

The Sailing Season

Memorial Day weekend brought some high caliber sailing to Hawaiian waters with the first edition of the Don Ho Regatta held in Kaneohe Bay. The event lured some of the Hobie pros from the mainland to get into the competition with some of our top local sailors. Among those here for the event were Hobie Alter, designer of the Hobie Cat, and Wayne Schafer.

The regatta was divided in two categories, one for the 16 foot Hobies, and the other for the 14's. Outrigger sailors for the most part are 14' men, and for the Club participants, that's where the action was. There was an excellent Club participation and even better results for the members in the final outcome. Outrigger sailors Bob Anderson and Leith Anderson, took 2nd and 1st, in that order. Mike Holmes and Karl Heyer III came in 4th and 6th respectively. Young Tommy Henke and new member Harold Hutchens finished in the top ten. Mike Holmes described the course as somewhat unorthodox by Island standards, almost every race involving a figure 8 at one place or another. This did not seem to slow down the Outrigger entrants. Since the Club sailors don't sail in the Hobie 16's, there is no report on the outcome of that class.

At the presentation luau following the regatta, Mrs. Shirley Metz, wife of member Dick Metz, accepted the trophy for Mike Holmes. Mike had left the luau early to participate in the Annual Club Surfing Contest being held at the Club.

The Outrigger Club sailing Championships will be held on August 19th and 20th with starts fronting the Club. Any class is welcome to compete providing there are three or more boats to enter the competition in that class. For more details on the regatta, keep an eye on the bulletin boards. If you have questions, please check with Karl Heyer.

OCC Mountainballers get hot

The Mountain Ball season has to date been an excellent one for the Outrigger Canoe Club. Some of the hottest rivalry has been between the two Outrigger teams, Reds and Whites.

The two teams clashed in May, the Reds emerging victorious by an 11-5 score.

This game puts both Outrigger teams in a tie for second place with the Bishop Estate, the current leader, but they have yet to face the fearsome Reds. Watch for game dates on the Club bulletin board.