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Holdredge proving a seaworthy captain

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Women, it seems, have had a difficult time breaking into the male-dominated world of charter-boat fishing.

Captain **Myrna Holdredge**, however, is one of the exceptions. She broke into the field nearly 10 years ago, serving as an apprentice deckhand aboard a charter fishing boat.

"It took about a year and a half to convince somebody to hire me," said Holdredge, who was then a waitress and bartender. "I had to do a whole lot of talking — persist. That was it, basically, I really persisted. I'd show up at the dock and they'd say, 'Oh no, not you again.'"

Eventually, captain **Bud Abbott** hired her as a deckhand on his boat, *Pisceas*.

"He was the first one to hire me," Holdredge said. "And I landed a good gaff (exactly where Abbott told her to gaff the fish) the first time out."

"Bud also appreciated the fact that I kind of took care of the passengers on the boat and came to work clean, not drunk. We always laughed about that."

Holdredge worked one year as a deckhand. She then went to The Pacific Maritime Academy in Honolulu to study for the U.S. Coast Guard test that would enable her to obtain her captain's license.

"I started running the Pisceas as soon as I got my license," Holdredge said. She ran the boat for about eight months and fished in the 1977 Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament as one of the skippers in the charter boat pool.

"I was the first lady to run a boat in the Billfish Tournament," she said. "We got really lucky because the first day we caught the first fish of the tournament and ended up boating three fish that day. It kind of put me on the map."

Jackpot tournaments followed. Holdredge won the women's Golden Goddess tournament and placed second in the Lahaina Jackpot Tournament.

Still, Holdredge admits, "It's pretty much a macho business and there'll always be a little bit of flack (towards women). But for the most part, just because I've been here (so long), I've had a lot of guys compliment me for sticking it out."

Let's you get the wrong impression, Holdredge is far from being a Tugboat Annie. Instead, she's a captain who



Carol Hogan photo

Myrna Holdredge went from tending a bar to swabbing a deck to captaining a ship.

shows up for work in fashionable clothes, jewelry and make-up — and knows how to maneuver a charter boat and fish for marlin.

"An interesting thing to me has always been that I never really thought of femininity," Holdredge said. "We are what we are. But I've had many people say that it's interesting that I've remained so feminine. I've always thought of myself as a tomboy."

In ten years, Holdredge has caught a lot of fish. But her biggest catch was made recently: fiancé captain **Joe Cahan**.

Waterlog

Michael Neipris, organizer of the Hawaiian Island Tallships Parade, confirmed this week that the Japanese training vessel *Kaiwo Maru* will be in the July 4 parade. . . **Ian Emberson**, race director for the 1985 **Outrigger 2nd Annual Ocean Triathlon Championships**, said that the 21 individual entries in this year's race is more than double the amount entered in the 1984 race. This competition is patterned after Australia's Surf Lifesaving Ironman competition. Former

Waikiki Swim Club member **Bob Rocheleau** won the Ironman title by finishing first overall in the one-mile swim, two-mile paddleboard and four-mile kayak race (with 50-yard runs up the beach in between each event) in 1 hour, 11 minutes and 4 seconds. . . Kailua-Kona's season opener, the Kona A'Lure Hawaiian Wahine Fishing Tournament scheduled annually in May, has been cancelled until further notice by tournament director **Allison Metzler**.

Float plan

March 23 —Prince Kuhio Sailing Regatta on Kauai. For information, call Carl Stepath (822-7245).
March 23 —Kauai Funboard Contest (sail-boarding). For information, call Carl Stepath (822-7245).
March 23 —Kaneohe Yacht Club Ocean Racing Fleet No. 4. For information, call KYC (247-4121).
March 23 —16th Annual Prince Kuhio Day Canoe Races on Kauai, sponsored by Garden Isle Canoe Racing Association. Two races: Iron-woman from Keala Beach to Coco Palms Hotel and Ironman from Coco Palms Hotel to Kauai Surf. For information, call Stanford Acht (245-4533 evenings).
March 23 —Kaneohe/Hawaii Kai Yacht Club's Fishing Tournament. For information, call KYC (247-4121).
March 24 —Makani Kai Yacht Club Classboat Invitational Regatta in Kaneohe Bay. For information, call MKYC (247-8161).
March 23-24 and 31 —Performance Hawaii/Hawaiian Surfing Association mobile surf meet No. 1 on North Shore, surf permitting. For information, call Reid Inouye (671-6255).
March 23-27 —United States Yacht Racing Union Instructional Courses. For information, call Dale or Jo Mogle (422-6240).
March 27 —Makani Kai Yacht Club 1985 Beer Can Series Race No. 2 in Kaneohe Bay. For information, call MKYC (247-8161).

