

## **Outrigger Sailors Out-point Kauai Yacht Club**

Once again, the Outrigger Canoe Club's Scorpion sailors have out-pointed their hosts, The Kauai Yacht Club, in the 5th annual running of the Kauai classic, held in the waters of Nawiliwili Harbor.

The weather, a perennial problem on our neighbor island, was up to its usual tricks this year. To start with, there was no wind on Saturday, a condition Oahu's sailors have come to identify with Kauai. There was rain, lots of it, and the combination brought cancellation of the planned day of sailing.

The weather, however, in no way daunted our Kauai hosts in the matter of hospitality, which is flawless. Each year, they seem to out do the previous year's effort. This year, the sailing team was treated to a fine Halloween costume party at the Kauai Surf Hotel, which featured a super steak fry and some pretty witty costume combinations, as well as lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. The treat will be long remembered and was much appreciated.

Sunday brought more of the same in the way of weather; lots of rain, with it an occasional but always unpredictable breeze. Through the down-pours, with puffs of wind from here and there, came a four race series. The last being a race against the setting sun somewhere above the clouds and the clock; for the last race ended

a little less than an hour before flight time.

The races this year were sailed by five contestants from each club, and all races were started from Kalapaki Beach in front of the Kauai Yacht Club. Kauai's very fine team was made up of Bill Balfour, Walt Briant, Clyde French, Tommy Hinds, and Jack Sheehan. The participating Outrigger sailors were Brant Ackerman, Bobby Anderson, Mike Holmes, Cline Mann and Tom Reiner. Low point man for the Outrigger and the best score for all contestants was Mike Holmes with 12½ points, followed closely by Walt Briant of Kauai with 12¾ points. Mike chalked up two first place positions while Walt took one first place. The Kauai Yacht Club's total points were 93½; Outrigger's were 128½.\*

\*In sailing, the low point team is the winner.

## **The Hobie Cat National Championships**

The Outrigger Canoe Club sent its three best Hobie Cat sailors to this year's Hobie Cat National Championships held at Surfside, near Houston, Texas on the Gulf Coast. The three Outrigger representatives were Leith Anderson, Mike Holmes and Harold Hutchings. Leith, a previous contender in the Hobie Nationals, took an overall place of 15th in the A class, up from his previous year's showing in Florida where he was 18th overall. Mike Holmes, sailing in the B class, took 23d overall. Hutchings sailed