program: Safety First, led by President Chuck Ehrhorn.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sun 23	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 29	Keehi Lagoon to Ewa Beach. Along Reef Runway and across the mouth of Pearl Harbor. Meet no later than 8:00 a.m. 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.) Ed will pick up you up at Ewa Beach and return you to Keehi Lagoon. Be at Ewa Beach no later than 8:30 a.m. for the return shuttle. Launch at 9:00 a.m. Call Ed if you're paddling so he knows how many people to expect. P.S. "Catch a ride with a buddy" to the launch site to lessen the number of carpoolers. 7.5 mi. [5/D4]	2+	Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i> Ed Rhinelander 497-3981 <i>loikake@hawaii.rr.com</i>
FEBRUARY			
Sun 6	Super Bowl XLIV Surfing and Masters' Hui Buoy. Meet at the Kailua Beach Boat Ramp for an 8:00 am launch. Head out to the Mokulua Islands for some surfing with Paul, or if you are more adventurous, join Chuck on a paddle out to the fishing buoy another 2 miles off-shore. Everyone meets back on the Mokes for lunch. Those who <i>have</i> to will be able to get back in time for the 1:18 pm kickoff. 3.5 mi. RT [28/E2].	1-3	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i> Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sat 12	EZ Glider: Kualoa to the Sand Bar and back (Kaneohe Bay), with a tour of Uncle Bob's Turtle Town. Launch at 8:00 am from Kualoa County Park Camp-ground 'A' (site of the Easter Frolic). 8.5 mi. RT [42/A4].	1	Matt Isono 735-3624 <i>evil_vegita@hawaiiantel.net</i>

Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
Tue 15	Meeting. Aiea Public Library, 7 pm. (For the directions, see the note at January 18, above.) Program: From Loreto to La Paz: Camping and Kayaking on the Sea of Cortez. Lucille James.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Thur 17 -- Tue 22	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 or Paul by January 15 to sign up.	4	Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i> Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sun 20	EZ Glider: Ala Wai Streams Exploration. Ala Wai Canal from Kapahulu Library to Magic Island and back, exploring the little known streams along the way. Meet at Kapahulu Library (at the Diamond Head end of the canal) at 8:00 am to launch at 8:30. No carpool. Note: The water in the Ala Wai is polluted, yet many canoe & kayak clubs paddle there. Stay in your boat, and don't drink the water.	1	Hunter Johnson 223-1855 <i>hunter808@earthlink.net</i>
Sat 26	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]	2	Matt Isono 735-3624 <i>evil_vegita@hawaiiantel.net</i> Rob Murphy 398-0542 <i>paddlemonkey@email.phoenix.edu</i>
MARCH			
Tue 1	Steering Board meeting. Chez Passamaneck. Email for directions. 6:30 pm.		Nora Passamaneck 908-346-4668 <i>norapass@hotmail.com</i>
Sat 5	Surf Crash and Burn 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. [21/A1 - 24/F4]	2-3	Alan Calhoun 621-6146 <i>kayak-fool@hawaii.rr.com</i> Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sun 13	Kahe Point (Electric Beach) to Pokai Bay Beach Park. Meet at 8:30; carpool leaves Kahe Point at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Launch upon return. Call Ed if you're paddling so he knows how many people to expect. 11 mi. [102/C2].	2	Ed Rhineland 497-3981 <i>loikake@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Tue 15	Meeting. Paki Hale, 3840 Paki Avenue, next to Kapiolani Park in Waikiki. (NOTE: not the same venue as the January and February meetings), 7 pm. Program: Gary Budlong on cruising (not paddling) the rivers and canals of Europe.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Fri 18	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	Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i> Gary Budlong 737-8893 Rob Murphy 398-0542 <i>paddlemonkey@email.phoenix.edu</i>
Sat 19	Moonset/Sunrise Paddle on Kailua Bay. Meet at 6:00 am ready to paddle at Kailua Boat Ramp. (The moon sets at 6:21am and the sun rises at 6:42am.) Depending on weather – we will paddle out past Flat Island and then on the path of the setting moon. Then turning around we can paddle on the path of the rising sun. Cosette invites you for a potluck breakfast on deck at Hilltop House after the paddle, carpooling from the beach park.	1	Cosette Harms 292-7007 <i>cosetteemt@gmail.com</i>
Sat 26- Sun 27	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>

BRAGGER'S RIGHTS FISHING CONTEST 2010

By Norm Chun
Photos by Tim Sawyer

The annual Bragger's Rights fishing contest was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd and 24th at Hale Koa Beach on the Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe. Only two intrepid campers, Steve Harris and Norm Chun decided to weather the elements to camp on Friday night and get an early start for the contest. The moon was full and lit up the entire beach. There was a lot of room for camping as the club reserved sites 16 and 17, which had more than ample, room to accommodate more than 20 people. Each site was equipped with a hibachi and picnic table.

