

OCC Hosts Bravura In Clipper Cup

By Graydon Woolaway

Sail Commodore Michael Apodaca was at the helm of yet another successful annual yachtsmen/shipwreck party on August 11. Many club members enjoyed our steak BBQ along with the crew of the OCC-hosted yacht "Bravura" from our affiliate, St. Francis Yacht Club of San Francisco. Other Pan Am Clipper Cup yacht crews washing away the salt were from Scarlet O'Hara, Swiftsure and Revenge. While the Waikiki and Hawaii Yacht Clubs were the scene of this year's action, the OCC provided a change of venue at the barbecue that was welcomed and appreciated by all the yachtsmen.

The Waikiki Yacht Club-hosted Pan American Clipper Cup Yacht Series is now one of the major yacht races in the world. It consists of three 27-mile Olympic triangle races off Oahu, a

medium-distance race to Maui, and finally an around-the-State race.

Waikiki Yacht Club Commodore Ty Sutton, Hawaii Yacht Club Commodore Bob Rhein, and Commodore Ken Brockman of the Kaneohe Yacht Club, including their first mates, were entertained by our own Staff Commodore Graydon Woolaway with his first mate, Alisa McKinney.

Bravura was last year's Transpac winner overall and in C class, in 1981's Transpac winning B class, and first overall in the 1978 Victoria-to-Maui ocean race. She was 2nd overall in the 1982 Clipper Cup Series. A lot of "heavy metal" graces their trophy room. Bravura is a 46-foot sloop designed by Frers. Owner/skipper/navigator Irv Loube was enjoying himself, along with his wife, Shirley, his son, Garrett, and crew of "12 good guys" both on water and on land. They heartily complimented the Outrigger on its facilities and friendliness as they barbecued and danced to the rock band, Hot Ice.

Loube is an attorney in Piedmont, California, and says his boat is named in honor of his daughter, Suzanne Loube, who is an opera singer in New York. Bravura refers to an outstanding performance, or a musical passage completed with that extra little something. Garrett, also from New York, joined his parents on this trip, which for Bravura, held no accidents. Many Clipper Cup yachts were not so fortunate, losing masts and sails. The U.S. White team of Checkmate, Tomahawk, and Camouflage won the 1984 Pan Am Clipper Cup.

Those interested in the upcoming OCC-sponsored Hawaii Yacht Racing Association sailing regatta should advise Commodore Apodaca, as we have a "biggie" scheduled for October 14. Sailors of all class boats, including multi-hulls, are welcome. A new perpetual Outrigger trophy is being instituted for this regatta with the Club gaining the highest points from all class boat winners to earn this handsome silver Outrigger Cup.

Root Beer Regatta Results

The 1984 OCC summer sailing course successfully ended with its annual Root Beer Regatta—Le Mans finish (burp!). Commodore Apodaca steered the not-so-"dirty dozen" through their paces with his crew of Mike Ratiani, United States Yacht Racing Union instructor, and Gray Woolaway, American Red Cross instructor.

Those winning the heavy metal on our "hazardous" inland beach-front course were: Ryan Gilbert/Clifton Tom, first; George Puder/Chris Thelen, second; Heather Tom/Steven Kang, third. Good job/learning/sailing and Great Fun!



Another OCC sailing class gets underway. Mike Ratiani instructs two new sailing students.



Gray Woolaway at the OCC shipwreck party honoring Bravura's skipper and crew.



Commodore Apodaca at Bravura's helm.



Bravura's Irv and Shirley Loube receive an OCC burgee and cup from Staff Commodore Woolaway.