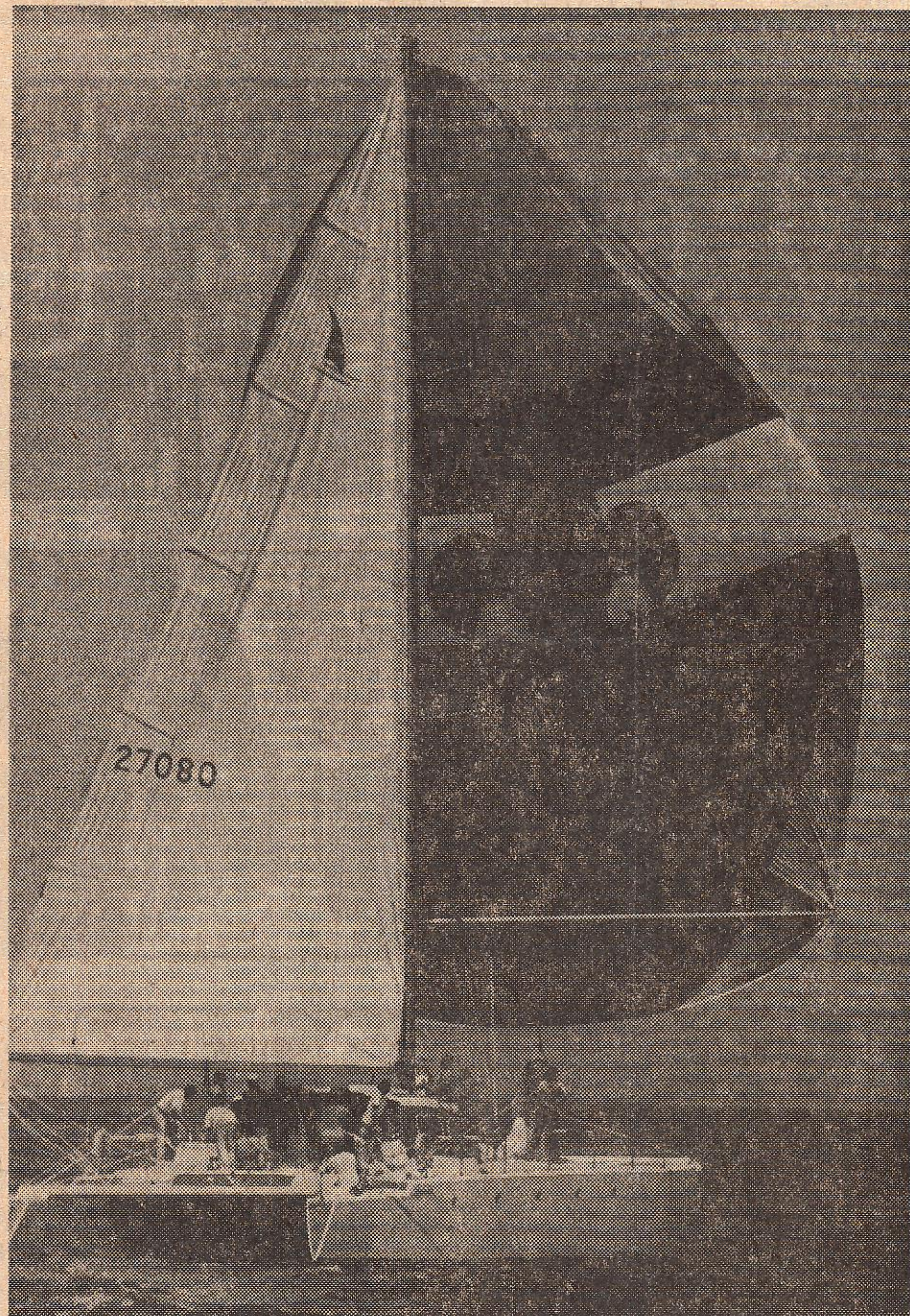


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Sea Bird due noon today



Seasmoke, donated to Boy Scouts by James Arness, was outdistanced yesterday by Sea Bird enroute to Multihull Transpac finish here today.

Bill Watson Photo

The 44-foot catamaran Sea Bird is expected to arrive noon today off Diamond Head as the winner of the fourth biennial Multihull Transpacific Yacht Race, according to reports from the crafts early last night.

The victory for Sea Bird will cap a nip-and-tuck race with rival Seasmoke, which only yesterday morning was tied with the leader 340 miles off Hawaii.

HOWEVER, skipper Bob Hanel's lighter and shorter craft pulled away and left the 58-foot Seasmoke far behind.

Seasmoke is expected to cross the finish line seven hours later at 7 p.m.

James "Matt Dillon" Arness, the former owner who donated the cat cutter Seasmoke to the Boy Scouts of America, is in Hawaii to greet the finishers.

Glass Slipper II was reported a distant third, 475 miles off Honolulu during yesterday morning reports. She is expected to finish tomorrow evening.

