

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... It's Transpac Month and the calendar's filled with big salty festivities honoring arriving yachts and crews as they round Diamond Head lighthouse to put into Ala Wai Yacht Harbor from San Pedro beginning on or about the tenth-ish. And **Marilyn Cowan** and **John Langenheim**, co-chairing the Club's host committee, want the following message boxed and bold:

Come One — Come All!
Welcome the
Outrigger Co-hosted Transpac
Yacht Sweet Okole
(Watch the Lobby Billboard
for Actual Date/Time)

Commodore **Dave Hoffman** pipes aboard with the news from crewmember Tim Rhea that most of June was spent "fine-tuning" the *Sweet Okole* and the skipper and crew hope the July Transpac winds "blow like stink." Winning conditions for the *Sweet Okole*...

Spars... In the meantime, **Neal Ifversen** has formed a splinter group to host still another Transpacker, *Blue Streak*, owned and skippered by **Hector Vellarde** of Peru (Ifversen is the local Peruvian consul, so it's logical). The hosting hui call themselves "The Tom Cats" and include **Roy Kesner, Tom Arnott, Thad Ekstrand, Peter Balding, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Kent Bowman, Tom Gentry, Tom Reiner, Tom O'Brien, Cordy Dowsett** and **Michele St. John**. Toms? Michele and Cordy? ... And the Club's Big Summer Shipwreck Party, honoring all Transpackers and anyone else who cares to join, still is set for July 15 — check lobby billboard or desk for particulars.

Semaphore... Our big, BIG skipper **Bob Anderson** wants all hands to mark July 17 on their ship logs. It's this year's traditional Kaneohe Yacht Club Transpac Open

House — a carnival event with games, contests, a tennis tournament (tennis?) and a bunch of other stuff for all ages, scheduled 1100 to 2300 hours at KYC. Everybody in the state is invited, but reservations are necessary and can be made by calling KYC, 247-4121. Event includes a Karnival Kup race at 1400 hours, a dinner of Kau Bi Korean BBQ chicken, dancing and entertainment in the evening. You can take TheBus, number 56, which departs every half hour from the makai side entrance to Ala Moana Hotel. **Phil Kinnicutt**, 548-4284 or 247-0594 has further poop...

Ship-to-Shore... Attorney **Ray Bieber** is pushing the 1977 Transpac Handbook (\$1.50), a 40-pager with everything you ever wanted to know about Transpac — and more. Even a scratch sheet for buffs who like to keep track of the race in progress. Check front desk . . . John Langenheim still is assembling a race committee for OCC's September 11 Classboat Invitational. Leave your name and number at the desk; he'll call you. Promptly . . .

Pintles & Gudgeons.. Other July events to note: The WYC Summer Regatta, 9-10; the HYC Hanalei Race, 22; HYRA's Around the State Race, 30 . . . Footnote: *Blue Streak's* Transpac navigator is **Scott Abrams**, son of the late **Louie Abrams** and grandson of one of the founders of the Transpac . . . Saturday "qualifying days" for use of Club boats this month are 2, 16 and 30 . . . If you missed the great movie "Hobie 16 World Championships," a documentary of last November's event which prominently features our immediate past commodore **Hal Hutchings**, too bad. Watch the log for a return engagement . . .

