

Catamarans Speed Toward Honolulu

The second annual Trans-Pacific catamaran race from California to Hawaii got under way yesterday from Newport Beach.

Five boats, headed by defending champion Ima Loa, are expected to reach Diamond Head by July 11.

The race is co-sponsored here by the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Waikiki Yacht Club. Dan Wallace of Waikiki and Cline Mann of Outrigger are the co-chairmen. The race committee head is

Gordon Greenwood.

The boats making the trip are: Ima Loa, skippered by Dr. Vic Stern, Seal Beach, Calif.; Patty Cat II, Dr. John Purcell, Balboa; Glass Slipper, Jay Johnson, Seal Beach; World Cat, Juergen Wagner, Hamburg, Germany; and Tri-Star, Ed Horstmann, Balboa.

The Patty Cat II recently defeated more than 500 yachts in the Newport Beach to Ensenada race—the world's largest yacht compe-

tion.

The boats all are 44 to 50 feet long and the crews average eight men to the boat.

The target of the catamarans is to get to Honolulu under 9 days 13 hours and 2 minutes, the record set last year by the 72-foot ketch Ticonderoga.

The 44-foot Patty Cat II is the scratch boat, while the largest is 50-foot Class Slipper II.

The World Cat is the newest craft in the race.