

SKIPPER'S LOG

READY ABOUT: Here come the Hobies. The First Hobie 16 World Championship Regatta, Nov. 1-6, a great armada of cats in clawing competition right off the Hau Terrace. National Hobie Class Association is sponsor, OCC is host club. Roughly 400 Mainland salts—skippers, crews, family, friends—and 50 or so spanking new 16s are expected. After the event, one of the 16s will become Club property, a giftie from NHCA. In all, 96 skippers will be out there chafing for the honors; 70 are pre-qualified, from positions in other recognized events; an additional 26 will gain entry during the first two days of qualifying races. Club skippers **Hal Hutchings, Leith Anderson, Dale Hope, Ted Crane**, possibly others will be in the qualifying races (at least). **Mike Holmes** is set to crew for **Wayne Schafer**, past Hobie 14 national champ and longtime California friend. Club privileges, by the way, are being extended to all participants either through member friends or by arrangement with the Club management. Members are cautioned, however, standing rates (\$20 per guest card) and rules apply . . . NHCA also has declared the Club races Sat., Oct. 23, a curtain-raiser for the Worlds with the 16s in that event potential candidates for the Nov. qualifying races, which leads into . . .

MAINSHEET: The OCC Sailing Regatta Season, now amidships, as it were, will produce Club champs to be trophied at a smashing banquet, Sat., Oct. 23. Two races back-to-back, Saturdays at 2 p.m. (skipper's meeting, 1:15 p.m.) for six weeks. One-time entry fee, \$7.50, admits Scorpions, Lasers, 14s and 16s, includes the banquet and helps pay for the glittering trophy under design-supervision of regatta chairman, **Gordon Bradley**. Season got off to an eventful start, Sept. 11, with unpredictable winds, spills, protests, three-way tie for first place (depending on how you viewed the protests), the whole shot. **Leith & (daughter) Cathy Anderson, Dave Hoffman & Tommy Haine, Ted Crane & Todd Bradley, Dale Hope & Mike Holmes, Bruce Blakely & Jeff Kissel, Carlo & Leslie Brizzolaro, and Mike Apoadaca & Jon Haig** sailed 16s; **Peter Wheelon** sailed the only 14; five Lasers were skippered by **Hal Hutchings, Twain Newhart, Don Machado, Rick and Jeff Davis**. Haig, getting ready to launch in the only Scorpion, found himself racing against himself, abandoned ship and climbed aboard to crew for **Apoadaca**. The **Brizzolaros** DNF the first race, got their mast stuck in the stand in the second; finally righted, they smiled and headed for shore. It was **Blakely** and **Crane** outskilling each other in a fury not 20 yards from the finish line when their hulls touched; old red shirts were unfurled in twin protests. At the Snack Bar hearing following, there was testimony, a committee boat witness and much interpreting of race rules. Commodore **Hutchings** ruled in favor of **Blakely**. That's the breaks, Ted . . .

SQUALLS: Condo residents from Sans Souci southward along the Gold Coast, including some Club members, grew quite restive in mid-August when the commander, U.S. Coast Guard, 14th district, proposed to establish special anchorage areas around Oahu, including our own. Prospect of 65-foot (and under) vessels moored at their doorstep (which wording of the initial CG communique appeared to suggest) had residents frothing. It was needless. CG's purpose simply was to legalize what's already here: Hobies and other small craft moored without anchor lights at night. Nothing will be done to alter the site to accommodate more (or larger) boats. At ease, men . . .

SEMAPHORE: Club skippers **Hoffman** and **Blakely** took honors in the State Hobie 16 Championships in late August, coming in 1st & 3rd, respectively, in C Class competition. A-fleet skippers **Hutchings, Crane, Hope** and **Holmes** all participated. All finished. It was a Hawaii Hobie

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Class Association-sponsored event . . . Speaking of which, HHCA has set another Hobie 16 regatta, Oct. 16 & 17, as another qualifier-event for the Hobie Worlds. Check with Hutch, 395-6886 . . . Speaking of whom, our sailing committee chairman (Hutch) has announced new qualifying regs for use of Club equipment (boats). Now then: First class in rigging, care and storage of the Club's new Lasers is 9:30 a.m., Sat., Oct. 9. Certification in this skill is an absolute requirement for qualification to use the Lasers. Even members already Laser-qualified must attend, or be certified. Next: Qualification levels have been established for use of Club boats as follows: Scorpions, C—Novice. Allowed to sail only as far as the windsock. B—Intermediate. Can sail beyond the windsock only in moderate seas, determined at the discretion of the beach captain. A—Proficient. Go, man. For Lasers, all must have an A rating in the Scorpion. Then, sailors can qualify at B and A levels, as above. Members wishing to qualify must seek out sailing committee members authorized to qualify new sailors. Names are posted on the BB downstairs . . .

TACKING: John Langenheim is trying to drum up Club participation in Hawaii Yacht Racing Association events. HYRA directors aren't happy over OCC's dominance at board level (due to Club size) but lackluster interest in HYRA activities. Heave to, mates . . . After months of member-moaning over the shredded Club windsock, with some trying to gather up two canoes, a platform to work from, and four to eight (depending on who was talking) muscular types to install a new one, Club beach captain **Wayne Faulkner** and sidekick **Kip Kennedy** quietly stole off in a small canoe one recent early Saturday morning, brought in the shreds, took out and installed the bright orange new sock. In less than 25 minutes . . .

PINTLES & GUDGEONS: Sid Snyder's Hobie is still up on blocks . . . Wagers are being made on the date **Cline Mann** will again put to sea and the number of months (years?) he's been land-bound. He's been observed snooping around his Scorpion in the basement, giving rise to a rash of speculation . . . **Gordo Bradley** has acquired a new (moderately used) Hobie 14, was planning to cannibalize his old one to keep the new one spiffed. Outvoted by the family (**June**), the old one is on the block . . . **Tom Vesey's** 14 is now in top shape (again) following a couple of near and not-so-near disasters . . . After crewing for **Bruce Blakely** in the Hobie 16 States, **Jeff Kissel**, examining the mini-fissured hands and knees, muttered he felt he deserved the Purple Heart. Hell with the trophy.

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