

June 23rd, 2021

To: blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov
The Board of Land and Natural Resources

Regarding: Agenda item For THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES DATE: June 25, 2021, 9:00 A.M

I am writing as both an active Board Member and sailor with the **Kona Sailing Club**. This club has given my family so much growth, including support of a strong sailing community. Selling the Club's lease at auction with incomplete value information will greatly lead to loss of this community. As noted by other members, the Kona Sailing Club has informed the committee that the Club is in the process of **converting to a 501(c)(3) non-profit**. We have done our research, held multiple meetings and have decided that a 501(c)(3) is most in line with our mission; as such, we are adapting our Articles of Incorporation/Charter Documents to correctly reflect our clubs current and future mission and goals. We understand timing is important given the nature of our lease and we are working expeditiously to complete this transition. We request that any decisions regarding our lease are tabled until we are able to complete this transition.

Should you have any questions please contact us via email at KonaAlanLiz@Hotmail.com.

Mahalo,



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Board Member of the Kona Sailing Club

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Renew the Kona Sailing Club lease
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:52:51 PM

Attn: The Board of Land and Natural Resources

Regarding: Agenda item For THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DATE: June 25, 2021, 9:00 A.M

I am writing to you to request that you renew the lease for the Kona Sailing Club at the Honokohau Harbor. The Kona Sailing Club and other entities, like the Big Island Sailing Club, that operate from that piece of land offer a very valuable service to the community.

The culture of Hawaii was born from the maritime sailing tradition by the early Polynesian settlers that came to the islands on sailing boats. This is an inherent piece of the history of the people and land and waters of Hawaii and should be considered heavily as you decide the fate of the Kona Sailing Club as it is one of the few, if not only, clubs in operation on the islands that offer kids, women, and people of all types the opportunity to learn to sail. Could you make more money by selling off the land at auction? Probably, but would it be worth the cost of the continued loss of such an important piece of the Hawaiian culture? I don't think so.

Please consider this heavily before you make your decision.

Thank you,

Nick Kern

From: [Brad Weinmann](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kona Sailing Club Lease renewal at Honokohau Harbor
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:04:25 AM



Kona Sailing Club
P.O. Box 2996
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June 23rd, 2021

We are writing this letter to inform you that the Kona Sailing Club is in the process of converting to a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We have done our research, held multiple meetings and have decided that a 501(c)(3) is most in line with our mission; as such, we are adapting our Articles of Incorporation/Charter Documents to correctly reflect our clubs current and future mission and goals. We understand timing is important given the nature of our lease and we are working expeditiously to complete this transition. We request that any decisions regarding our lease are tabled until we are able to complete this transition. Our club provides valuable services to our community including education on sailing, boat handling, and ocean safety.

Should you have any questions please contact us via email at board@konasailingclub.org.

Kind regards,

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From: [Frank Latinis](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#); [Daniel Starsong](#); [Alicia Starsong](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kona Sailing Club
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:36:12 PM

Aloha to Members of the BLNR;

Where is your sensitivity and community spirit? KSC has been a pillar here in Kona for years. I joined about 15 years ago when I moved here from New Jersey. Some of their members taught me to sail and I finally purchased a sailboat. They run many programs for the children and have events throughout the year for the community.

As a local real estate broker may I suggest that you give them a 25 year lease with additional renewable options with a starting rent of \$1,800.00 per month with a 10% increase every 5 years. That would be a community service and well appreciated.

Mahalo,

Frank Latinis

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To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item for the meeting of the board of land and natural resources, June 25, 2021, 9 AM
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:07:34 PM

To whom it may concern

I have been involved with the Kona Sailing Club since its conception in the early 1980s. Through the years, I've seen an evolution of Kona residence of all ages enjoy the experiences, the education, and the much-needed respect for the ocean activities which originate from the harbor.

Kona Sailing Club is the only existing organization to endorse and teach sailing on the west side of Hawaii. If their lease permit is not renewed for one year, The chances of finding a new location and starting over are unfathomable.

I recognize that these are hard times financially even for our state coffers, believe me the Kona Sailing Club is willing to help all of Ken and assist the state to continue to have diversified quality services in recreation.

Thank you for this consideration.

Joel Michaelson, Captain
USCG Merchant Marine
52 years service

Sent from my iPad

From: [Alicia Starsong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kona Sailing Club renewal of RP#15
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:19:14 PM

The Board of Land and Natural Resources

Regarding Agenda item FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DATE: June 25, 2021, 9:00 A.M

I am writing to you as a Board member of Kona Sailing Club (KSC) and the Chair of Youth and Women's sailing events. I request the renewal of Kona Sailing Club's revocable rent permit RP#15. The renewal of the current permit would give the Club time to complete the process of becoming a 501c3 non-profit charitable corporation. I believe our club provides value to the Big Island community far beyond the increase in dollars the State would receive by putting our lease up for auction. There is still vacant State land around Honokohau Harbor that could be leased out, if there is commercial interest.

Without the renewal of KSC's revocable permit future youth, women's and general sailing events are in jeopardy. KSC holds Teen sailing during most public school breaks. We have 3 weeks of Teen sailing planned during the month of July, another week in October as well as a week during the Winter & Spring breaks. We have a Women's sail training weekend in November. All these events are open to the community. Additionally, the Big Island Sailing Foundation (BISF), a 501c3 corporation, is located at the Kona Sailing Club. The BISF owns the boats used in both the KSC Teen sailing programs, it's Keiki sailing programs, and the BISF boats are available to Teens with sufficient skill to enter local sailing regattas. BISF has 3 weeks of Keiki sailing each Summer.

Help us continue to be a community resource by renewing our revocable rent permit for another year.

Sincerely,
Alicia Starsong