

OCC's FIRST ALL CLASS SAILING REGATTA

BIG SUCCESS DESPITE MINOR GAFFS

by Bob Costa

A diving raft and a big fishing boat (with ten or so lines trailing) parked themselves amidships on the race course for the Club's first "all class," 80-boat regatta last mid-month. And despite repeated cautioning from race committee officials refused to budge.

What the divers may have thought of the clusters of ten different hull-shapes skimming murkily overhead is unknown. The fishermen, however, lost a beautiful lure, snagged when OCC's Dale Hope (winner in his class) crossed one of the fishing lines in his Hobie 14.

These were two of a clutch of minor flaps and misfires which could have marred — but rather contributed to the flavor of excitement, spontaneity, indeed success of — the big event. As the Star-Bulletin's Jack Wyatt proclaimed in his column, "OCC scored high in all departments," a judgement drawn from the upbeat mood and comment of visiting skippers from nearly all Oahu yacht clubs — OCC's guests.

But: There were Rose and John Langenheim (race chairman) all alone (for the first race at least) on the top deck of the committee boat coping with the massteria of recording the starts and finishes of 80 boats in ten different classes, each with five-digit sail numbers, on three different race courses; and some skippers were confused (initially) by the "S" on the chalk board announcing the race courses — did it stand for Starboard (turn directions on the markers) or for Start Mark? (it was the latter); ashore at mid-break the free beer was not easy to find and the scrip for food purchases by visitors failed to show on time, forcing the beleaguered Snack Bar to cope with cash; at day's end there were a passel of protests (mostly cheerful) to compound the frenzied scoring paperwork; and finally there were the non-sailing, non-participating Hau Terrace lounge lizards who vultured the elegant food from the pupu table (for skippers and

crews) as though the scarfing was their duty, if not their privilege,

No matter. Wind and sea conditions were splendid for brisk racing. Most competitors performed with skill and grace. Trophies were presented in style. Winners glowed.

For recordkeepers: Regatta entries included 18 Lasers; 15 Cal 20s; 13 Hobie 16s; nine Hobie 14s; seven Prindles; five Rhodes 19s; four Tornados; three Scorpions; three Nacras; and two Sol Cats. Six catamaran classes; four monohulled craft. Race date was Sunday, Sept. 11, 1977, off Waikiki.

And the winnahs were:

Hobie 14 — Dale Hope, OCC; Hobie 16 — Stu Schroeder; Cal 20 — John Shaw, Waikiki YC; Tornado — Okie Payes, WYC; Scorpion — George McPheeters, OCC; Rhodes 19 — Charles Mays, Pacific YC; Nacra — Herb Andresen, HHCA; Prindle — Jim Pate, Kaneohe YC; Sol Cat — Mike Griggs, Sol Cat Ass'n; and Laser — Bill Campbell, Pearl Harbor YC and holder of national championship trophies.

Club Commodore Dave Hoffman and race chairman Langenheim still are throwing bouquets aboard the **Nauti Gal** for owner-skipper Judge (Ret.) H. H. "Rudy" Buchanan, WYC, and his crew in recognition of their invaluable and competent committee boat service. Club beach captain Wayne Faulkner, as always, was there too to set some of the marks, monitor at least one race finish line and provide superefficient chase-boat service in the Club whaler.

Ahoy, mates. The 2nd annual intra-club four-class regatta begins Sunday, Oct. 9. See ya' there.

SAILING REGATTA SET

The Second Annual OCC intra-Club Sailing Regatta — for Scorpions, Lasers, Hobie 14s and 16s — is scheduled Oct. 9 through Nov. 13. Race dates: Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 6 & 13. Two races in the morning, one in the afternoon. Trophies

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