

Sailing Committee Report

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—“to talk of many things; of shoes and ships—”

A lot of “shoe” leather was worn in getting our sailing “ships” and program operational again in the last two years. Ron Larsen headed the Sailing Committee’s efforts in 1981 to sell off derelict and seldom-used equipment and obtain two new Sunfish boats. This writer took over the helm as Sailing Committee Commodore last year and continued to implement Ron’s ideas with the help of a hard-working committee of Larsen, George Norcross, Hal Reilly, Cheryl Lippman, Hutch Hutchings, Mike Muller, John Shaw, Mike Apodaca and Ken Brown.

To generate interest in our Sunfish fleet, the committee sponsored sailing lessons in April and May for more than 25 younger members. Instructors were Mike and Terry Ratiani from the Wai-kiki Yacht Club. Brian Keith and Richard Coons donated their two boats to the OCC Foundation, thereby adding to our “armada.” Tom Reiner, on behalf of the Club and committee, helped sponsor and entertain a PanAm Clipper Cup Yacht, “celerity,” in August.

In October, we sponsored a Hawaii Yacht Racing Association Regatta, not held here for several years. Its great success was due to the committee’s elbow grease and that of Ray Ludwig, Barbara Annis and Wayne Faulkner of our OCC staff. We even created a “new” class boat: three sailing canoes, manned by such luminaries as Mike Buck, Kala Judd, Mike Muller, Ron Larsen, etc. Muller’s “Waimanalo Wonder” won! Many of Oahu’s yachtsmen are again looking forward to this year’s October H.Y.R.A. Regatta.

A good working relationship was established with the other major yacht clubs, burgees exchanged, etc. We are still working on obtaining the 12 perpetual trophies presently held by the Dowsett estate, so island yacht clubs can again race for them.

This year’s program includes sailing and crossover canoe sailing lessons, a yachtsman’s night dinner, sponsoring a Trans Pacific yacht, H.Y.R.A. Regatta and several other “fun” in-house races.

See this publication and the sailing bulletin board for forthcoming details. Suggestions are welcomed.