

TRANS-PACIFIC MULTI-HULL RACE

The start of this year's Trans-Pac Cat Race will be at noon on July 2 from Newport Beach. It should prove to be a real thriller. Duke Kahanamoku has been invited to be the starter for the five-boat race and he will send the following entries off on a 2,500 mile cruise to Honolulu:

1. Defending champion "Imiloa," 43' sloop rig—Doctor Vic Stern, Seal Beach Yacht Club.
2. "Patty Cat II," 44' sloop rig—Doctor John Pursell, Balboa Yacht Club. First to finish in the last two San Diego to Ensinada races, defeating over 400 boats, including catamarans.
3. "Glass Slipper," 50' yawl rig — Jay Johnson, Seal Beach Yacht Club.
4. "World Cat," 44' ketch rig—Juergen Wagner, Hamburg Yacht Club, Germany.
5. "Tri-Star," 41' sloop rig trimaran—Ed Horstmann, California Yacht Club. (All boats have 6-, 7- or 8-men crew.)

On or about July 11 make it a point to come to the club for the finish at the Diamond Head buoy. The first boat across will be towed into the Outrigger lagoon and accorded its due honors. There will be leis for the captain and crew and, of course, victory Mai Tai's. A party for all crews in will follow on the same evening.

All the cats will be moored at the cub for one night, then sail to the Waikiki Yacht Club for the awards banquet on July 16. Outrigger will present a koa bowl trophy to the winner and the Catamaran Association will award a koa paddle.

Let's give the crews a big "aloha" when they arrive as this is the type of sporting event which helps to build the reputation of the Outrigger Canoe Club as a well-rounded sports-minded club.

There will be four sponsors of the race this year: Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Yacht Club, Seal Beach Yacht Club, and Ocean Racing Catamaran Association.

P.S. Watch the local newspapers for pictures and stories on the progress of the race.