

4TH BIENNIAL 1970 MULTIHULL TRANSPACIFIC YACHT RACE

Plans are complete for the 4th biennial Multihull Transpacific Yacht Race, which starts at San Pedro on July 4. Given the trade winds that favored last year's monohull race, the first multihull should cross the finish line at Diamond Head about July 12 or thereabouts. Held under the auspices of Ocean Racing Catamaran Association (ORCA), the race is co-sponsored by Seal Beach Yacht Club of California, which handles the instruction banquet and conducts the start, and Outrigger Canoe Club and Waikiki Yacht Club who handles the tasks at the finish along with the awards banquet and other social events.

The two TV personalities who won the main trophies in the '68 race will not return to defend. **Buddy Ebsen**, '68 overall winner, has been racing his *Polynesian Concept* in Europe. **Jim Arness**, who won first-to-finish honors in the last race in his 55-foot catamaran cutter *Seasmoke*, is no longer the owner of that craft. However, *Seasmoke* is entered in this year's race. Now owned by the Boy Scouts of America, she will be skippered by co-designer **Warren Seamon**, with several seascouts in the crew.

Other veteran entries this year with their past years of participation are:

Auriga: 36-foot trimaran, **Robert C. Cameron**, '68.

Glass Slipper II: 50-foot catamaran sloop, **Jay Johnson**, '66 and '68.

Imi Loa: 43-foot catamaran sloop, **Dr. Vic Stern**, '64, '66 and '68.

New participants are:

Hurry Kane, formerly "*Ringo*": 40-foot trimaran sloop, owner-skipper: **Mike Kane**.

Invictus: 37-foot trimaran, owner-skipper: **Larry Christensen**.

Sea Bird: 44-foot catamaran, owner-skipper: **Bob Hanel**.

It was in 1955 that *Waikiki Surf*, skippered by OCC member, **Rich Muirhead**, who has since passed away, sailed along unofficially in the Transpac Race. In 1957 another OCC member, **Kenny Murphy**, skippered his famous *Aikane*, again unofficially, and was first to finish. Eventually ORCA was formed to conduct a special race for multihulls to be held during even-numbered years between the years of the Transpac Race for monohulls, now 64 years old.

Outrigger Canoe Club was appropriately chosen as a co-sponsor, inasmuch as the modern catamaran is a descendant of the ancient Polynesian double and outrigger canoe. Moreover, the new OCC location has lent itself to



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a spectacular and romantic site for several of the finishing boats to be received in colorful Hawaiian fashion in the lagoon.

Depending upon favorable surf and wind conditions, finishing boats will proceed to the Outrigger lagoon for a reception. They will be moored overnight and then taken to Ala Wai Yacht Basin for the remainder of their stay in Hawaii.

On Saturday, July 18, there will be a pupu and cocktail party at the Outrigger Canoe Club to honor the skippers and crews. The next night, July 19, the Waikiki Yacht Club will be the site of the awards banquet.

The executive committee handling the affair on the Honolulu end is headed once again by **Cline Mann**. Assisting are **Fred Smales**, commodore of the Waikiki Yacht Club, and **Buck Ashford** of Kaneohe Yacht Club. **Ron Haworth** is handling publicity while **Ted Crane** and **Wally Young** are in charge of towing and mooring at Outrigger Canoe Club. **Bill Thompson** is in charge of committee boats and mooring at the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor. **Phyllis Swartz** will be in charge of headquarters, which this year will be established on the makai side of the Texaco-Transcontinental Marine facility at Ala Wai Yacht Harbor. **Howdie Goss** heads the committee of hosts.

OUTRIGGER GOLF TOURNAMENT

The second Outrigger Canoe Club Golf Tournament was held at Olomana Golf Links, May 15, and was attended by 43 real swingers. Everyone got a prize—at least one golf ball donated by member **George Winters**, the owner of the course.