

Nautical Notes

By Jack Wyatt



POLISH the brass, varnish the spars, Hawaii's new yacht racing is about to begin. First glance at Hawaii Yacht Racing Association's combined schedule plus individual club events tells us there's not one weekend without racing in some bay, lagoon or sea. Plus this is Transpac year and that adds considerably to an already tight schedule.

Kicking off the yachting season is Honolulu's opener, a parade and regatta Jan. 30-31, followed by these popular HYRA events:

Honolulu-Pokai Bay, Feb. 13-15; Prince of Wales Area finals, Feb. 13-15; Pacific YC Invitational, March 6; Pearl Harbor YC Invitational, April 17-18; Maritime race, May 15; Around Oahu series, May 29-31; Adams, Mallory, O'Day, Sears Eliminations, June 5-6; Sears Area H Finals, June 26, 27; Dillingham Waikiki-Kaneohe race, July 3; Kaneohe Invitational, July 4; Lahaina-Waikiki race, Sept. 6; La Mariana S.C. Invitational, Sept. 18; Duke Kahanamoku Regatta, Oct. 23-24; State Championships, Nov. 6-7; Congressional Cup Sail-Off, Nov. 20, 21, 27, 28; Prince of Wales Eliminations, Dec. 4, 5.

THE FASTEST sailing craft — catamarans — suffered through their slowest regatta Sunday as one of the largest multi-hull fleets lazily drifted through two heats on windless Kaneohe Bay. More than 30 boats in four divisions competed.

With a steady two-knot breeze—seldom over five—the tailenders took three hours to sail a short three-mile course. And that's a marathon for any yacht race.

If there were highlights one must have been the long-awaited duel between the proven Pacific catamaran and the new Hobie-16. But soon after the start it became apparent that in light winds the P-Cats' larger sail area proved the difference, beating the Hobies by 11 minutes seven seconds in the first race and 8:25 in the second.

ANOTHER first was appearance of the highly touted Tornado cats. As expected the light-weight, 20-footers turned the fastest elapsed time in both heats.

Many thanks go to Kaneohe YC's efficient race committee comprised of Joe Poteet, Page Anderson and Jack Minton. As officials they were first to leave the dock and last to return. And this regatta was in addition

to their regular schedule which is still weeks away.

Series Winners: Hobie-14, Leith Anderson, Outrigger CC, Race winners, Anderson and Greg Gillette; Hobie-16, Herb Andreson, Kailua won both heats; Pacific cat, James Grownney, Kaneohe YC; Race winners, Grownney and John Waidelich. Tornado, Dave Carey, Coast Guard, won both heats.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S University of Hawaii sailing 'Bows. Like UH football and basketball teams, you're winning the big ones. Over the holidays five Mañoa sailors, R. K. Beers, Ron Gullan and John Higham plus coeds Allison Roscoe and Cherie Booth competed in three Pacific Coast intercollegiate invitational in California. The men won a series, placed third in another, while the wahines placed third in their regatta. A fine showing against top competition.

Sophomore Beers who sails a Mid-Pacific sloop at Kaneohe led the UH victory in the final series with a consistent 1-3-4-3-2-1-1 over eight teams. Higham and Gullan crewed.

As a skipper, Higham missed his win by only three points out of first and a scant quarter point out of second. Shield sloops were used for the men's events and Flying Juniors for the ladies.

SUPPOSEDLY this is our between-season lull, but somehow racing continues. In a joint Hawaii/Waikiki YC effort two dozen junior sailors, chaperoned by boat owners raced three identical Ranger-33 foot sloops to Pokai Bay recently, remained overnight and raced back to Honolulu.

In close finishes WYC's Bruce Burgess, a 16-year-old Kalani High student won both events sailing Jack Frauenheim's yacht Maile. An experienced sailor, Burgess is regular crewman aboard Don Johnson's Cal-25 Altercation.

Saturday in Kaneohe was a Waidelich celebration. Competing in KYC's 'Oyako Donburi' Parent-Child Regatta, John Waidelich and son Stig won over-all honors beating wife Monica and daughter Marika team by eight seconds in Flying Juniors. The sailing Waidelichs can usually be found racing their Pacific catamaran.

Ted Livingston and son Tom topped the Lightning competition while Chuck and Lani Schrader the El Toros.

Bulldogs Win

A last-minute head shot by Charlie Tamanaha broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Kaimuki Bulldogs a 3-2 Oahu Interscholastic Association soccer win over the Roosevelt Rough Riders at Kapiolani Park yesterday.

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