

The Outrigger

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

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yachting at the club



Photo: Ron Haworth

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Concluding a very exciting season of sailing competition, the Outrigger Canoe Club Yachting Championships were held on September 5th and 6th. A two day, five race series was sailed under sunny skies and with brisk trades making for excellent conditions. Two yacht classes were represented, the Hobie Cat 14' and the Scorpion, with 10 skippers entered in the Hobies and nine in the Scorpions. The courses were set in the waters off the Club, using Diamond Head Buoy and Wreck Buoy as the limits of activity. After the salt spray had settled, Ted Crane emerged winner in the Hobie Cats and Cline Mann in the Scorpions to become our Club yachting champions for this year. With the good wind and warm weather indigenous to Hawaii we look forward to yachting becoming a much larger and more competitive sport within our Club next year. A complete list of the results of this regatta follows on page 5.

HAWAII STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS— HOBIE CAT 14'

On September 15th and 16th the Hawaii State Hobie Cat Championships were held to determine qualifiers for the Nationals to be held in Hawaii, and to establish a new State Champion. The 22 skippers entered sailed a rigorous two day, six race series which was geared as a prelude to the type of courses to be encountered in the Nationals. Two races were sailed out in front of the Club, two in Keehi Lagoon and two between the Club and Keehi Lagoon. The close competition saw Ted Crane of our Club edge Rick Naish of Kailua for 1st place to become State Champion. Cappy Sheeley of Honolulu notched 3rd place with other Outrigger Canoe Club members gaining:

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5th—Leith Anderson
8th—Dick Metz
12th—John Moore
13th—Karl Heyer
14th—Allan Faulkner
22nd—John Barkhorn

One of the most exciting finishes took place in race #4 when Ted Crane starboard tacked Leith Anderson by half a boat length, a mere 10 yards from the finish and nipped into 1st place after racing about seven miles. Many sailors finished the regatta with blistered hands and sore muscles, but looked forward to the Nationals as the culmination of this year's sailing competition. The complete results of the State Championships follow on page 5.

HOBIE CAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS October 23-25

by Phillis Swartz

The Chinese calendar says we are in the Year of the Dog but at the Outrigger Canoe Club this was the Week of the Cat. More than 70 skippers from across the country gathered here for the second annual Hobie Cat 14' National Championships. The Outrigger Canoe Club and McWayne Marine Supply, Ltd. co-sponsored this exciting regatta.

The championships turned out to be a fantastic sailing experience and rigorous test of man and boat. The winds for the Nationals were strong even for Hawaiian waters. By the end of the third day most of the muscles of the sailors' bodies were sore and their hands burning. Skippers from the Mainland used to sailing only on lakes had eyes as big as saucers. California skippers were rather surprised with wild, windy conditions. Of course, the local skippers were thrilled to see strong winds. Everyone did an amazing job of handling the rough conditions.

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All Hobie Nationals photos by Ron Haworth.

The evening before the races the Outrigger gave a cocktail party for the participants and their guests . . . great Henry's Special Punch.

The party was interrupted, but only briefly, for a skippers' meeting.

A consolation race was held Thursday, October 22, for the purpose of qualifying ten additional skippers. With three more tough days ahead of them, some were wondering if they were smart to qualify.

Of the 45 skippers entered in the Nationals, the Club was well represented by five sailors: Leith Anderson, Ted Crane, John Grymes, Dick Metz and John Tatom.

Friday's first and second races were sailed around a triangular course off Waikiki, the third race being a weather start ending in an eight mile run down to Keehi Lagoon. The boats were left there overnight.



Saturday's races represented a different type of sailing with high winds, yet smooth water. Also, the course was run around the triangular seaplane base, making for somewhat narrow channels and a lot of tacking. After lunch break, the third race started in Keehi Lagoon, sailing back up towards Waikiki, around the weather mark and back to the Club for the finish.

There were only two races to be sailed Sunday, which made all the skippers very happy. By this time there were many tired sailors.

Going into Sunday morning's race there was only a five point spread between first and third (after throwing one race out) among Ted Crane, Cappy Sheeley and Hobie Alter. Cappy Sheeley tumbled across the finish line a bare two seconds ahead of the second place boat in the last of eight races to become winner, by only 1/4 point, of the Hobie Cat National Championships. Hobie Alter was second, he seemed a sure winner until the very last race. Wayne Schafer was third. Ted Crane took fourth.