

Ted Crane Sets his Sails for the 1976 Olympics

by Dave Pierson

The goal of millions of amateur athletes worldwide is to represent their country against the world's best in Montreal, at the 1976 Olympics.

There are only six Olympic sailing classes: Finn (Dinghy), 470 (2-Man Centerboarder), Flying Dutchman (18-foot 2-Man Centerboarder), Tornado (a 20-foot 2-Man Catamaran), Tempest (a 2-Man Keel Boat), and the Soling (a 3-Man Keel Boat). Each country has only one entry per class, so it is easy to understand the intense national competition to be the one to carry the nation's colors.

The Tornado is a multi-hulled, high-speed Catamaran and a new Olympic class. Since 1967, more than 5,000 of these fast and graceful craft have been competing all over the world with particular intensity in the United States, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Russia, England, Austria, and Australia. Hawaii has two of the world's best Tornado sailors in Ted Crane, owner and helmsman, and Woody Cox, trapeze (crew). Woody was a gold medal winner as trapeze for the winning Tornado at the Canadian Olympic Regatta, Kingston (C.O.R.K.), Ontario, held in July of 1975. Ted's former trapeze, Pat Love, is unable to continue the rigorous and expensive training due to business commitments, so he is most fortunate to have Woody, as the helmsman-trapeze must work as one.

Each country has qualifying Olym-



Ted Crane's Tornado class catamaran "Vapor", which he will race in Olympic Trials.

pic regattas to determine Olympic representatives and the United States has 35 seeded into the Olympic Trials, either by placing in regional regattas recognized by the United States Tornado Association, or seeded by past performances.

1975 saw Crane winning all but one Tornado race in Hawaii, placing 10th in the Pre-Olympic Regatta at Association Island, Lake Ontario, New York; 9th among 50 boats at the C.O.R.K. 4th in the Nationals at San Francisco. The schedule for 1976 will find Ted and Woody at the World Championships in Sydney, Australia. They will compete in March at the United States Olympic Training Regatta in St. Petersburg, Florida and in Los Angeles in April, followed by the Olympic Trials on Lake Ontario in June. All of this competition is in addition to the rigors of running, weight work, and, if chosen, an eight-hour day of sailing — daily.

Remember, only one boat and two alternate boats will be chosen from each country to go to Canada. Ted feels that he and Woody have an excellent chance to be one of the three and will battle Austria, Germany, and England for that most treasured of sports honors — the Olympic Good Gold Medal.

The 1975 Castle Swim

by Gerry Senner

On a clear day, with a relatively calm sea, nineteen enthusiastic and/or apprehensive OCC swimmers entered the water Sunday, November 30th, for the Castle Swim.

The Castle Swim is an annual event planned for the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the course is from the Old Kalakaua Avenue Club site to the present Club site, a distance of approximately a mile. Fighting a considerable current and the sun in their eyes, the OCC swimmers rounded two flag markers to make their journey through the open ocean, with Jimmy Dean leading the pack for the first overall in a time of 37:05. Second to finish was Kainoa Downing, 40:07, the only Junior to compete.

The Swim Committee of Fred Hemmings, Cline Mann and Gerry Senner encouraged a large participation this year and want to encourage more junior members and women members to compete next year. This event is for OCC members only, and is difficult, not in terms of length (assuming you can swim a mile), but in the fact that it's the "wrong way" for the current. That, of course, is the chal-