



NYC NEWSLETTER * JANUARY 2014

January Calendar

1 (Thur) — **HAPPY NEW YEAR** To Alls from the Nawiliwili Yacht Club!

8 (Wed) — **KSA Meeting**. 5:30 to 6:30 pm

9 (Thurs) — **Facility Development Meeting** at the Clubhouse.

14 (Tues) — **Race Committee Meeting**. 5 pm

14 (Tues) — **NYC Board Meeting**. 6 pm

25 (Sat) — **Deadline for submissions** to the *February Newsletter*. Please be on time. **Mahalo**.

February Calendar

7 (Fri) — **Mandatory Racing Rules Seminar for Skippers and/or First Mates** at the Clubhouse. 6 to 7 pm.

8 (Sat) — **NYC OPENING DAY RACES** at 10 am.

8 (Sat) — *Champagne & Sails* — **Opening Day Luncheon** at the Clubhouse. 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

13 (Thur) — **RACE #1, SPRING SHAKEDOWN SERIES**

20 (Thur) — **RACE #2, SPRING SHAKEDOWN SERIES**

25 (Tue) — **Deadline for submissions** to the *March Newsletter*. Please be on time. **Mahalo**.

27 (Thur) — **RACE #3, SPRING SHAKEDOWN SERIES**

Christmas Party Wrap Up

Sunday evening the 8th of December at NYC was a wonderful start to the Holiday Season. On the front lawn of the Clubhouse the junior sailors created a colorful sailor's Christmas display.

Strings of lights outlined the masts and rigging of several of the small boats — while out at the slips, the adults had done the same with a number of larger boats.

Upstairs in the club, the delicious aromas of salmon and ham wafted through the Clubhouse as **Dick, Eric,** and **Sandy** busily cooked up a storm. The club itself was alive with Christmas lights, a beautifully decorated tree, and tables in white linen with Poinsettia centerpieces.

Christmas music played as **Sea's** race photos of the fleet from last season were displayed on a screen by the club's new projector. The mood was set for a wonderful Holiday Party.

A delicious meal of salmon or ham with potatoes, carrots, and salad was followed by chocolate cake for desert. Wine and drinks were poured. Conversation was shared. The new club officers were introduced and the race awards distributed — with **FAST COMPANY** once again winning more than their share. All was followed up with a "Name that Christmas Tune" game led by **Sea Peterson**. Mahalos to **Ken & Jan Martinez, Bill & Sea Peterson,** and **Paula Saylor** for the wonderful decorations. Mahalo to **FAST COMPANY** for set up and clean up. Mahalo to **Paula** for taking the reservations and to **Liz Olsen** for playing gatekeeper. Thank you to our judges **Ron Wagner, Jan Martinez,** and **Mary Kopitzke**. Thank you to the KSA sailing students for their fabulous decorations and to everyone else for coming and making the evening a delight. **Happy New Year!!!**

Sea & Bill Peterson

Champagne & Sails

8 February ~ Save the date!

Our **Opening Day Luncheon** featuring a **Best Dressed Nautical Themed Outfit Contest** — *Holly Golightly meets Mrs. Cleaver, and possibly Thurston Howell III* will be on 8 February.

Please plan to join us at the Yacht Club to celebrate the opening of our racing season. Dust off your glue gun, your ascots, and your anchor studded belt buckles, get those creative juices flowing. Our luncheon will follow the Opening Day Races. The races will begin at 10 am: lunch will begin around 1:30 pm. Menu and more details coming in the *February Newsletter*.

RACING NEWS

2014 RACE SCHEDULE

Mandatory Racing Rules Seminar. Friday, 7 February from 6 to 7 pm. This is a **mandatory** meeting for skippers and/or 1st mates. All members are welcome.

OPENING DAY RACES ~ Saturday, 8 February at 10 am.

The **WARD HAYWARD MEMORIAL RACE SERIES** will be replaced with **THE SPRING SHAKEDOWN RACE SERIES**. The first series of 2014 will be six races long on consecutive Thursdays, each beginning at 5 pm with a five-minute warning flag. A dinner party follows each race at the NYC Clubhouse. Racing boats' crewmembers will take turns as assigned by **Rear Commodore Ken Martinez** to cook, serve, and cleanup after each party.

