

# Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa



*Spill-thrills were common in the unpredictable gusts off Waikiki, little surprises for visiting skippers accustomed to predictable conditions. "Hobie Hotline" photographer Jake Grubb produced this rare stop-motion panel of an event which could move a competitor from bow to stern in race position.*



*Race fleet hovers at the start line...*



*OCC Commodore Hutchings fingering the scoreboard on which he emerged 3rd place winner in the first Hobie 16 World Championships, a first rank achievement. A lifelong athlete, Hutch took up sailing when he first came to the Islands just six years ago. His first love was the Hobie and it still is—though he has few peers as racer of other small class craft. Photo Scoop.*



*... and trails into the finish line.*



*Hobie Week, from Tom Reiner's Colony Surf pad.*



*Limp and luff. As noted, race week offered all varieties of sailing conditions. Including non-wind.*

**Mainsheet...** The log is a picture album this month and the notes are brief... But commodore **Hutchings** wants it known the Dec-Jan series of Laser races starts Sun., Dec. 12 at Hickam Harbor, 10 a.m. Five races per Sunday, six Sundays. Out of 30 races, best 25 count for scoring. Club Lasers are available to Club sailors entering; they'll be trail-

ered to Hickam. You get there, by the way, by taking Lagoon Drive (the ol' airport road) to the bitter end; gate guard will let you pass. Laser sailors call Hutch at 471-0821 or 395-6886

**Pintles & Gudgeons...** Peter **Wheelon** is among the owners of one of the new Hobie 16s used in the Worlds. Last seen trying to rig a trail-

er-hitch for his Porsche... It was open house at **Tom Reiner's Colony Surf Pad** during the Worlds. Best grandstand (with binoculars) on the beach... There were 26 entrants in HYRA's Cal 20 State Championships, Nov. 14 & 15, at Kaneohe Bay. Hutch, **Hal Riley** and **Andy Lewis** were in the pack. Hutch (and Riley) came in 9th, sustaining Hutch's World's pace. Almost...