

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Ready About... Hold fast to the sheets, mates, it's Transpac time again. The big biennial monohull California-Hawaii race streaks across the starting line at San Pedro harbor, LA, July 4. Start looking for arrivals across the Diamond Head lighthouse finish line sometime after 11th or so.

Mainsheet... And Commodore **Dave Hoffman** announces OCC will host the all-Hawaii, **Bruce Farr** designed, one-ton class racer, *Sweet Okole*, now owned by member **Dr. Bob Peyton** and **Greg Gillette**. It's a beauty of a sloop, 36 feet with a 12-foot beam. The crew of five or six will include, in addition to Peyton and Gillette, **Hal Burchard**, **Timmy Rhea** and **Mike Farley**. *Sweet Okole* was fabricated entirely right here (at 404 Piikoi) last year by **Foo Lim** and **Louie Wake**. Precision Yacht Rigging and sailmaker **Dave Morken** did the outfitting. The craft was built especially for the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit (SORC) series early this year. After a brief Pacific shakedown, she was shipped and trucked to Florida last December for the series. And wow. Going in as a "distant unknown," *Sweet Okole* churned up the Atlantic to take first place in Class C and second place overall. A fantastic achievement, especially for a boat with no previous regatta experience...

Puffing... *Sweet Okole's* host committee will be co-chaired by Sailing Committee members **Marilyn Cowan** and **John Langenheim** who'll be gathering up booze, food, leis and bodies for a big, and we mean big, welcoming ceremony at Ala Wai Yacht Harbor on or about, night or day, July 14. There's talk about arranging an arrival concert performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band (what are they smoking in those committee meetings?)... For OCC's smashing annual Shipwreck Party, scheduled

July 16 at press time, committeeman **Ken Brown** is trying to arrange with the Display Committee to install a complete sailboat, possibly a Laser, in the Club lobby. He hasn't said what he'll do with the mast... Members wanting to join in the welcoming fun for *Sweet Okole* should call **Langenheim**, 536-7027/922-3007, or **Cowan**, 735-1353.

Sculling... The June sailing questionnaire to members produced a lot of interesting response and comment. It also added about 60 names to the "sailing enthusiast" list of members, now numbering nearly 200. The senior **Bill Alexander** wrote, "I have passed the age of participation. Best I can do is show my interest." Similarly, **Ronald Higgins** said, "at 77 sailing is a bit strenuous for me... I was the captain of (the Club's) champion outrigger sailing canoe crew in 1917. We sailed the big 45-foot No. 1 canoe." And **Victor Larson** summed it up, "I think sailing is great"...

Pintles & Gudgeons.. Club-sponsored, Coast Guard Auxilliary taught sailing classes, now amidships, produce watery spills Saturday mornings when Commodore Hoffman, Ken Brown, **Don Machado** and **Jon Haig** help the novices put the classroom to sea... Brown, by the way, is exploring acquisition of 18" x 24" decals of the OCC logo for members' sails. Similar burgees should be available in the beach shop soon... Committee assignments: **Hal Hutchings** has taken on maintenance of the Club-owned Lasers. **Cline Mann**, **George McPheeters** and **Jeff Kissel** have graciously accepted the challenge of putting the Scorpion fleet in shape (again?)... And committeeman **Tom MacDonald** is pulling together a race committee. He'll be in charge of the Club Regatta next fall with helpers **Gordo Bradley** and **Ken Brown**...