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## Surf Spray

By Ron Haworth



### Perfect Timing

Somebody up on the big wave in the sky sure smiled last weekend on the 1970 Makapuu Body Surfing Championships and meet director Chuck Shipman.

Money couldn't buy the surf that greeted the still sleepy contestants when they arrived. A day earlier (Friday), Makapuu was in labor, hardly worth a risky glance over the stone wall that separates automobiles from a total insurance claim.

A sharp operator might have floated a bond scheme to build a small boat harbor.

And the two previous weekends it was so flat you had to look twice to see the water.

But way back in August, Shipman sharpened his sail needle, found a 1795 calendar stuffed inside a barnacle-encrusted bottle, and on a moonless night stuck the needle in the calendar.

He then beat the Makapuu waters with a black, war-time, synthetic rubber fin.

### 6 to 10-Foot Surf

The Big M, in response, threw up surf six to 10 feet, and if that wasn't enough, pumped them out in a beautiful center break with long, hanging rights that ate all living things on a three-foot-deep sandbar.

One contestant literally got wiped out of his pants.

Identification could have presented a problem (ever try finding a sock in a washing machine?) but for the forethought of Shipman who prevailed on Qantas Airlines to scrounge lifesaving caps from four Australian clubs and fly them to Hawaii.

Caps tied under the chin of baby blue, poinsettia red, daffodil yellow and chaste white transformed contestants into baby food ads.

The contest was sponsored by KGMB, Qantas, Department of Parks and Recreation and the Hawaii Surfing Association.

Sol Aikau was head judge and was ably assisted by

Moroni Medeiros.

Next year Shipman will expand the number of events to include air mat surfing.

Why Aloha Week didn't latch on to this event is difficult to figure. The timing and atmosphere were made to order.

### Smirnoff Pro-Am

The Smirnoff World Pro-Am now has acceptances from most of the invited surfers. Included in the bunch are top big-wave riders from Australia, Japan, Peru and South Africa.

Hawaiians waiting to vie for the \$4,600 purse are Brant Ackerman, Clyde Aikau, Eddie Aikau, Jimmy Blears, Bobby Cloutier, Ricky Grigg, Barry Kanaiaupuni, Ryan Dotson and Gerry Lopez.

Australian Nat Young entered yesterday.

An interesting comparison—all the above are also on the Duke Classic list. This indicates that professional surfers are on the very choicest part of the curve.

(In a future column Surf Spray will investigate professional surfing—what it is, where it's been and where—if anywhere—it's going.)

### To Speculate

MacGillivray/Freeman Films enjoyed such a tremendous success at the box office with its "Waves of Change" it has decided to speculate and blow it up to 35mm for theater distribution.

The movie (it played to capacity audiences here and was extended three days) closed out its summer season at the Newport Balboa Theater where it did bigger business than any first-run film in several years.

Jim Cotton has been named as executive chairman for the second annual Waikiki Rough Water Swim to be held in 1971.

The first swim was captured by Punahou's Marc Finley and Outrigger Canoe Club's Marge Philips.

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## 45 Qualify for Hobie Cat Races

The second annual Hobie Cat National Championships, sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club and McWayne Marine Supply, began its championship round this morning with a field of 45 qualifiers.

In addition to the three races today, there will be three tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m. at Keehi Lagoon and two on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Waikiki waters off the Outrigger Canoe Club.

In yesterday's final qualifying round, held in heavy winds and rough seas, six skippers from Hawaii were among the 10 qualifiers.

They were John Gryms, W. Mynter, John Lindstrom, Bob Johnson, and Edson Hutchinson from Honolulu and Jerry Lynn of Hanalei, Kauai.

Other qualifiers from yesterday's round were Dick Hatfield, Long Beach, Calif., Dr. Louis Salmon, Rumson, New Jersey; Alex Laird, Tustin, Calif., and Jared Piety, Los Alamitos, Calif.

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## Hobie Cat National: master assumes lead

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Good Hawaiian winds turned yesterday's opening match of the Hobie Cat National Championship into a struggle between local sailors and the master, with the

master winning.

HOBIE ALTER, sailing in the boat he brought onto the scene 2½ years ago, finished two-one-one to assume a heady lead. He was trailed closely by a pack of Hawaii sailors.

Forty-five skippers from

across the United States and the Virgin Islands were entered for the first three of eight races that will last through tomorrow. By the end of the day, at least three of them had chosen to sit on the beach and another three boats were dismissed as winds blew across the waters off Waikiki at 20-to-25 knots. Gusts were above 30.

Cappy Sheeley snatched first place in the first race. Ted Crane took two seconds, with Leith Anderson, Ted Andersen and Rick Naish placing at least once in the top four. All are from Hawaii. Californians T. Hendrickson, R. Seaman and J. Ross Dugan did likewise.

THE LAST RACE was a course of some nine miles from the Outrigger Canoe Club down to Keehi Lagoon and around the Seaplane Triangle. The boats over-nighted at Keehi and will sail two triangle races today before sailing back to the Outrigger in the afternoon. After six hours of racing, the entrants were reported bushed but, "all enthusiastic," about the sailing conditions. The final two races tomorrow will be held off Waikiki.

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## Alter Wins Two Hobie Cat Races

Hobie Alter probably knows more about the Hobie-14 catamaran than anyone else. He should, he's the man who designed the new, popular 14-foot catamaran. Alter, a successful surf-

board and sailboat builder from California, is the overall leader after the first day of championship competition in the second annual Hobie Cat National Championship held yesterday.

The races were held in winds clocked up to 40 miles per hour yesterday with Alter winning the second and third races after Cappy Sheeley of Hawaii had taken the first.

IN THE FIRST race of the day, held offshore from the Outrigger Canoe Club, Sheeley was followed by Alter and Leith Anderson of Hawaii in the standings.

The top 10 skippers going into today's races at Keehi Lagoon were Alter, Ted Crane, Sheeley, Roy Seaman, Wayne Schafer, Ted Hendrickson, Herb Andersen, John Ross-Dugan, Tom Wickenhauser and Anderson.

There will be two races tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m. in the final day of competition. Both races will be run offshore from the Outrigger Canoe Club in Waikiki.

Alter finished second last year in the Nationals at San Diego.