KAUAI CHANNEL RACE ~1 August~ The race is on August 1st. The party is on August 2nd.

Scuttlebutt

* **Alison Fornari** is expecting baby #3 in early January.

We have had two new members, so far, join us for 2014:

* **Phil & Laurie O'Rourke**, who live in Kapa`a — Phil has been sailing all of his life.

* **Morgan Childs**, born and raised on Kauai, now living on O`ahu.

* **She Sits, You Sail:** Former **SPEEDY** crew member, **Susan Ullis**, was seen at the annual

Christmas dinner party. Minor injuries have kept her at bay. Since February, she has been house and pet sitting for friends who wish to fly or sail to distant shores. If you wish to sail away knowing your pet and home are well cared for, call 808-639-2638. And — wow! — she doesn't charge for house and pet sitting jobs that are *longer* than two weeks. Susan no longer has her little 19' Potter sail boat on Puget Sound.

* Heard from Lifetime Member **George Deane**, S.V. **HANA HOU**, formerly berthed at Nawiliwili. He and **JoAnne** spent the past year in New Zealand while George healed from a broken shoulder. They've spent most of their time aboard **HANA HOU** in Whangarei on North Island. In January they plan to pack their kayaks into their camp-van and tour South Island before they sail to Tonga in May and then Fiji. After that they will work their way back to Hawai'i via Western Samoa, Pago Pago, and Fanning, so we will start to look for them next December. *They wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and promise to stay in touch.*



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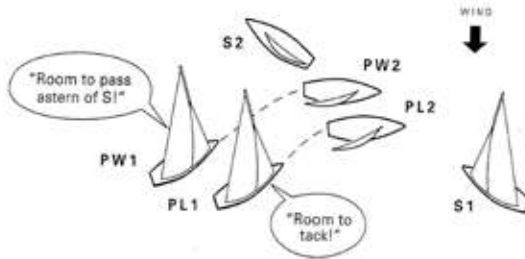
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Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quiz 43

Boats PW and PL, two close-hauled port-tack boats, are half a length apart and approaching Boat S, a close-hauled star-board-tack boat. If PL and S hold their courses PL will hit S amidships. PW hails PL for room to pass astern of S. PL then hails PW for room to tack at S. PW does not respond and begins bearing away to pass astern of S. PL bears away also to avoid a collision and protests PW. In the hearing PW defends her actions by saying that she hailed first. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



Answer

Boat PW is penalized for breaking rule 20.2(c), Room to Tack at an Obstruction: Responding. S is an obstruction to PL and PW because they both need to keep clear of S (see the definition Obstruction). Rule 19.2(a), Room to Pass an Obstruction: Giving Room at an Obstruction, states, "A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an obstruction on either side." Rule 20 applies because safety requires the leeward boat (PL) to make a substantial course change to avoid an obstruction (S) and permits PL (the right-of-way boat) to tack if she so chooses. It is immaterial which boat hails first. Rule 20.1, Hailing, specifically permits PL to hail PW for room to tack at the obstruction; and rule 20.2(c) requires PW to respond in one of two ways (either tack or reply "You tack"). PW does neither and thereby breaks rule 20.2(c). (See US Sailing Appeal 24.) 

Rules Corner

Obstruction: An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her. A boat under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.



change course.

Rule 20.2(c) Responding

The hailed boat shall respond either by tacking as soon as possible, or by immediately replying "You Tack" and giving the hailing boat room to tack and avoid her.



Photos by **Sea Peterson**

Rule 19.2(a) Giving Room at an Obstruction
A right-of-way boat may choose to pass an obstruction on either side.

Rule 20.1 Hailing
When approaching an obstruction, a boat may hail for room to tack and avoid a boat on the same tack. However, she shall not hail if:

(a) she can avoid the obstruction without making a substantial course change.

(b) she is sailing below close-hauled, or

(c) the obstruction is a mark and a boat that is fetching it would be required to respond and

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 Youth Activities *This committee needs a chairperson*

We need chairs for the following committees, events, or activities:

- Fund Raising (plan drawings or events to raise money)
 - Youth Activities & Events (plan events and activities just for the kids)
- Please contact Commodore Jim Saylor if you are willing to help*

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