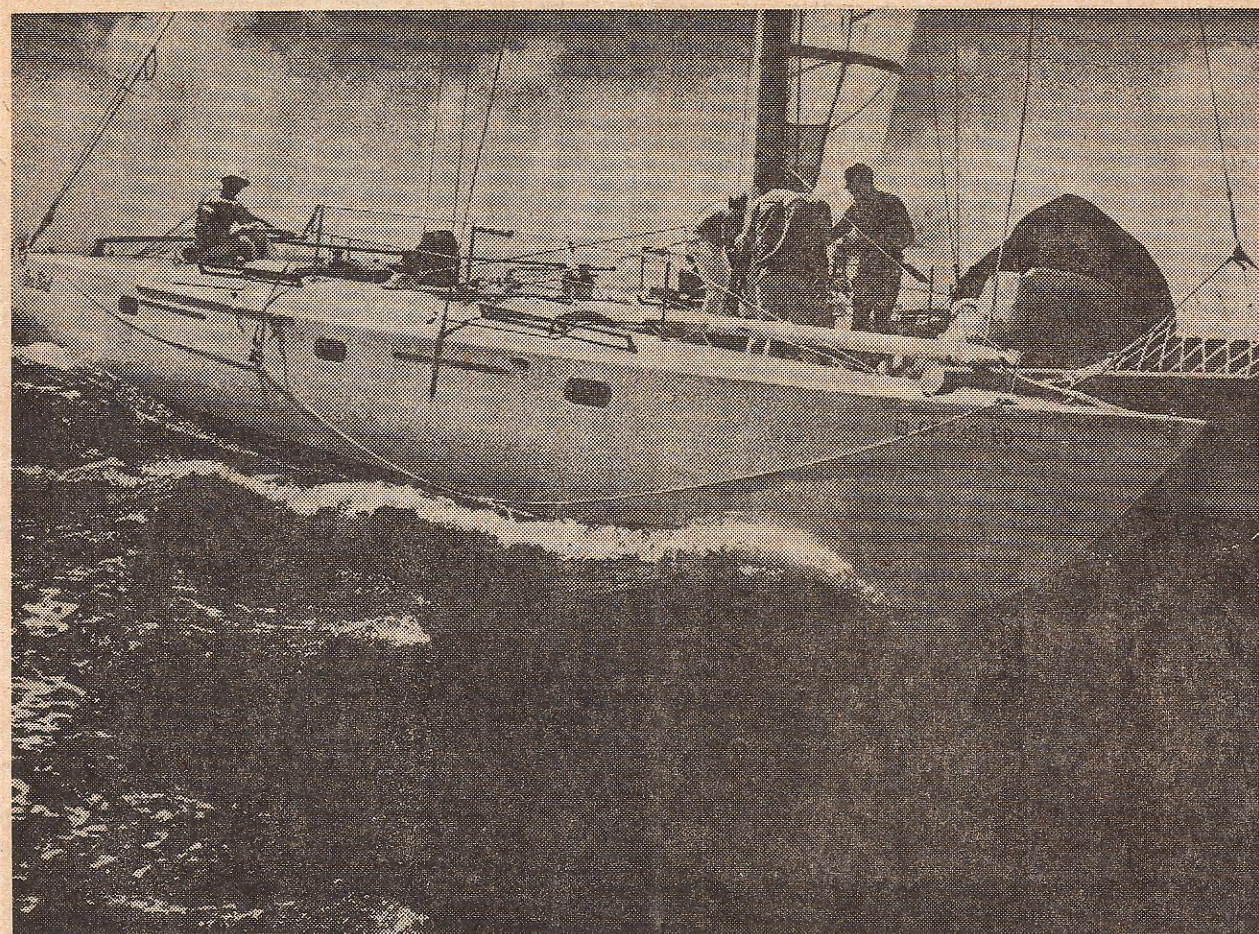


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FIRST TO FINISH—Sea Bird's crew stows spinnaker shortly after the catamaran crossed the Diamond Head finish line yesterday as the first boat to complete the race in the Multihull Transpacific sailing classic from San Pedro, Calif.—Photo by Warren Roll.

Glass Slipper Could Be Transpac Winner

Sea Bird Sets Record

"Give us wind and we'll show you what Sea Bird can really do."

So said Bob Hanel, owner-skipper of the 1970 Multihull TransPacific Yacht Race winner—the beautiful 44-foot catamaran Sea Bird.

Actually, Sea Bird did quite well as a new multihull record will attest. When her bright orange spinnaker sailed serenely across the Diamond Head finish line at 10:07 a.m. yesterday, her time of 10 days, 46 minutes and 27 seconds eclipsed Seasmoke's multihull record of 10 days, 9 hours, 23 seconds. Seasmoke was nearly 8½

hours behind, arriving at 6:24:22 p.m. yesterday. Glass Slipper II was expected in this afternoon and would be the corrected winner on handicap if she arrives by 4:13:54.

