

All Star I – 2018
Archive Committee Report, Keith Knox
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The Archive Committee was formed by the Governing Council at the 2017 off-island October meeting. The committee consists of Keith Knox, Ben Soule and Lois Williams. The purpose of the committee is to establish an archive of the records of the All Star I conference.

The materials to be archived are the documents that are produced each year by All Star I, such as the Boat News, the Porch News, the weekly schedule, the list of attendees, etc. Documents that are produced by the Star Island Corporation are not part of this archiving process.

Since the conference has been running for more than 70 years, these papers would occupy a large amount of space. To reduce this space, and to make the archives readily available, paper documents will be scanned, converted to PDF documents and put online for access by the membership.

Over the last few years, many of the documents produced by the chairs have been electronic documents. A second goal is to start saving future documents in the original electronic form, rather than scanning printed copies.

A large collection of printed documents, from several past decades, has been gathered by Ben Soule. Ben has loaned these documents to Keith, who is in the process of scanning and converting them to PDFs.

When the scanning conversion is completed, the committee will review the collection and decide what documents need to be made available online. There may be cases where some documents generated by the chairs need to be archived, but, due to privacy concerns, are not for general distribution.

The committee has not yet decided what should be done with the paper copies of the records from many years ago. They are too valuable to lose, but where they can be stored has not yet been determined.

As the committee scans and reviews the documents from the years all the way back to 1946, there will be gaps in the records that become apparent. At that time, the committee will reach out to see if these records can be found within the All Star I and All Star II memberships.

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