

MEMBERS SWEEP HOBIE AWARDS IN 3RD CLASSBOAT REGATTA

by Bob Costa

OCC Skipper **Anita Minter, Leith Anderson** and **Dale Hope** sailed off with top awards for the Hobies at the 3rd Club-sponsored, HYRA-sanctioned Classboat Invitational Regatta, Sunday, September 10.

Minter, a comparatively new Club member, racked up the top score for first award among 16s in the three race event. Anderson and Hope came in first and second, respectively, in the Hobie 14 class.

Sailing conditions were near-perfect offshore. Clear, brilliant skies. Brisk, but not too stiff winds. No squalls.

Early in the day, however, a moderate swell from the southeast foretold sets of high inshore waves to come. And they did, making transit to and from Outrigger Beach and the triangular race course offshore a tricky business. Spills were fast and frequent. And one Scorpion got dumped on the reef. Further, high tide hit the beach just in time for the mid-day lunch break, leaving little space for beaching. Some crews remained at sea, some were shuttled by chase boat for beer and munchies between the first and second of the three races. That "ol' man of the sea" **Cline Mann** — set to join **George McPheeters** in a pair of Scorpions — was first to sense the oncoming sea treachery for small boats. Both quickly scuttled race plans for television football in the Bar Lanai. It was members **Frank Burns (Sr. & Jr.)**, making the only other efforts to get to the course in a Scorpion, who were defeated by the high surf in the channel — thus eliminating the Scorpion class from participation.

Overall it was a smoothly operated Regatta with Club Commodore **John Langenheim** at the masterhelm and past Commodore **Hal Hutchings** in the wedge as Race Committee chairman. Langenheim stood by at the control and communications table on the Hau Terrace; Hutch spent the day at sea supervising the day's 23 starts and the scoring aboard the committee boat, **Bill Rice's** Grand Banks 32, *Waikiki*, out of Waikiki Yacht Club.

There were 61 entries and, with noshows and dropouts, 52 boats participated in seven classes: Laser, Hobie 14 & 16, Prindle 16 & 18, Rhodes 19 and Cal 20.

Scoring was complete before the Committee returned to shore. And there were no valid protests.

As the sun began its descent into the offshore race course and the wind subsided into a gentle cocktail hour breeze, the Club staff went into action with the pupu tables and celebratory elixirs for awards and trophy presentations on the oceanfront terrace, as follows:

Laser class: **John Higham**, PYC, first place; **Larry Levin**, second; **Les Vasconcellos**, third. Hobie 14: OCC's Anderson and Hope, first and second; **Phil Drips**, HHCA, third. Hobie 16: OCC's Minter, first; **Kurt Hansen**, HHCA, second; **Mike Buchholz**, HHCA, third.

Club Race Committee members spending the day at sea with Chairman Hutch included: **Dorothy Hutchings**, **Tom Vesey**, **Ken Brown**, **Gordon Bradley** and **Tom MacDonald**. On the terrace with the Commodore were **Rose Langenheim**, **Putman Clark** and **Bob Costa**. With his customary speed and skill, Beach Captain **Wayne Faulkner** was out to sea setting marks as the sun rose over Diamond Head in the post-dawn hours.

Anita Minter, with the Hobie 16 victory behind her, has her sights (and sails) set for entry in the Hobie Worlds next October at South Padre Island, Texas. . . Cherry on the cake: Ever loyal to his employer and product, Tom Vesey presented each award winner with a supplementary trophy — A two-for-one Farrell's Hot Fudge Sundae.

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REMINDER FOR CLUB SKIPPERS: The Annual Fall Club Regatta is scheduled October 1, 15 and 22; three races each Sunday. And new wrinkle: Lasers only the first day; Hobie 14s the next; and Hobie 16s and Prindles on the final race day. Check the front desk for details.