SCORPIONS IN FIRST REGATTA

The high surf which provided thrills for the paddlers and spectators on July 4 dropped only slightly the next day so that the first scheduled day of the Scorpion sailing regatta had to be scrapped. However, the next day July 6, the surf had practically disappeared, and with good 25-knot winds and sunny skies, Race Committee Head, Bill Capp, called the skippers together for the first of three races.

It was a beautiful sight to see—thirteen colorful sails at the starting line for the long race of the day—a 5-mile test to the Diamond Head Buoy to the Wreck Buoy and back. Cline Mann led at those two marks but had to scramble in the frustrating channel to preserve his good lead to the finish, barely holding off Mike Holmes, Tom Reiner and Wally Young, who finished in that order.

The next two races were shorter ones: Diamond Head and back and Wreck Buoy and back. Tom Reiner took a 2nd and 1st and ended up as regatta champion. Mike Holmes grabbed a 1st and 4th and came in 2nd. Cline Mann's two 5th places combined with his initial win gave him an overall 3rd. Jere Smith's total of 14 points placed him 4th. George McPheeters, in spite of being unable to compete in the first race because of the conflicting volleyball tournament, put together a 3rd and 2nd in the last two races and ended up a respectable 5th.

Others competing in the successful regatta were Bob Jocelyn, Bill McCarthy, Charley Henderson, David Young, Nick Czar, Doug Jocelyn and Buster Chapman.