

Honolulu Quarterback Club

"The Preeminent Sports Source in Hawai'i, Recognizing All Sports"

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PRESS RELEASE

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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 65 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their luncheon, Monday, May 2nd., at the MGR.:

+ Bob Ale – Staff Commodore – Hawai'i Youth Sailing Association
+ Eric Polivka – Head Coach - Girl's Water Polo Team – Farrington High

Bob Ale – Staff Commodore – Hawai'i Youth Sailing Association & US Sailing Youth Championship - Bob has been involved in the sailing community in Hawai'i for the past 30 years competing in local regattas as well as national championships on the mainland. He has sailed in the Clipper Cup, Kenwood Cup, Asahi Cup, The Lipton Cup, Kalaukaka Cup and various other state championships. He is currently a 4 time state champion in the J/24 Class and placed 2nd at the 1995 J/24 World championships. As a representative from the Hawai'i Youth Sailing Association, the governing body for youth sailing in the state, Bob will talk about the many opportunities and programs available to our young sailors. They include local regattas, clinics and championships that lead to national and international opportunities for youth. During his presentation, we will learn about the growing ILH Sailing program, which now includes 12 high schools who have 120 sailors each spring in the historic, "Dole Bowl" championship and hear about HYSA's annual Imu Ragatta, an invitational event that draws high school sailing teams from across the country to compete at the UH sailing center. Professionally, Bob has been with Insurance Factors for 28 years as an insurance broker assisting medium sized businesses with their Property, Liability, Auto and Workers compensation insurance. He will talk about the team and their perseverance.

Eric Polivka – Head Coach – Girl's Water Polo Team – Farrington High School – Coach Eric who guided the Farrington High School Girl's Team this year, lost every game but he couldn't be any prouder. This was the first year Farrington High had a water polo team. He started out with 14 inexperienced players that he recruited from in and around the school including the swim team. By the end of the season he had only 7 players remaining on the team. Because there were only 7 girls on the team, there were no substitutes and the girls had to play the entire game without substitutes. What is remarkable about the story is Farrington High doesn't have a pool so the girls had to take a bus to the YWCA to

practice. Eric who is a history teacher at Farrington, grow up on Oahu and attended Mid Pac. He had always been a swimmer in his early years but didn't discover water polo until becoming a freshman in high school. He quickly become a member of the varsity team. After high school, he went on to earn his BA from Menlo College and continued his education and earned his M.Ed with a concentration in history from Campbell University in North Carolina. Returning to Oahu, Coach Eric began teaching at Kaimuki Middle school and then transferred to Farrington. Inspired by Farrington's swim coach, he began working on the creation of a girl's water polo team. The team started training in February of this year. Coach Eric will talk about the challenges he had and the final results for his first season of water polo.

The Maple Garden Restaurant is located at 909 Isenberg (near the corner of King and Isenberg directly across from the Old Stadium Park) and there is free parking next to the Restaurant or street parking is available. The entrance to the meeting room is located at the rear of the Maple Garden building through the parking lot. Lunch is at 11:30 am and the program begins at 12 noon. The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person for members and guests which includes tax and gratuities.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED!

Come to our meeting & celebrate these speakers!

There is parking next to the Maple Garden Restaurant and plenty of street Parking.