

Sailing is "Great Fun"

By Graydon Woolaway

In July, our Club hosted the transpacific yacht Great Fun, a 50-foot Davidson sloop hailing from the St. Francis Yacht Club, one of our affiliate clubs in San Francisco. Her skipper and owner, Clay Bernard II, is a computer expert and had her rigged with the latest electronic "goodies."

Countdown started the Independence Day weekend, 1300 Pacific Coast time, July 2nd off Point Fermin, Los Angeles. The 32nd running of this greatest of yacht races, 67 of the world's fastest

sailboats started, with two dropping out early due to mechanical failures and 61 officially finishing.

Strong winds prevailed much of the way and made for a relatively fast race. Merlin's necessary handicap modifications slowed her down this year, from her record 1977 crossing of 8 days, 11 hours, 1 minute and 45 seconds, and was 2nd to finish behind Charley this year in elapsed time.

Jumpin' Jack Flash claimed an early lead but was soon overtaken by our

Great Fun. A seesaw battle soon developed between Great Fun and the final overall and C-class winner, Bravura. Great Fun placed 2nd overall and 1st in B-class with an elapsed time of 10:15:54.12 and a corrected time of 8:00:32.48. A mere 1 hour, 37 minutes and 34 seconds faster would have won the Governor and King Kalakaua first-place trophies. Both of these winners are from the St. Francis Yacht Club.

The Dillingham Trophy for First Hawaiian Yacht to finish went to Libalia



Paige Vitousek, right, hostess of the welcoming committee, is seen with Great Fun mate Jim Pugh, Commodore Graydon Woolaway as they wash the salt away with OCC "tea."



President Ben Cassidy presenting Club burgee to Skipper/owner Clay Bernard II, of Transpac yacht Great Fun.



At a Club cocktail party for the Great Fun crew, Mike Apodaca, Norm Dunmire, Gray Woolaway and skipper Bernard model the new Transpac shirts.



Toni Bernard receives an OCC Transpac mug from Vice-Commodore Mike Apodaca.



At welcoming party, John H. Connors, Jr., Graydon Woolaway and Di Guild.

Photos by Di Guild

Too. Dillingham's yacht Manuiwa in 1934 became the first Hawaii entry to win first overall on corrected time and first in class-A honors. Jimmy Woolaway (Kim and Graydon's father) and Duke Kahanamoku were on that historic crew. Class A honors went to Oaxaca and D class to Skysail this year.

OCC's hosted yacht Great Fun took home some very impressive silver by way of the Harry G. "Skip" Warren trophy presented by Cy Gillette for 2nd overall and the Albert Soiland Memorial Trophy for class-B first place. Bob Moore, coordinating athletic director, awarded OCC gold medals to the yacht's crew; Clay Bernard II, Steve Fletcher, David Hulse, Rhett Jeffries,



A thirsty skipper, Clay Bernard quenched it at the 3 a.m. arrival party. Never did a mai tai taste so good!



Skipper Clay Bernard II (in OCC Transpac T-shirt) explaining the fine points of sailing to Club members and others.

Danny Shea, Hartwell Jordan, Bruce Burgess and Jim Pugh. President Ben Cassidy presented our Club burgee to skipper/owner Bernard, Commodore Woolaway gave the skipper a special Club sailing committee plaque, and Vice-Commodore Mike Apodaca hand-made OCC mugs for Mrs. Toni Bernard and son John.

Thanks to Ray Ludwig's catering and Barbara Annis' budgeting expertise, "great fun" was had at both the Club's cocktail/awards party and the 1:54 am finish arrival party on July 13th, where Paige Vitousek was definitely the hostess with the mostess! Despite the early bird arrival, many Club members watched Great Fun's floodlit Diamond Head buoy crossing and their revelry was heard by its crew. Paige was busy peeling grapes for the crew while Tony/Chris' Mai Tais were helping to wash away the Transpac salt when the yacht moored shortly thereafter.

Hawaii, Waikiki and Kaneohe Yacht Club parties were again "great fun" for all. At the sumptuous transpac '83 Trophy Dinner, the Bernards hosted Club members Bob and Sue Moore, Diane and Joslin Snyder and Diane Guild and Graydon Woolaway. Clay and Toni also took us on a fast-paced cruise which included spinnaker flying while at anchor in front of the Club. Graydon thought he was to become the "late Commodore" while 80 feet high! Ben Cassidy, Bob and Sue Moore, Jan and Tracy Newhart, Jaren Hancock, Mike Apodaca, Norm Dunmire, Malia Snyder and Mark Haine were among other Club members enjoying that cruise.

Great Fun has proved itself to be just that and more, as the '82 Pan Am Clip-

Kickoff Time

It's that time again! Monday-night football time, that is. The Club's Monday-night football-watching sessions begins on September 12 and will continue through the football season from 6 to 8:30 in the Bar Lanai. Beverages are served, plus hot carved roast beef, ham or turkey sandwiches for those who want to stay on and start their Tuesday-morning quarterbacking early.

per Cup B class winner as well as this year's. Clay Bernard II is the epitome of the gentleman yachtsman and made many lasting friends at our Club. We all hope this great yacht will grace our Hawaiian waters and we can again hoist his yacht's racing flag and the St. Francis Yacht Club's burgee next to Outrigger's on our flagstaffs.

Note: A new OCC Sailing T-shirt is now on sale at our Beach Shop commemorating Transpac '83 Great Fun.

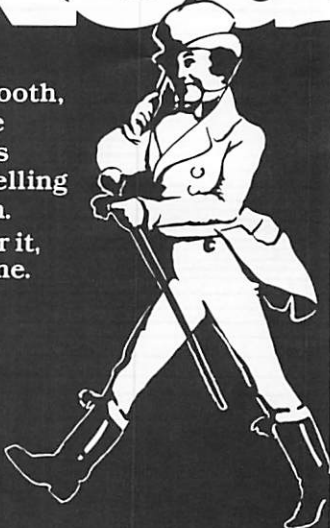


Great Fun crewman Rhett Jeffries goes spinnaker flying okole-up!

Jan Newhart

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