

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... David Hoffman takes the tiller this month as Club Commodore. Relinquishing his grasp is Hobie racer par excellence **Hal Hutchings** who has held fast for three consecutive Club years. Dedicated sailing committeeman Hoffman (he chaired the Club's participation in the First Hobie 16 World Championships last fall) is a Coast Guard legal beagle, now in the process of assimilating into the mufti community . . . And the new Club sailing year is off to an enthusiastic start with the full complement of 13 in attendance at the first committee meet, March 7, counting **Todd**, appearing as surrogate for Dad, **Gordo Bradley** . . . As for the past year, check the smooth sailing vibes in the annual - report - to - the - membership from Immediate-Past-Club-President **Roy Kesner**. Sailing achievements for the year include acquisition of five new craft — four Lasers and a Hobie 16 — and refurbishing of the aging Scorpions; hosting of the First Hobie 16 Worlds; the five Saturday OCC Regatta last fall; the summer sailing clinics for small fry; evening classes in sailing fundamentals last spring; and the Multi-Hull TransPac in July. . .

Ready About... Bruce Blakely checks in with check out news. Members who want to get checked out (qualified) to use Club boats can do so between 10 a.m. and noon, Saturdays, April 9, 23, May 7 and every other Saturday thereafter as long as demand exists. Two authorized checker-outers (committeemen) will be on deck to supervise the proceedings . . . Commodore Hoffman announces that classes in the Principles of Safe Sailing, conducted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be scheduled this May-June, depending on member interest. So, Members are urged to make their interest known NOW by leaving name and number at the front desk. Course consists of two evening classes weekly, Saturday sessions in the

water and is designed for novices. A second, more advanced course, Boating Skills and Seamanship, may be set for July-August, again depending on member interest. Included are such esoterica as navigation, map and chart reading and many skills applicable to stinkpotting (motorboating). Best news of all: Courses are free to members, except for the required purchase of the comprehensive and excellent Coast Guard manuals (\$6.50) . . . Members who've yet to fill in an mail the sailing questionnaires sent out with the March bills should drop everything and do it now. Returns have been great, but naturally the committee would like to hear from the total membership . . .

Puffing... The cresting and troughing Sand Courtyard controversy over the presence there of the sparkling new Club Hobie 16 as a permanent fixture terminated quietly when the Board made a decision: Eject. Craft is to be moored offshore with the other Hobies. Committeemen, spearheaded by Hutch, still are dinkering with storage options involving less wear, tear and heavy maintenance than sea mooring. Board, by the way, made agreeable noises about arrangements and costs involved in keeping the boat in top shape. Regardless . . . And, speaking of storage, arrangements to stash Laser hulls vertically in the alleyway between the Snack Bar and the surfboard racks still are "in process," with young **Don Machado** making nifty design contributions . . .
..... **John Langenheim, Jeff Kissel** and Commodore Hoffman represented OCC at the spring HYRA meeting. There was much rapping about the September classboat regatta — HYRA sponsored, OCC hosted. Other news from the meet: Hawaii Hobie Cat Association was voted membership in the HYRA, subject to successful admission to the U.S. Yacht Racing Union .