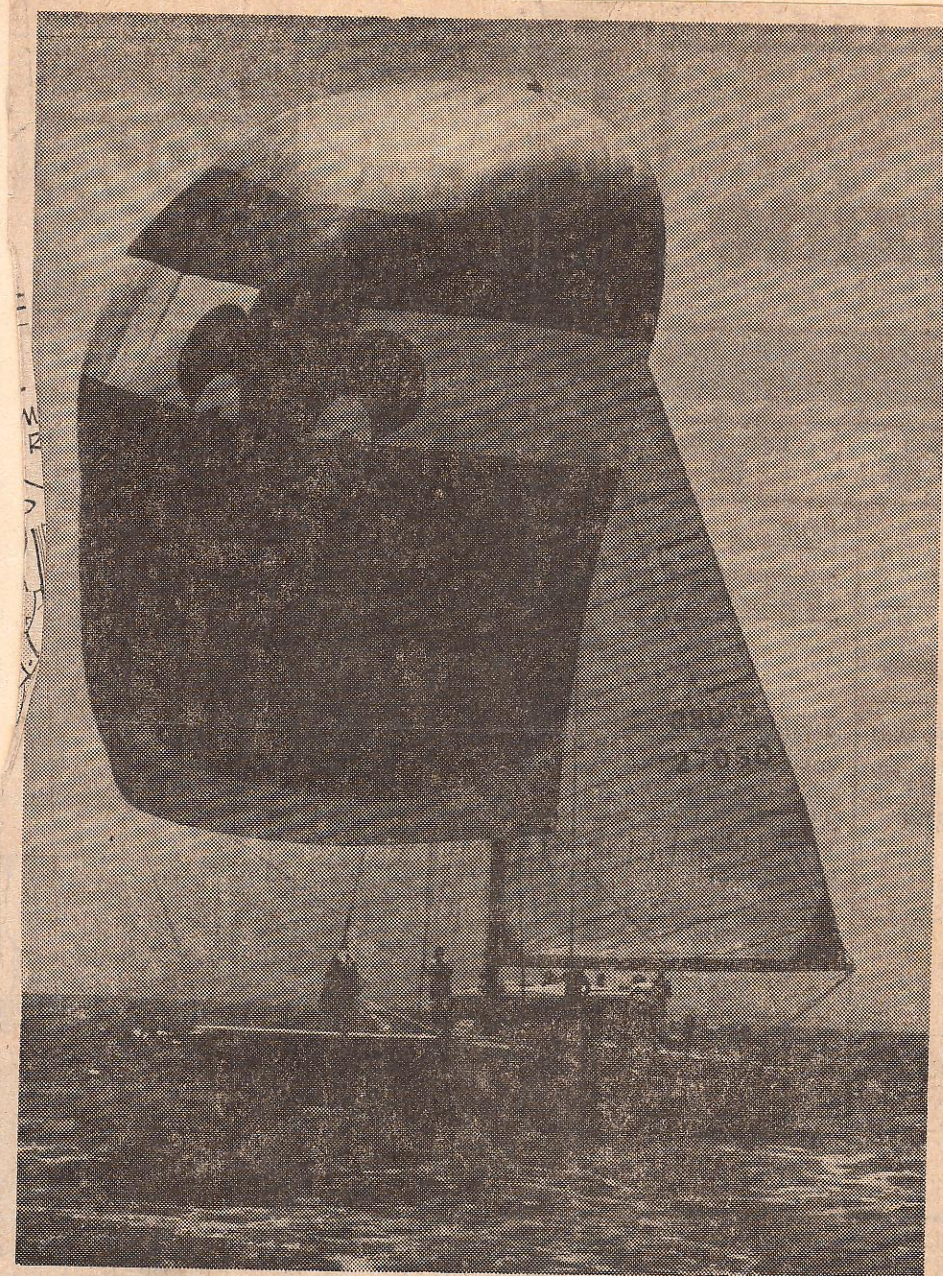
IMI LOA called in 602 miles away and the fifth craft, Hurry-Kane, the only trimaran in the race, did not report for the fifth day.

The Waikiki Yacht Club, the Seal Beach Yacht Club, the Ocean Racing Catamaran Association and the Outrigger Canoe Club are sponsoring the race.

The Sea Bird, after crossing the finish line, will sail into the Outrigger lagoon and its crew will then touch land for the first time since leaving San Pedro, Calif., July 4.

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FOLLOWING THE LEADER — Defending champion Seasmoke was well astern of Sea Bird in the Multihull Te today. Seven boats started from San Pedro, Calif., on July 4, but only five are still in the race. The two others were disabled and forced to turn back.

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Sea Bird Finishes

The 44-foot catamaran Sea Bird finished the 4th biennial Multi-Hull Transpacific Yacht Race yesterday setting a new record crossing in the event.

The Sea Bird swept across the Diamond Head finish line at 10:07 a.m. for a crossing from San Pedro in ten days, 46 minutes and 27 seconds.

This clipped nine hours off the previous record set by Seasmoke two years ago.

The 58-foot Seasmoke, also a catamaran, finished in second place at 6:34 p.m.

The Glass Slipper was expected to finish at about 4 p.m. this afternoon and can be the corrected time winner by coming in before 4:13 p.m.