

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... Big item in the log this month for new salts (& old salts) is start date of annual six-week **Safe Sailing Course**, conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary — May 14 through June 25. Graduation from the course will be part of the ceremonies at the Club's annual Yachtsman's Night, June 28. Past Club Commodore & Coast Guard Officer **Dave Hoffman** is the big skipper in charge. Classes meet two evenings weekly, 7:15-9:15 p.m., in the Club Boardroom. First night is Monday, second night "floats." That is, will be announced each week. While normally set for Wednesdays, Boardroom is reserved this year for Admissions Committee interviews alternate Wednesdays. Hence, second weekly classroom night will vary. Practical application of lessons learned in the classroom are scheduled Saturday mornings, on and offshore, Outrigger Beach. Students start to work immediately with Club equipment — the lines, shrouds, sheets, sails, booms, masts, Scorpion and Laser hulls.

Course is a comprehensive introduction to the **Principles of Safe Sailing** which even experienced skippers & sailors find invaluable. Many have never been exposed to such subjects as Legal Requirements, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation. Other subjects covered include Boat Handling, Language & Trailing, Marlinspike Seamanship, Radiotelephone.

Course includes two areas of emphasis: Single-handed, small boat sailing which should enable each student to qualify to use Club boats by the end of the course; and crewing and sailing larger, ocean-going yachts.

Total investment in the course is a modest \$6.95, the price of text and workbook materials. All members interested in sailing are urged to register at the front desk or fill in and submit to **Jeanne Dean** in the Club office the recently-mailed course registration coupon. . .

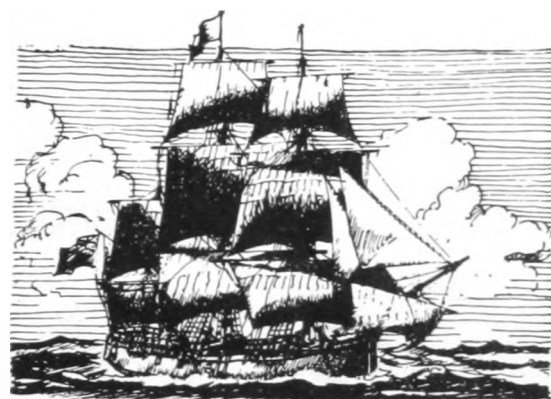
Semaphore... Next big item, as noted above: **Yachtsman's Night**, the big event of the year for Club sailors. Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., no-host cocktails, about 7 p.m., sit-down dinner, festivities and ceremonies. Tab is \$10.50. All members (and guests) interested in sailing, or not, are urged to attend. Reservations are being taken at the front lobby desk. Club Commodore **John Langenheim** promises 2nd annual event will be even bigger and better than the hugely successful first banquet last year. Program includes: A showing of film coverage of the **1978 PanAm Clipper Cup Series**, the first international sailing event conducted locally (by Waikiki Yacht Club) — last August 5-17. Series included races around Oahu, around the State and three ocean triangle course races. Also scheduled: A movie covering the **1976 Hobie Worlds**, hosted by OCC and its Sailing Committee. . .

Ship-to-Shore... And event is curtain-raiser for the big, biennial California to Hawaii, monohull **Transpac Race**. Starting-gun for that event fires at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30, at Point Fermin, San Pedro, California. First boats begin to cross the finish line off Diamond Head lighthouse around July 8-10. . .

Spars... Small boat sailing members overjoyed to watch the recent refurbishing of Club Scorpions. Three sailable Sunfish-Scorpions now in service. The old Club Scorpion hulls have been made operable with new Sunfish rigging, sails and rudders. And members around on weekends can't overlook the extensive day-long use these small craft get — when sailing conditions are good. **Ron Larsen** is in charge of small boat maintenance. Club fleet now includes: three Sunfish-Scorpions, four Lasers, one Hobie 16. . . Former Club Captain and veteran Skipper **Mike Holmes** now

near-conclusions of a special non-scheduled series of sailing classes he began conducting in March with both classroom and rig & sail sessions on the beach. Course was specially created for women sailing enthusiasts. And, not surprisingly, all students were women. . .

Pintles & Gudgeons.. Sailing Committee member & possessor of numerous race trophies, **Anita Minter**, has taken over the job of updating Club's qualifying procedures (for use of Club equipment) and lists of members authorized to qualify new skippers. Members interested in qualifying can call Minter at 538-1389, daytime — or keep an eye on the lower level Bulletin Board for further information. . . Plans already in the works for the Annual Fall OCC Invitational Regatta and Club Regatta. Both events normally scheduled late September through end of November. . .



Multimast Yacht *Flying Dutchman* off Diamond Head, finish of 1577 Transpac. Woodcut Hans Vanderhooven

Special Summer Sailing Course

by F. David Hoffman, Jr.

The Sailing Committee is again offering Club members a special Sailing Course this summer. With the increasing interest and Club activity in sailing, we hope you will take advantage of this professionally conducted course. In addition to the week night instruction, there will be "hands on" practical sailing training offered on Saturdays, weather and surf permitting. If you are interested, please leave your name, address and phone number at the front desk of the Club; or phone Committeeman Hoffman at 548-5316 (O) or 395-5289 (H).