

What a great day!

Saturday, March 6... Wahine Rhodes 19 regatta hosted by PHYC, boats provided by MWR... 8 skippers, 26 sailors in all... blustery trades provided by mother nature. The day encompassed 2 events: the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 regattas comprising the 2010 Wahine Racing Series and the long standing Greenhow Regatta.

Yes this was a fine day for a regatta full of camaraderie, competition and some huge learning curves!

**Mahalo Nui Loa to MWR for allowing this convergence of military personnel/dependents with the local adult & youth community.\***

Huge mahalos to Dean and his crew who helped make this all happen:

(all w/out a YC notated are from PHYC)

Safety Boat: Paul Pollock, Mick Williams and Rob Lisch (PYC)

Assisting Dean with Race Committee: Dee Darby (HYC)

Registration: Dan Bent, Mike Goetzke

Pre-race preparation: Barb Deedman, Ann Ford, Cathleen Smith, Kate Schalk, and Barbara Prusiewicz

Highlights of the day for me:

\*meeting & connecting with women- young & old, from all over O'ahu...Wai'anae Youth Sailing program, Jr. sailors, collegiate alumni, PHYC & PYC, HYC, KYC, WYC

\*seeing the hard work put in by Dean & Kathleen Smith, Kate Schalk & Ann Ford, to name a few, turn into a successful event. Seeing their triumph in a smooth, nearly damage free regatta

\*having last minute entrants be able to jump right in and join the fun: Erin, the UH alumnus who helped 2 crews as a fourth and replaced 1 crew as a 3<sup>rd</sup>--thank you Erin! There was also Rita, who found out about the regatta on Thursday, via a Cal 20 inquiry, and filled in for an absent crew !

\*seeing 26 wahine on the water conquering the blustery conditions on Pearl Harbor, with only 1 breakdown! (equipment fatigue)

\*sensing the upbeat energy from everyone involved, and feeling assured that this energy will see us through the remaining 3 regattas

\* Please find a moment to write a letter of thanks to the Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, who approved our request to hold the regatta. Also his Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department provided support.

His name is CAPT Richard Kitchens and his address is:

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Watch for the Notice of Series and more info regarding upcoming races.

I look forward to meeting even more Jr. sailors, UH sailors, wahine from all over O'ahu .... in our remaining events. We're already looking ahead to 2011!

Cheers,

Leslie Foster

On behalf of Wahine Skipper Series steering committee

Results: <http://www.ussailing.net/PHYC/regevents.html>