

Patty Cat II takes lead, due in today

Patty Cat II, owned by Dr. John Purcell of Balboa, California, has sailed into the lead again in the Transpacific Catamaran race.

Freeman Lang, who is handling communications with the five racing craft, reported that at this morning's roll call at 5, the Patty Cat was 115 miles out and under ideal weather conditions.

Lang estimates the Patty Cat will cross the Diamond Head finish line at 4 p.m. but the Cat's skipper estimated the arrival time at two hours later.

The Patty Cat skipper also reported that the Glass Slipper was in the lead on a times were not available.

Under present plans the lead boat will be towed to the beach at the Outrigger Club where a reception will be held.

The Patty Cat, running second to Glass Slipper yesterday held a 47-mile lead at this morning's report.

In third place, 425 miles away, is the Imi Loa, followed by the World Cat, with 620 miles to go.

The Tri-Star is okay but her radio report was too weak to establish her distance from Honolulu.