

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... Ready about, mates. First of two **Big** sailing events of the year hits the offshore race course this Sunday, April 9. It's the spring OCC-hosted, HRYA-sanctioned classboat invitational regatta. An "all-hands" affair with a clutch of race-related committees, three or four private and club boats (for officials & shuttles), an Aloha Committee to handle the beer, food and shore-side hospitality, trophies, press relations and you name it. Skipper's meeting is set for 5:30 p.m., Thurs., April 6, in the Snack Bar area.

Al Nicol is skippering the beachside Aloha; **Gordon Bradley** assembling trophies, Hal Hutchings has a race committee in his command. The three-race HYRA season's point regatta is open to all class boats of HYRA member clubs — monohull & multihull. Race rules of USYRU as modified by HYRA and OCC sailing instructions will apply. A pupu party and awards ceremony on the Hau Terrace will follow the last race. Beer (free) will flow from the tap all day. For race participants.

Puffing... At the turn of the Club's annual meeting late in February, **John Langenheim** became Club Commodore (and chairman of the sailing committee), succeeding

Dave Hoffman. Newport Beach, Calif.-reared Langenheim began sailing in his mid-teens and hasn't stopped since. Most of his mature sailing was in Morgan 24s & 26s along the east coast and in New London, Conn. where he was stationed and in command of a submarine. Transferred to Hawaii seven years ago as a Navy staffy, he ultimately retired (as Cmdr.), has been a Club member four-and-a-half years — three of which have been in superactivity on the sailing committee (he's chaired numerous Club race events). John is now staff project engineer with Honeywell, Inc., at Oahu's west end.

Ship-to-Shore... Coast Guard Auxilliary will again conduct its splendid course in Safe Sailing (valuable training for beginners and veterans) beginning in May. Course is open to all OCC members and is offered free (investment in an excellent textbook, \$7.50, is all that's required). Classes meet Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:15 - 9:15 p.m., in the Club board room. Saturday mornings are devoted to practical (watery) application of the classroom skills taught. All would-be Club sailors are urged to investigate. Sign up at the front desk.



Hobie 16 taking heavy seas in 1976 event