

WYSP Concludes a Successful Sailing Season



Caitlin Strickland and Kate Anderson (center) pose with their instructors after winning 1st place at the Greenhow Regatta.

Submitted by Marcy Thomas

The Wai'anae Youth Sailing program (WYSP) completed its fall sailing program in October and a handful of youth, ages 14 to 20, became proficient at sailing 14' Flying Juniors on Pokai Bay. The final day of class was "Family Day" and the students demonstrated their skills by taking their family members out for a sail.

The group participated in three field trips this fall. Volunteer sailing instructor

Ann Ford took two young women from the program to crew in the Greenhow Regatta, a women's only race, held at Hickam Harbor. The WYSP group won first place in the regatta. The students also served as part of the Race Committee for the J-24 State Championships in Kaneohe Bay. During the last field trip the group was able to experience offshore sailing on a 45' sailboat out of Ala Wai Boat Harbor. The students were pleased to discover that

the same sailing terminology and skills that they had learned in Pōka'i Bay also applied to racing and sailing much larger boats.

The WYSP is run by volunteers and is part of the Sea Scout program. It is sponsored by the Wai'anae Boat Fishing Club.

The next session of sailing classes will begin on February 21, and will be held at Pōka'i Bay on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. An intermediate pro-



gram for returning sailors will be held in conjunction with these classes. The cost for the 10 week session is \$30, but scholarships are available.

For more information on classes or volunteering contact Jeff or Marcy Thomas at 668-0472 or by e-mail at thomas026@hawaii.rr.com You can also contact Ann Ford at 282-8782 or at ann@favoredtacksailing.com



Students Aika Highland, Caitlin Strickland and Kate Anderson and their instructor at Pōka'i Bay.

5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference

Submitted by Denise Kelikoa.

High school students from Wai'anae, Nānākuli and Kapolei high school are invited to attend Valley of Rainbows' 5th Annual Youth Leadership Conference scheduled for February 12 at JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa. The purpose of the conference is to share the importance of higher education and provide the resources and tools needed to fulfill your educational and career goals. Guest speakers, breakout sessions and a college fair is also planned. The conference is

free, see your school counselor to complete necessary registration forms, space is limited.

This conference is sponsored by: C&C of Honolulu Community Benefits Grant, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, James & Abigail Campbell Foundation, Aloha Care, Friends of Hawaii Charities, NFL Charities, Hawaii Hotel Lodging Association, Grace Pacific, Leeward Community College, Kamehameha Schools, Searider Productions, and Ua Au o Kapolei.

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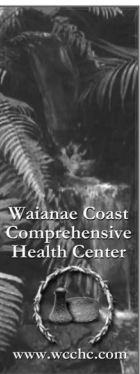
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