The contest started at 7:00 on Saturday morning. The sun had already risen with slight trades blowing. Norm, Steve, and new member Johny Jimenez were the first to push off the beach. About 15 minutes into the paddle, in the clear, calm shallow water behind Turtle Back Island, Norm was startled by a brownish projectile popping up 15 feet from the boat. It was a monk seal! What a surprise. It dove under the kayak and swam directly into shore.



The three paddlers took a right turn around pyramid rock and headed for Moku Manu. Norm and Steve passed through the Ulupau-Moku Manu gap and headed for the D buoy.



While on the way back in, Steve had a hookup and brought up a nice aku (6.2 lbs) which was the winning fish.

Meanwhile Chuck caught a 4 lb 'awa'awa near North Beach. This fish eventually won second place and was caught on a brown and white surface plug. Stan brought in a wahanui of unknown size, that he caught and released and brought him third place.



Tim had also caught a roi on Saturday and helped to eliminate one member of this invasive species. Sunday's catch was uneventful, but Chuck caught an 18-inch kaku, which was eventually released to grow bigger.

Steve also hooked a shark about 4 feet long on his opelu bait, but eventually the line cut as the fish was near the boat. Tim Sawyer did a fantastic job as prize chairman and handed out prizes to the successful fishermen. After the contest, we all enjoyed a hearty lunch of barbequed short ribs. All in all it was a fun weekend for all who participated, and we look forward to the contest next year.

Master's Windbag Exploratory

By Jean Ehrhorn

Building on the successful concept of the annual Windbag Regatta, Chuck Ehrhorn decided to try out a new venue for a race of kayakers sailing, kiting and otherwise getting blown down the coast.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010 ten intrepid kayakers launched on an exploratory race from Maunalua Bay in Hawaii Kai to San Souci Beach. Goal: see who wins by crossing the line of the Diamond Head Buoy first. There were three kayaks with sails, and 5 with kites. The "plate lunch boys" planned to launch their big surfing kite from a Malibu double kayak. Unfortunately, the winds were not strong enough to launch the big kite from shore, so Matt and Rob entered the race with only paddles.

Jeanie Ehrhorn started the racers at 9:47 am...then raced through east side traffic to the lookout just before the Diamond Head Buoy to watch the racers pass over the line. One hour and nine minutes later, Steve Harris was the first across the line with his bright yellow sail. Next came Chuck and his 7.5 kite ten minutes later. Then, low and behold...a strange sight came into view: it was Paul Tibbetts sailing along holding onto the Malibu double with Matt and Rob aboard. The three of them leisurely crossed the buoy line at 11:15am

Wind and sea conditions were calmer than normal, but the experiment was deemed successful. Maybe it will be tried again next year.



HWK WINNING PHOTO'S of 2010



1st Place - "Waimanu Valley" by Stan McCrae

A new award – a Photography Literate award – was given out this year for the person who knew the origins and meaning of the word “Photography.” Correctly identifying that the word “photography” means “drawing with light,” was Peter Nicholson.

There were only 13 entries this year. I encourage all members to begin thinking about taking photo shots and entering these shots next year, so we can get more entries. In an effort to create an incentive for greater participation next

Winners of the 2010 Hui Wa’a Photo Contest
Chalsa Loo

The Photo Contest winners at the 2010 Christmas party of the Hui Wa’a Kaukahi were: *First Place: Stan McCrae* with his early morning shot of Waimanu Valley on the island of Hawaii; *Second Place: Terry Shimabukuro* with his shot of a beaming fisherman (Ed Rhinelander) pulling in his line, and *Third Place: Debbie Wheeler* with a shot from Awalua on the north shore of Lanai.



2nd Place - "Fisherman's Delight" by Terry Shimabukuro



3rd Place - "Awalua Shipwreck" by Debbie Wheeler

year, we shall be providing a \$50 prize for the photo contest in 2011 (thanks to Gary Budlong)! **In addition to the People’s Choice(s), we will be adding another new award -- the Professional Photographer’s Choice Award!**

Congratulations to this year’s winners! And start thinking about next year! Finally, we thank Peggy’s Picks for providing the beautiful Gyotaku prizes for the winners this year!

2010 HWK Progressive Fishing Contest Presented by Fish-master Norm Chun

Photos by Rusty Lillico

Many prizes were given to all contestants, but the leaders were:

Stan McCrae – 1st Place
Steve Harris – 2nd Place
Chuck Ehrhorn – 3rd Place



Below are a couple of the fish caught by Stan during the year.



A 32 lb. Ono caught Sept. 25th outside
Punalu`u



A 32 lb. Mahi-mahi caught Oct. 2nd outside
Kaneohe Bay