

OCC Sailing Regatta Victors Feted on Final Race Day

"It was The Perfect Day for sailing," quoth that ol' oracle of the sea, Cline Mann, speaking of the final race day in the OCC Fall Sailing Regatta. "Weather was perfect. Crisp, cool. Crystal clear skies and a brilliant beautiful sun. Perfect sailing conditions."

'Twas not ever thus.

The four race Sundays of the Regatta were marked by weather conditions of nearly every variety. On race day number three, in fact, two of three scheduled races were scrubbed because of stiff winds that tilted the Lasers like paper dinghies in a Maytag.

Nine races were completed, however, to produce intra-Club winners in the four boat classes. And the final Sunday, at mid-month, was capped with a grand awards presentation banquet for all participants and families on the bar lanai overlooking the Hau Terrace.

First place awards, in each class, went to:

George McPheeters, Scorpion. His only competition was Cline, who graciously accepted the second place honors.

Hal Hutchings, Laser. Young Don Machado fought hard for the number two spot.

Mike Holmes, Hobie 14. Competition with Dale Hope was tight, with the two skippers trading off first and second positions throughout the Regatta.

The seniors, **Gordo Bradley** and **Peter Wheelon**, outdid themselves and their sons, to take first place in the Hobie 16 competition. Youngsters Todd Bradley and P. G. Wheelon, occasionally moaning about "equipment failure," hung in there to take the number two position — deferring to the superior skill (or just plain garden variety luck) of their dads.

Other participants in the Regatta included Tom Vesey, Al Nicol and Robbie Muller in 14s; Tom Reiner, Mike Apodaca and Jon Haig, 16s; and

Tim Murphy, Lasers.

The usual masterful mark setting at sea, beach and boat service was provided by Club beach captain Wayne Faulkner and Fred Frissell.

Club commodore Dave Hoffman and committeeman John Langenheim shared the Regatta chairmanship with committee boat assistance from sailing committee members Ken Brown, Bob Costa and Tom MacDonald.

Highlights of the awards banquet included presentation of several Non-Trophy Awards:

Immediate past commodore Hal Hutchings received the "Most Frequent Flip" non-trophy. The "Unexplained Breakdown" award went to Todd Bradley and P. G. Wheelon. And the "Father-Son aka Who Pays the Bill?" to the senior Bradley and Wheelon. Tom Vesey took the honors in the "Not Bad for Almost 55" category.

And the non-trophy for the "It Ain't Like It Used To Be When We Had A Scorpion FLEET" Award went, naturally, to Cline Mann.



Peter Wheelon (1) and Gordon Bradley, winners of Hobie 16 class. Photo J. Bradley



Regatta winners. From left: Peter Wheelon, 1st., Hobie 16 class; Mike Holmes, winner, Hobie 14, Gordon Bradley, 1st, Hobie 16, Todd Bradley, 2nd, Hobie 16; Don Machado, 2nd, laser; Harold Hutchings, 1st, laser; Dave Hoffman, Commodore. Photo J. Bradley