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Cappy crowds Hobie in Cats

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Hawaii's Cappy Sheeley took two firsts and a third yesterday to move within striking distance of Hobie Alter in the second annual Hobie Cat National Championships.

SAILING FOR the second straight day in winds of more than 20 knots, Sheeley and Alter turned in performances that makes any one of them a likelihood for first-overall honors.

The series will wind up today after two races on courses set up off the Outrigger Canoe Club, co-sponsor of the national regatta along with McWayne Marine.

Ted Crane, also of Hawaii, came out of yesterday's races with another pair of second place finishes, giving him four seconds so far out of six races sailed.

THE OFFSHORE horizon of Waikiki today will give spectators a spectacle akin to recreational boating's answer to the Seventh Fleet as the 45 Hobie skippers from around the country will be

sailing in waters also occupied by about 100 monohull yachts and close to 20 powerboats.

The Hobie regatta has turned into an event where heavy weather sailing and boat experience are prevailing over any tactical advantages that the other Cat sailors can hope to muster.

Said one Hobie entrant here from the Virgin Islands, "It's turned into an endurance race. The guys who are in the best shape and most at home in this wind are winning it."

THE HOBIE, a 14-foot twin-hulled sailboat that Alter builds in Southern California, is consistently hitting 20 knots in the kind of weather that does for Hawaii what Schlitz does for Milwaukee. There were enough blistered hands at the end of yesterday's three races to keep a bandaid factory in business for a month.

1st race—Cappy Sheeley, Ted Crane, Hobie Alter, Rick Naish, Wayne Schaffer, John Ross-Duggan.
2nd race—Sheeley, Crane, Ray Seaman, J. Piety, Ross-Duggan, Jeff Carls.
3rd race—Alter, Ted Hendrickson, Sheeley, Seaman, Naish, Herb Andersen.

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Canoe Club's Mooring Plan Refused

The State Land Board has turned down a request by the Outrigger Canoe Club to construct mooring lines for small craft use at Waikiki, fronting the Elks Club, Colony Surf and the Canoe Club.

The proposed project had the approval of the Harbors Division of the State Trans-

portation Department and the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

But the planning office of the Department of Land and Natural Resources recommended denying issuance of a permit for the construction.

The office said the project "in congested beach areas, serving resort and high-density, multi-family districts, will conflict with swimming and surfing and could create problems of beach and water pollution."

The Land Department planners told the Land Board at a meeting Friday that they feared swimmers might become entangled in the mooring lines.

The submerged land area is located in a conservation district, under the State Land Department's administration.

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FLYING START—Hobie-14 catamarans skim across the starting line off Waikiki during final races of national championships yesterday. Story on Page D-3. — Photo by Jack Titchen.

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Honolulan Wins Hobie Cat Title

Waikiki Yacht Club's Cappy Sheeley won an upset victory in the second annual Hobie-14 Cat National Championship yesterday over Hobie Alter, the designer of the racing boat.

Alter, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., had led throughout the eight-race series but was knocked out of his boat by a strong wind in the final race and, after pulling himself aboard, finished ninth. Sheeley, 27, won the championship series, 17 to 17½, over Alter.

Forty-five skippers from eight states plus the Virgin Islands braved blustery trades for four days off Waikiki and Keahi Lagoon. Cap-sizes and dunkings added

spectator excitement.

SHEELEY, a fiberglass shop owner, posted a 1-7-1-1-3-4-1 series in the best seven of eight competition, a scant ¼ point over Alter.

The title was decided yesterday as Sheeley and Alter were all but tied with three wins each going into the final heat. But it was quickly over.

Sheeley jumped into the lead and headed for Diamond Head and Alter hit the starting flag and by rules was forced to recircle the buoy before continuing.

ALTER was then swept from his 14-foot catamaran during a violent gust and watched the fleet sail off. Sheeley won the race and the series.

The sailing championship was co-sponsored by Outrigger Canoe Club and McWayne Marine Supply. The top 10 finishers: (low-point scoring): 1. Sheeley, 17 points; 2. Alter, 17½; 3. Wayne Schaffer (California), 36¾; 4. Ted Crane (Hawaii), 38; 5. Roy Seaman (California), 42; 6. Rick Naish (Hawaii), 43; 7. John Ross-Duggan (California), 51; 8. Ted Hendrickson (California), 65; 9. Richard Loufek (California), 71; 10. Leith Anderson (Hawaii), 76.

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Boat Builder Bags Hobie Crown

A 27-year-old Hawaii boat builder won the second annual Hobie Cat National Championship.

Cappy Sheeley crossed the finish line near the Outrigger Canoe Club a mere two seconds ahead of Rick Naish to win the last of eight races yesterday.

As the last race began, Sheeley was tied with Hobie Alter, designer of the 14-foot catamaran, but Alter hit a buoy and lost time when he was required to sail around it again before continuing. Alter finished second overall.

The top ten places went to Hawaii and California sailors. Wayne Schaffer of California took third overall and Ted Crane of Hawaii placed fourth.

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Q—On the beach out Kapiolani Park way we have a problem and probably you are the one, as usual, who can help solve it. Last July a boat was burned to the water line, then left stranded on the Diamond Head reef. Huge pieces of debris came ashore at the Colony Surf, Outrigger Canoe Club, Castle Surf, Tropic Seas and the Elks Club. The debris promptly was cleaned up by all but the Elks. Last week another large piece of hulk came onto the Elks beach where it likely will remain. We've called various agencies, but all indicate it is someone else's responsibility. What can we do to get this removed now?

A—Just leave the matter in the capable hands of Nick Czar, chairman of water activities for the Elks. He promised Mr. K that he would see that the debris was removed this week.

Remember the complaint in Kokua Line a couple weeks ago from a swimmer who got cut on an old engine block used as a boat mooring? Czar has been trying to remove such moorings which have been hazardous to swimmers. He also has been working with the group trying to line up boats in that area, in a water safety measure to separate swimmers and boat enthusiasts.