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Paddlers unite

With upraised fingers, men of the Hanalei Civic Canoe Club emphatically proclaim their victory of 1:09 in the Iron Man Competition from Waialua beach to Kalapaki. Left to right, the winners are (kneeling) Kip Bottomley, Murphy Carfagna, Kawika Goodale, and (standing) Kent Ellis, Allen Gaylor, and Ben Winningham. Capturing the women's Ironman from Kealia Beach to Waialua with a winning time of 56 minutes, were Diana Simpson, Pat Palumbo, Lisen Berquist, Mary Gay Rousch, Lydia Prisselkoff, and Judy Richardson, also of Hanalei Civic Canoe Club. At left, the Kaiola Canoe Club crewmen launch their vessel at Waialua Beach; their female team placed second in the women's competition. (Photos by William Ing)

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Sports today

Basketball

OIA, Western Division girls' games at school gyms. Waialua at Radford, Moanalua at Mililani, Leilehua at Aiea, Pearl City at Waipahu, Nanakuli at Waialae. Varsity games start approximately 15 minutes after completion of 5:30 p.m. junior-varsity games. No admission charge.

Baseball

College, noon doubleheader, Pacific Lutheran University vs. University of Hawaii-Hilo at Wong Stadium. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

Interscholastic League of Honolulu, games at Iolani: 10 a.m., Mid-Pacific vs. Iolani; 12:30 p.m., Damien vs. Kamehameha; 3 p.m., Pac-Five vs. St. Louis. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students.

Oahu Interscholastic Association, Western Division games at Aloha Stadium: 9 a.m., Pearl City vs. Nanakuli; 11:30 a.m., Moanalua vs. Waialua; 2 p.m., Radford vs. Leilehua; 4:30 p.m., Campbell vs. Waipahu; 7 p.m., Mililani vs. Aiea.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for students high-school age and younger. Parking is \$2. Eastern Division games: 1:30 p.m., Kalani at Kaimuki, Kaiser vs. Roosevelt at the Ala Wai field, McKinley vs. Farrington at Lanakila Field, Kailua at Castle, Kahuku vs. Kalaheo at Kailua Intermediate. No admission charge.

Weightlifting

Great Hawaiian Bench Press Championship, 11 a.m., at Aiea High School cafeteria. Admission is \$5 for adults. No admission charge for children under 12.

Volleyball

Goodwill Exhibition, 6 p.m., American Samoa men's national team vs. Outrigger Canoe Club at Damien Hgtn. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students.

Softball

Hawaii Invitational Tournament, at UH field, Losers' bracket: noon, UC-Santa Barbara vs. Chapman; 1:30, Oregon vs. UCLA. Winners' bracket: 3 p.m., Fullerton vs.

Pacific; 4:30, Fresno State vs. Hawaii. No admission charge. Parking is \$1.

Judo

OIA, 10:30 a.m. Mililani at Kalani, Aiea at Castle, Moanalua at McKinley, Pearl City at Roosevelt, Waipahu at Kaiser. No admission charge.

Tennis

Wahine Classic, at UH courts, 9 a.m., Nevada-Reno vs. Hawaii; 1 p.m., Sonoma State vs. Hawaii. No admission charge.

College men, 9 a.m., Hawaii vs. Nevada-Reno at UH courts. No admission charge.

Oahu Public Parks Tournament, final matches at Diamond Head Tennis Center. Women's singles at 10 a.m., men's singles at 10:30, women's doubles at noon, and men's doubles at 1 p.m. No admission charge.

Track and field

ILH Boys Open Meet; 8 a.m., at Punahou School. No admission charge.

Punahou Girls Invitational, 1:30 p.m., at Punahou School. No admission charge.

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American Samoa's national men's volleyball team, gold medalist at the South Pacific Games in 1979 and 1983, will play a goodwill exhibition against the Outrigger Canoe Club at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Damien High gym.

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Selleck Volleyball

Outrigger Canoe Club Masters men's team, with blocker-actor Tom Selleck, will take on the American Samoa national team in a fund-raising exhibition volleyball match tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Damien Gym. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students. OCC and American Samoa, the two-time defending South Pacific Games champ, will be competing in the week-long Haili Easter Tournament in Hilo which starts Monday.