Once past the finish Sea Bird's crew lowered her sails and the craft was towed into the lagoon fronting the Outrigger Canoe Club.

"WE BEAT SEASMOKE to the west end of Catalina Island," yelled one crew member, "and we never saw her again. As far as we're concerned we led this race all the way."

The seven competing boats left San Pedro, Calif., July 4.

Hanel reported no trouble for the trip—his lone complaint was lack of wind. Crewing with Hanel were Bob Baker, Bjorn Hallin, Earl Thronberg, Tim Taylor and John Consor.

Following Glass Slipper II will be Ima Loa and the lone trimaran sloop in the race, Hurry-Kane. Hurry-Kane has been unreported for five days due to generator trouble.

Two trimarans, Auriga and Invictus, had to turn

back to California early in the race.

Sea Bird, if she had experienced the winds that prevailed at the start, possibly could have broken the record of nine days, 10 hours, and 21 minutes set by Ken Deuse's Blackfin, a 73-foot ketch, in the 1969 Monohull Transpacific race.

The Multihull TransPacific Yacht Race is being sponsored by Ocean Racing Catamaran Association, the Outrigger Canoe Club, the Waikiki Yacht Club and the Seal Beach Yacht Club.

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Nautical Notes

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Fine Showing for Seabird

Congratulations Seabird — first-to-finish in the fourth biennial Multihull Transpac. Bob Hanel's 44-foot catamaran led the five-boat fleet to Diamond Head yesterday morning, taking 10 days, 46 minutes from Los Angeles. No speed record perhaps, but a fine showing for the lightweight cat that looks more at home in protected waters than sailing 2,225 miles across the Pacific.

And when the twinhulled craft proceeded to Outrigger CC gently nudging the beach, the Aloha greeting began — one the exhausted crew will long remember. The multihulls may be seen at Ala Wai Yacht Harbor.

3rd Win for Carpenter

Tom Carpenter winning last weekend's Star-Bulletin Thistle Regatta? Ho hum . . . his third win. Charlie Dole runnerup? . . . last year, too. Glenn Clark's third place . . . defending champs are always contenders. Thus the story of Kaneohe YC's S-B Invitational, another three-skipper regatta. (Last year: 1, Clark; 2, Dole; 3, Carpenter.)

When Carpenter jumped into an early lead in the 12-boat competition on Saturday and won by two minutes, then won again Sunday morning, the regatta was all but over. Going into the afternoon's final heat with an overwhelming lead, Carpenter played it safe, started late and with Steve Colley as crew worked his way through the fleet for second place, 10-seconds behind Dole.

Conceived 15-years ago as a small boat sailing championship, the S-B Invitational sailed in 17-foot Thistles has proved two things —KYC breeds top skippers (KYC has won all but the inaugural event, topped by Waikiki YC's Frank Rothwell) and three skippers (Carpenter and Dole with three wins each and Clark with one) have dominated the winning in the past seven events.

This regatta also affirms Hawaii's 'Big Four' of yachting. To Carpenter, Clark and Dole add Cy Gillette, a non S-B participant but winner of three of Hawaii's five State sailing titles (Dole won the other two) and you have the best.

Results (first five places with low point scoring): 1, Carpenter (1-1-2), 3½ points; 2, Dole (8-3-1), 11¼ points; 3, Clark (3-9-3), 15 points; 4, Greg Booth (7-4-6), 17 points; 5, Woody Woodbury (6-8-4), 18 points. All represent KYC except Booth, University of Hawaii and Waikiki YC.

'Poor Man's Transpac'

For 23-skippers sailing Hawaii YC's recent "Poor Man's Transpac", the eight-mile fun-regatta from Ala Wai yacht basin to Keahi's Hickam Harbor was in every part as adventurous as the regular Transpac from Los Angeles.

When battling 20-knot trades and rough seas off shore in tippy 8-foot dinghies that blue Pacific looks mighty big. Capsizes and dunkings highlighted the afternoon and the ability to stay upright won trophies for the winners. Turning the course in a record one hour, 47 minutes, Wailupe SC's Larry Trombly (senior El Toro) and Kaneohe YC's juniors, Willie Curran (El Toro) and Marika Waide-lich (Flipper), braved the elements to win their divisions.

At Hickam's Pacific YC recent awards ceremonies, trophies were presented first-half season winners covering February through June. Topping their division were: Cal-20, Gordon Amsler; Col-22, Norm Ricker; Rhodes-19, Jose Borrajero; Mercury, Wally Rather; Widgeon (seniors), Jo Mogile; (juniors), Mark Whitson; wahine regattas, (Cal-20), M.A. Amsler; (Col-22), Ken Bachman; (Mercury), Phil Holcomb.