

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... Hold fast to the tillers Mates, the big OCC Classboat Invitational (HYRA-sanctioned) is set for Sunday, September 11, with race times at 0930, 1300 and 1530. Beach Captain **Wayne Faulkner**, using his keen eye and various man-made and natural onshore landmarks, will set markers in a triangular course off Waikiki — making sure the anchor to the seaward marker is set so it doesn't slip off the ocean shelf into the deep-deep. **John Langenheim** is The Big Skipper for the event and promises a 5 p.m. race-finish ceremony of awards, heavy pupus and beaucoup booze. All local yacht clubs are participating and 11 classes are expected: Hobie 14 & 16, Cal 20, Sol Cat, Laser, Scorpion, Rhodes 19, Prindle, Soling, Tornado and Fireball. **Gordo Bradley** heads up the Beach Aloha Committee (helping skippers beach and turn-around between races); Immediate Past Club Commodore **Hal Hutchings** skippers the Race Committee which includes **Sid Snyder**, **Ken Brown** and **Langenheim**. **Marilyn Cowan** is handling trophies. **Nameless** heads the Protest Committee. Club sailors are urged to sign up; notify the front desk, 923-1585, or call John Langenheim, 536-7027. Now . . . And here's a last minute call to the Hobie 16 State Championships, Labor Day Weekend, September 3 & 4, Kaneohe Bay. Still time to get in if you're not already registered for the big HHCA-sponsored event.

Ship-to-Shore... The Sailing Committee launches its new **Fall Cruise Series** aboard the Club's sparkling new red-and-white Hobie 16 Saturday afternoons beginning September 10. Two passengers per cruise offshore Waikiki, all members invited. Cruises depart the beachfront on the hour from noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Simply sign up at the beach desk and your off on a thrill-a-minute cruise from Diamond Head Lighthouse to Wreck Bouy with

offshore sightseeing in between — skippered and crewed by fully qualified committee members. Best of all: The Saturday cruises are **free**. Come one come all.

Sculling... Commodore **Dave Hoffman** and Hutch represented the Club in the mid-July HHCA Kaneohe Bay "tune up" race for the upcoming Hobie 16 State Championships — and won. "The real competition wasn't there," Hutch said, modestly. He meant **Rick Naish**, **Herb Andreson** and **Dean Froome** . . . Also at mid-month, Hutch and **Don Machado** represented OCC in KYC's Laser Invitational, entering two of the Club's four new Lasers in the Kaneohe Bay waters. Don tried out his new water jacket — a vest filled with water to provide needed additional weight. Worked fine while skimming along, but proved heavy and awkward when trying to right the craft after a spill. So much for technology. Would a barbell lashed to the deck be better? . . . Hutch wreathed in smiles over the success of the sailing course in the Club's Junior Athletic Summer Sports Program. There were 6 summer classes, about 40 students from six to 16. Three are on their way to qualifying as Scorpion skippers. Highlight of the summer program were three days of sighting and playing with schools of Dolphin — groups of about 50.

Pintles & Gudgeons.. The annual OCC Club Regatta for members only now set for late September and early October; watch the downstairs BB and the lobby showcard easels for dates and times. Scorpions, Lasers, Hobie 14s & 16s are the ships of choice . . . Everybody sympathizing with Peter Wheelon over the loss of his new Hobie 16 — and new trailer. A purchase made from the 50 new boats brought over from the Mainland for last fall's Hobie 16 World's — gone. It was swiped — in the space of minutes. Pete still offers a \$200 reward for recovery.