

Skipper's Log

Mainsheet... Old friend's faces on the Hau Terrace during the Hobie Worlds this month include **Hobie Alter**, naturally, the "founding father;" **Jeff Canepa**, two-time Hobie 14 world champ; **Sandy Banks**, race honcho and director of the National Hobie Class Association, the sponsor; **Jerry King**, past 14 national champ who became 16 national winner at Cape Cod last September; and **Wayne Schafer**, designer of the Hobie 16, who recaptured the 14 Nat'ls last month at Dana Point... A bummer, incidentally, for OCC skippers **Dale Hope**, **Mike Holmes** and **Jay Anderson** (though Jay did come in 3rd in one of the last day races). Unfamiliar conditions, winds so light currents were often stronger and intense competitive fever among the 100 skippers. An one point, **Canepa** actually boarded another boat looking quite ready to punch out its skipper... A low grade fever in **Gordo Bradley's** OCC Sailing Regatta. Two of the six two-race Saturday events were scratched for high surf, lack of wind and seeming lack of interest. Cheerfully undaunted, Bradley went ahead with a successful big banquet, Oct. 23...

Ready About... Getting it all together is **Bruce Blakely**, committeeman in charge of the Club fleet, a miniature armada—four Scorpions and four sleek, new Lasers. Blakely and a small clutch of volunteers spent Sat., Oct. 9, color-coding all craft and making a list of repairs and other requirements to put all the old Scorpions in operable condition. And that work is proceeding. Young skipper **Don Machado** is designing and having made canvas equipment bags (also color-coded), one for each boat, for storage of tillers, rudders, daggerboards and such. Skippers will be required to return all equipment to proper storage after use. Purpose is to eliminate snitching bits and

pieces from several boats to get a single sailable craft together. Orderliness is the watchword... And the message last month, it appears, did not come through loud and clear. NO Club skippers—previously qualified or not—will be allowed to check out a Laser without first being certified in rigging, care and storage of the craft. Only a handful attended the first class, Oct. 9, and certification is a requirement for qualification...

HYRA and the Laser Association will sponsor a batch of Laser races starting in December. Hutch is looking for skippers to represent OCC...

Pintles & Gudgeons.. For those breathlessly awaiting the news, **Cline Mann** finally Scorpioned out to sea, joining a race Sat., Oct. 9, after a hiatus of unknown duration, and crossed the finish line second. The only boat in his

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Beach**



Semaphore... Alert! New basic sailing instructors course starts Fri., Nov. 5, at Hickam Harbor. Fee is \$30 and for those regarded as potential OCC instructors, the Club may pick up the tab. Check with Commodore **Hal Hutchings**, 471-0821 or 395-6886...HYRA's 1976 Cal 20 State Championship Regatta, at Kaneohe Bay, is set Nov. 13 & 14. OCC is entitled to six entries; \$15 fee, which includes a ticket to the grand ball, must be in by Nov. 10. Call Cy Gillette, 536-1031 or 262-7600... And

class, however, it was a race against himself. **Jeff Kissel**, his competitor, in a newly-color-coded old Scorpion, began sinking before the start horn. Someone had removed the duck tape covering a hole in the hull...**Jack Beaumont** gifted the Club with a brand new Scorpion sail which was quickly rigged to the green-coded boat during the Oct. 9 maintenance and inventory regatta...Hau Terrace sailors are advised the letters on the bright new windsock do not spell out "Swell" or "Smell," but "Shell," signature of the donor...

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