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Cool Cat's Caper



Keoni Warinner, former Islander from Los Gatos, Calif., who is the 1969 Hawaii Hobie-14 champion, 'hangs ten' while sailing his catamaran in practice for the Hobie-14 National Championships which will begin tomorrow off Waikiki.—Photo by Ron Haworth.

Hobie Cat Nationals Set Tomorrow at Outrigger

The second annual Hobie Cat National Championships will begin tomorrow and wind up Sunday in the Waikiki waters off the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Seventy entries from around the country and two Virgin Islands sailors are in the field, which also includes one woman, Marilyn Tripp of East Tawas, Mich.

The inaugural race was held in San Diego, Calif., last year, with R. Paul Allen emerging as the champion. Runner-up was Hobie Alter, designer of the new, popular 14-foot catamaran.

WAYNE SCHAFFER of Southern California is rated the man to beat this year. Ted Crane, the Hawaii champion, and runner-up Rick Naish, are top contenders.

The nationals are being sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club and McWayne Marine. Waikiki Yacht Club members comprise the protest committee. The Glass Slipper is Race Committee boat.

Tomorrow's program will have three qualifying races

starting at 10 a.m.

ON FRIDAY, the first championship race is scheduled at 10 a.m. in front of O.C.C., the second at 11:30 off O.C.C. and the third at 2 p.m. from O.C.C. to Keehi Lagoon.

Saturday's schedule: Fourth race, 10 a.m., Keehi

Lagoon; fifth race, Keehi Lagoon; sixth race 2 p.m. Keehi Lagoon to O.C.C.

Sunday's schedule: Seventh race, 10 a.m., O.C.C.; eighth race, 11:30 a.m., O.C.C. Trophy presentations, 4 p.m., at Outrigger Canoe Club.