

Skipper's Log

by Bob Costa

Mainsheet... The Club's glistening new white-hulled, red-sailed Hobie 16 was unpacked and assembled right on the sand court fronting the Snack Bar just before Christmas by a band of happy sailing committee members, an event spearheaded by **Tom Vesey**. After about four hours of matching bolt A to nut B, grommet No. 1 to line No. 2 and pintle Z to gudgeon X, a little champagne spilling here and there and remarkably moderate confusion, the new craft was launched. Youngsters **Todd Bradley** and **P.J. Wheelon** sailed the maiden voyage — a short cruise in light winds offshore. The flagship of the Club fleet — which now numbers nine (counting four Lasers and four Scorpions) — is yet to be named, by the way, and the committee is welcoming all suggestions... Club skippers anxious to put to sea in the new boat are advised that the ad hoc committee on these matters—**Jeff Kissel, Bruce Blakely, Hal Hutchings** and **Peter Wheelon**—has composed a comprehensive but only one page long Rules for Use document. Copies, including Qualification Procedures (another page) and Rigging and Stowing Procedures (two pages), are available at the front desk. In addition to Blakely, Wheelon (Sr.) and Hutchings, committeemen authorized to qualify Club sailors to use the new 16 are **Dave Hoffman** and **Howard Schirmer**. Anxious Club sailors please note: Commodore Hutch has announced that at least one of these qualifiers will be on deck at 10 a.m. every Saturday during February to teach, train and otherwise aid potential qualifeyees...

Ship-to-Shore... A spate of race events set for late winter months of interest to Club sailors include the Kokokahi SC Classboat Invitational, Feb. 13, the WYC Jib Tenders Regatta, Feb. 26 & 27, and the Pacific

YC Invitational, March 5. The Hawaii Hobie CA has set a seasons points event in Kaneohe Bay, Feb. 13, a "fun race" at Kailua, Feb. 27, and seasons points meets, March 13 & 27, at Bellows and Kaneohe Bay, respectively...

Ready About... Buildings & Grounds has approved the **Gordo Bradley** designed mobile Laser storage rack for installation in the alleyway near the Snack Bar. The ingenious Goldbergish device, which will store six hulls vertically on two roll-in, roll-out frames, will be submitted to the Board for final approval...

Puffing... And on the matter of storage, Hutch and Gordo are exploring a rather radical (sounding) device to store (not moor) the new Hobie 16 offshore. It's a metal frame fixed on heavy pods which sit on the ocean floor; the hulls rest in cradles above water in any tide with the water simply sloshing in, out and around the spindly legs. Wild? They're exploring, we said...

Pintles & Gudgeons... The new multi-hull trailer transporter got a workout carting boats to and from Hickam Harbor during the Laser Frostbite Series, race which ended last mid-month after six consecutive Sundays. Regular Club participants were Todd Bradley, **Don Machado**, P.J. Wheelon and Hutch... And Club sailors have young P.J. to thank for taking tools, sandpaper and varnish in hand to refurbish and spruce up centerboards and rudders of the Club's new Laser fleet. Already?



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