

The Outrigger

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

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Hobie Cats crowd Outrigger Beach following qualifying heats December 3

If Winter Comes, Can Sports Be Far Behind?

Under Hawaii's normally sunny skies, outdoor sports know no "seasons." Following the fall months in which Club canoeists, surfers, joggers, volleyballers and other assorted sports buffs were busy, we head into a winter which bids fair to be equally active. Here's how things on the sports front look to our roving Sports Reporter, Jerry Ober:

Outrigger to Host First Annual Hobie Cat World Championships in January

Coast Catamaran, builder of the ubiquitous Hobie Cat, will sponsor and direct the First Annual Hobie Cat Championship Regatta at Waikiki this winter. The Regatta will be a four day affair, starting Wednesday, January 17 and winding up on Sunday, January 21.

As official Regatta hosts, our Club will be in the thick of things both preceding and during this big international affair. Participation by Club members will be on an individual basis.

The Regatta schedule calls for four days of racing, with most of the races to be held in the waters off Waikiki

where they can be watched by spectators on the Club's dining room lanai and Hau Terrace. Other events are scheduled for the Keehi Lagoon area.

Advance entries indicate that France, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, and other foreign countries will be represented, as well as the Eastern, Gulf and Pacific Coasts of our own country.

Hobie Alter, the man who started it all, is bringing 54 brand new Hobie Cats to the Regatta so every entrant will have an equal chance. Contestants will switch boats from race to race to still further even things up.

This Regatta promises to be the most colorful event of the year, and our Club will be the center of activi-

ties. Plan to attend as many of the races as possible. Full information will be available at the front desk.

Hobie Cat World Championship Elimination Trials

Qualifying heats for the coming Hobie Cat Championship Regatta were held in the waters off Waikiki on Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd. There were nine participating Outrigger Club members in a field of 28. As each state or country is limited to five entrants, the elimination races determined who Hawaii's 5 entrants would be. When the trial heats were over, OCC's Harold Hutchings, Leith Anderson and Mike Holmes had qualified. Member Bobby Anderson, who was only a quarter of a point behind the qualifiers, became Hawaii's first alternate.

The two days of qualifying trials were full of thrills for both participants and spectators, of whom there were many at the Club. The first day's races were held in rough seas with strong southwesterly winds and occasional showers. Mike Holmes took top honors that day, with two firsts and a third. Bobby and Leith Anderson of our Club were right on his heels. On Sunday, the weather turned fair and comparatively windless. As a result of the light and constantly shifting winds, the races did not finish until early afternoon.

The Outrigger's entrants in the trials, in the order of their total points, were: Harold Hutchings; Leith Anderson; Mike Holmes; Bobby Anderson; John Tatom; Jim Growney; Ted Crane; Karl Heyer and Bob Viera.

Volleyball—A Look Ahead

While the volleyball season at our Club doesn't get under way until the latter part of January, our volleyball-

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