

Transpac and the Aikane X-5

On July 4 at 1 p.m. the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association officially logged the Transpacific departure of Rudy Choy's Aikane X-5 catamaran from California shores.

With four California crew members and four from Honolulu, the cat took off at high speed, and continued thus until becalmed early into the race. In spite of this obstacle, Rudy Choy was pleased with the boat's overall performance.

The Aikane X-5 is the lightest cat he ever built with 62' LOA (length overall), 30' beam, and weighing under 10,000 lbs.

Once the winds returned, Choy estimates the boat led the race 75-80 percent of the time and crossed the finish line at 11:35 p.m. on July 14, just 10 days, 10 hours, and 35 minutes after leaving California. Proudly, the boat flew the Hawaii State flag and our own

Aerial Photo by Geri



Rudy Choy aboard the Aikane X-5.

Club burgee across the Honolulu finish line.

Choy believes that ocean racing cats are an exciting form of long distance

competitive racing and that they have a great future. The Aikane X-5 is the fastest boat he ever designed and catamaran designs are progressing all the time.

Choy is a pioneer in the exciting field of ocean racing catamarans and his enthusiasm is catching hold world-wide.

House Committee Questionnaire

The response to the House Committee's Food and Beverage Questionnaire has been fantastic, with over 600 responses to date. All of the membership seems to have taken an interest in this subject, from the Senior level to Intermediate, and even to many Junior level responses!

Some of the questions asked