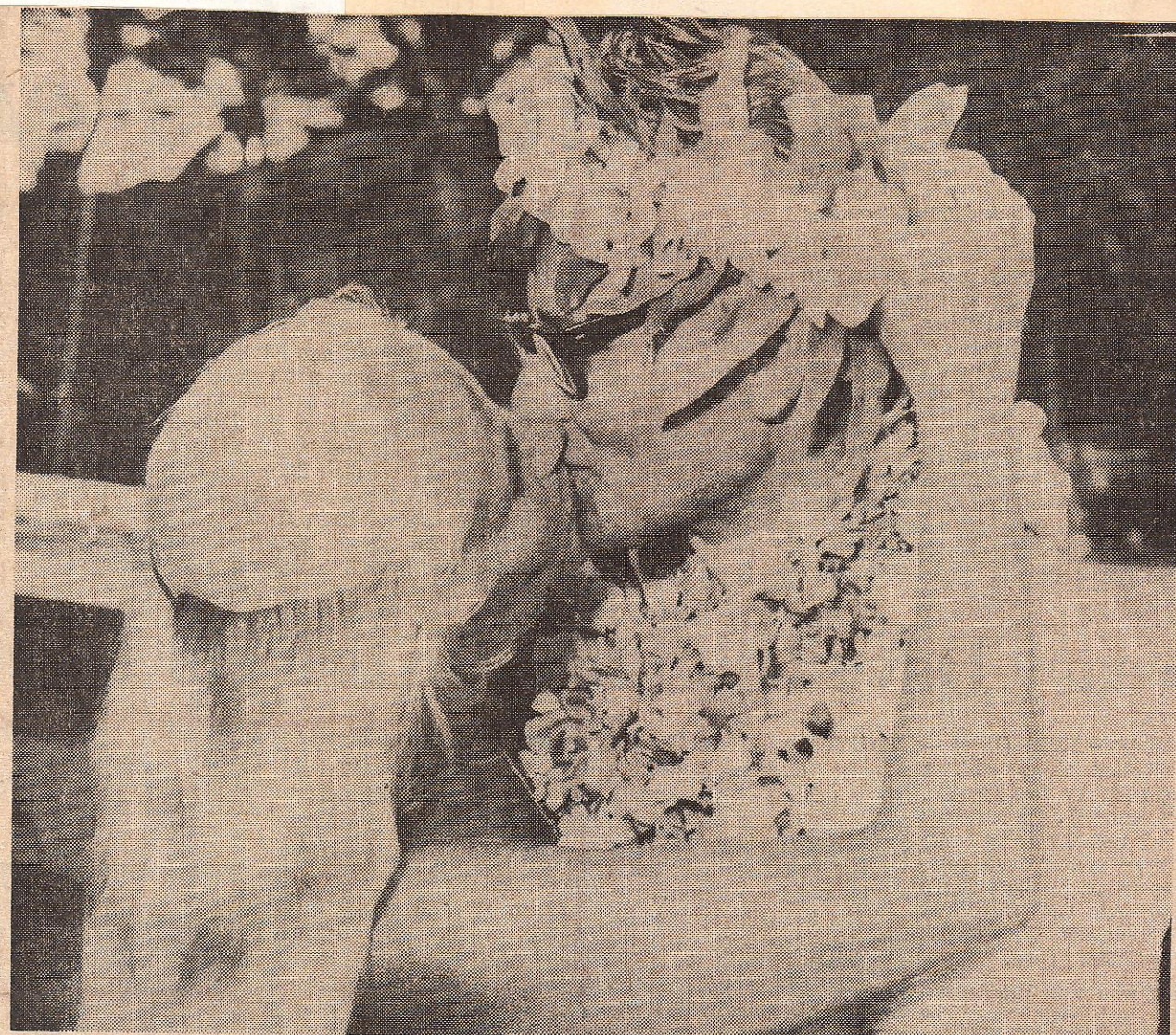


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Wow! This is sailing? Skipper Jay Johnson's Glass Slipper II lost out for corrected time trophy in Transpacific catamaran race yesterday, but Mr. Johnson cheered him up with this kiss.

clean sweep for Sea Bird

blown chutes slow Slipper

By JOHN ANDERSON
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Three blown spinnakers and overly-light winds cost Glass Slipper II a chance at the corrected time championship of the fourth biennial Transpacific Yacht Race yesterday.

Owner-skipper Jay Johnson's 50-foot catamaran sloop crossed the Diamond Head buoy finish line at 5:37

p.m. yesterday, just one hour and 24 minutes later than the 4:13 p.m. arrival time necessary for the race title.

THAT GAVE both major titles — overall and corrected time — to Sea Bird, a 44-foot catamaran owned and skippered by Bob Hanel of the Cabrillo Beach, Calif., Yacht Club. Sea Bird crossed the finish line at 10:07 a.m. Tuesday, setting a new record of 10 days, 00 hours, 47 minutes and 27 seconds for the crossing.

The 58-foot catamaran Seasmoke also finished Tuesday, with an elapsed time of 10 days, 9 hours, 2 minutes and 39 seconds.

Unofficial overall time for Glass Slipper II and 11 days, 8 hours and 17 minutes. Imi Loa is expected in to port at Outrigger Canoe Club about 7 a.m. tomorrow, and a fifth yacht, Hurry-Kane, is still unreported.

JOHNSON, who represented the Seal Beach, Calif., Yacht Club, said that until five hours before the finish,

his crew felt they might still have a chance at the corrected time title.

"We blew a spinnaker about three days ago in a blast," said Johnson. "We put up the oldest, lightest weight spinnaker we had, and that lasted us to right off

the west end of Molokai. Then we put up the newer one again, which we had sewn, and we lost that just a half-mile from the finish."

Johnson said that the wind died to six knots all last night, but that they nearly made up the time today.

"We were averaging about 16 knots passing Molokai today," he said, "and I thought we might make it."

THIS WAS the last race for Glass Slipper II, which won the Transpac in 1966.

"I've bought an island in Fiji," explained Johnson, "and I'm going to retire there. I'll keep Glass Slipper here for a year, then take her to Fiji and use her as a charter boat."

Johnson's crew — sons Ken and Scot, brother-in-law Frank Prott, Gary Thomas, Don Lipton, Ranny Walrod and Buck Ashford — were all happy to finish.

"I'd recommend this trip to anybody," chuckled Prott.

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Last Two Cats Are in

Hurry-Kane, a 40-foot trimaran sloop, crossed the Diamond Head finish line yesterday afternoon at 4:14, the last of five yachts to finish the fourth biennial Multi-hull Transpacific Yacht Race.

The sloop's elapsed time was 12 days, 6 hours, 54 minutes and 32 seconds.

Imi Loa, which finished at 9:19 a.m. yesterday, was timed in 11 days, 23 hours, 58 minutes and 59 seconds.

Sea Bird, a 44-foot catamaran, owned and skippered by Bob Hanel of the Cabrillo Beach, Calif., Yacht Club, was first in both elapsed and corrected time. The boat was clocked in 10 days, 47 minutes and 27 seconds, a record for the race.