

Sailing, sailing, over the Bounding Main . . . or: Gone with the Wind(s)

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Sunday, July 28th was a day of great activity for our Club sailors, with the holding of the first Intra-Club Regatta of the season. This Regatta was directed toward the Club's younger members, plus a few of the old salts. It was a two class race, with the Club's Scorpions in full use and a representation of member-owned and sailed Hobie 14's. In for good measure was Tom Reiner's well known P-Cat, The "Reinermaran."

Special mention goes to the youngsters in the Club Scorpions. Their participation is a direct result of the efforts of "Hutch" Hutchings, who has seen to the repair of the Club fleet and who has aroused interest in sailing with his popular sailing clinics. "Hutch" has been joined by Cline Mann, who has freely lent his time and expertise in helping the young folks get underway.

This was a first race for all but a few of the younger sailors and all did well regardless of final position. The weather, as has been the case all summer, started out extremely variable. The sailors did not know from one minute to the next from which direction to expect a puff of wind, if any.

The first race was slow and just a bit better than a good drift. Happily if not unexpectedly, conditions rapidly changed for the better. The trades and sun came back with gusto, and the Regatta took on a new and most

active look. In all, three races were run back to back, the faster Hobie 14's going twice around the selected course, the Scorpion Fleet once. All races were held in the area between the Club and Waikiki.

The Scorpion Fleet comprised five boats, all skippered by novices to the art of racing, but all showing a good basic knowledge of how to get around the course. The day's standing for the Fleet:

1. Fred Noa, Jr.: Two firsts and one third.
2. The crew of Kisi Haine and Kelli McGee: Three seconds.
3. Todd Bradley: Third, fourth and first.
4. Kris McGee: Fifth, third. (No entry in third race.)
5. Peter Balding, Jr.: Fourth, fifth.

In the Hobie Division:

1. Mike Holmes: Three first places.
2. Marc Haine: Second, fourth, second.
3. Howard Bugbee: Fifth, second. (No entry in third race.)
4. Gilly Halpern and Jim Nordyke tied, Gilly with a third, a sixth and a no finish and Jim with sixth and two fifths.

Donny Mailer, using Howard Bugbee's boat in the third race, took fourth—Donny's first race. The Riener P-Cat of course took its class, but in the second race overtook the complete Hobie Fleet. Fate had its chance and in the final race, the P-Cat lost its mast.

