

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... Now confirmed: OCC will host and conduct two HYRA-sanctioned classboat invitational regattas in 1978. (First such event handled by OCC as an HYRA member club was last September and it was a smash, drawing about 90 boats and more than 300 participants.) Dates for this year: April 9 and September 10. This month, then, takes on atmosphere of frenzied activity and get-ready for the April regatta. And Commodore **Dave Hoffman** has issued a call to all salt-smitten volunteers in order to appoint two race committees, and protest, scoring, hospitality, trophy and awards-banquet committees. There's room aboard for everybody.

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for Sailing Committee.

Hoffman urges Club skippers to turn out for the regatta. OCC Lasers and Scorpions for qualified members. Also, the Club's spiffy red & white Hobie 16. Since the 16 is the Club's one-of-a-kind, its use in the regatta will be awarded to a qualified skipper by drawing to be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 30 — on the lanai of the Club bar. Skippers can begin registering for the drawing March 6 at the front desk.

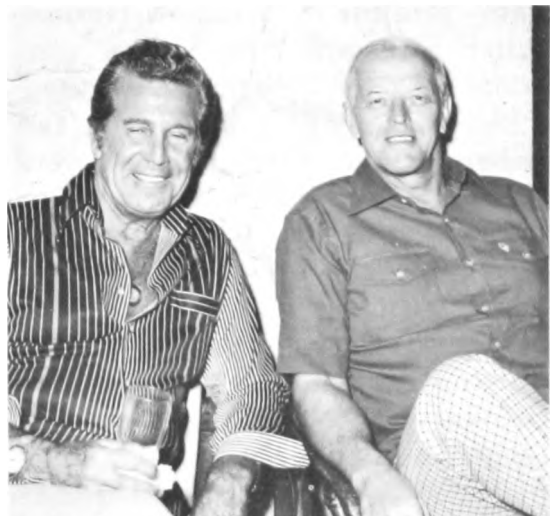
Ship-to-Shore... New Year committee assignments have been laid on **Gordo Bradley**, **Peter Wheelon**, **Don Machado** and **Hal Hutchings**. Primary duty is tender loving care, feeding and maintenance of new Club equipment. Bradley & Wheelon will keep the Hobie 16 ship-shape. Machado & Hutchings are to keep the Club's Lasers spruced. All are assigned to tracking down new race markers.

HYRA
Classboat Invitational
Regatta
April 9, at OCC

Other events on the horizon: March 4, Pacific Yacht Club Invitational; 11 & 12, Non-stop Around Oahu Race; April 1, Pearl Harbor YC Easter Invitational (return race on April 2); April 16, Wahine Invitational; 24-30, La Mariana Invitational.

Squalls... Hawaii stop for The Tall Ships Pacific cruise, originally charted for August, has been cancelled. . . In case you hadn't noticed, the Free Saturday Cruises for members aboard the Club's Hobie 16 also have been cancelled. A nifty idea gone bust. Coordinating member-request bookings, skipper availability, wind and sea conditions required a computer the Committee does not possess.

Pintles & Gudgeons.. Hutch still harbors the abiding yen to park the Club's Hobie 16 on the sand court during the canoe racing off-season. . . It need hardly be mentioned, but **Bob Payton**, after his great sail in last summer's Transpac with "Sweet Okole," was Committee's unanimous choice for Club's annual athletic sailing award.



Guido Salmaggi (l) and Bill Wilson fraternize at the annual Aloha Party for outgoing committee members. Photo Scoop