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RIDING A WILD CAT—Keoni Warinner does a precarious balancing act aboard his Hobie Cat during yesterday's races off Waikiki. Warinner won the seven-race series over the weekend, and will represent Hawaii in the Nationals at San Diego, along with runner-up Leith Anderson. Both sail for Outrigger Canoe Club. — Photo by Ron Haworth.

Waikiki Surf's Veteran Paddlers Win the Duke

Nine veteran paddlers representing the Waikiki Surf Club stroked to an easy victory in yesterday's second annual Duke Kahanamoku canoe race from Lanikai to Waikiki.

The issue was never in

doubt from Makapuu Point as WSC steadily widened its lead in the 11-canoe, 23-mile race.

The winning crew consisted of Randy Chun, Mike Tongg, Blue Makaua Jr., Nappie Napoleon, Andy Mil-

ler, Ants Guerrero, Samson Mokuahi, Jeff Chee, Joe Gilman and wahine Rosie Kalamala.

THE RULES this year called for a woman to be in each canoe from Diamond Head to the finish.

Healani Canoe Club finished second, while Outrigger Canoe Club and Lanikai Canoe Club finished third and fourth respectively.

Nadine Kahanamoku, widow of Duke, presented the perpetual trophy to the winners.

Holmes wins OCC honors

Mike Holmes won the men's open division Sunday in the fourth annual Outrigger Canoe Club Surfing Championships at Old Man's.

Choppy eight-foot waves made conditions extremely difficult, and many waves dumped their riders enroute.

Kelly Morgan was the women's open winner, and Fred Swartz led the senior men. Don Mailer won boys 17

and under, Bret Goodfriend boys 14 and under, and Kaine Downing boys 11 and under.

Men's open—1, Mike Holmes, 2, Peter Balding, 3, Rick Steere, 4, Bruce Ames.

Women—1, Kelly Morgan, 2, Noeha Rochlen, 3, Evie Black, 4, Linda Peacock.

Senior men—1, Fred Swartz, 2, Karl Heyer, 3, Jim Beaumont, 4, Bob Wilf.

Boys 17 and under—1, Don Mailer, 2, Tomi Winkler, 3, Keone Downing, 4, Rusty Starr.

Boys 14 and under—1, Bret Goodfriend, 2, Steve Willson, 3, Beany Sheelon, 4, Joy Anderson.

Boys 11 and under—1, Kaine Downing, 2, Ken Morrow, 3, Mark Haine, 4, Billy Brooks.

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Nautical Notes



By Jack Wyatt

There's a New Breed of Cat

Now here's a new breed of cat—the Hobie 14. Taming Waikiki's big surf and gusty trades Keoni Warinner won Hawaii's first Hobie Catamaran championship, sweeping five races off Outrigger Canoe Club last weekend.

The 34-year old surfer-turned-sailor copped the trophy and won a paid trip to the Hobie Nationals next month at San Diego. Boasting a perfect score of five straight firsts

in best five-of-seven competition, Keoni sat out the final two optional races so others could taste victory. Eighteen skippers competed over three weekends.

"I guess my surfing and crewing experience really paid off," said the tanned land executive. "This is my first boat and I just bought it last March. But crewing on a 210 and know how to handle big waves must have helped." Warinner placed ninth in a 43-boat fleet of Hobies at Lake Havasu (Ariz.) last spring.

"Keoni took me on every weather leg," said second place finisher Leith Anderson. "I would close on the reaches and downwind, then he'd jump ahead on the windward beat. Every race was a battle." Anderson, a stockbroker who sailed as a teenager at Pearl Harbor Y.C., was Oahu's top tournament tennis player until his recent return to competitive racing. Warinner, Anderson, Dick Metz and Ted Crane will compete in the Nationals and all but Crane will represent OCC.

Congratulations to OCC

Outrigger is to be congratulated on its first major sailing regatta. They did a fine job. And Cline Mann who spearheads OCC's water sports assured us it's a sample of things to come. With 25 Scorpions (sailboards) 15 Hobies, Pacific and Cal Cats, plus being a sports oriented club, OCC could become one of the top smallboat racing facilities on Oahu.

First five positions, their placement and points (low point scoring.) 1. Warinner (1,1,1,1,1) 3 3/4 pts.; 2. Anderson (2,2,2,3,2), 11 pts.; 3. Metz (4,3,4,1,3) 14 3/4 pts.; 4. Karl Heyer (4,3,3,3,2), 15 pts.; 5. Rick Naish (3,8,2,2,1), 15 3/4 pts.

By now many of you are wondering, "What's a Hobie cat?" I'm no cat fancier but let me tell you this 14-foot catamaran is destined to become the largest single class of sailboats in Hawaii. And it will probably boast more fleets, with larger participation—thus keener competition—than any class around. This spritely craft is what people want.

Hobie Is Priced Right

The Hobie is fast, exciting and priced right (\$1,295) and for sailing youngsters it offers the thrill of surfing. With many of our small boat fleets on the decline (while ocean cruising yachts are on the upswing) this cool cat may be the answer to bringing more people into racing.

Before you flood me with calls of protest let's review the facts. Take Kaneohe YC, consider Hawaii's top small boat racing facility. Of KYC's six small boat classes, three have taken 30 years to grow to a dozen boats, two fleets have averaged but one new boat a year over the past 15 to 20 years and the only new group is the Pacific Catamaran, a class with a very bright future.

So when you consider 35 Hobies have sold in ten months, and that the deal expects 200 Hobies by next season, that's growth! But more important, big fleets breed competition and competitive fleets have more fun.

Follows 'Green Road' to Victory

Last weekend Paul Simpson followed the "Greer Road" to Kaunakakai and found it a one-way street to victory. Skipping yacht Touche, the 36-year old Honolulu housemover won Saturday's Oahu-to-Molokai race by plotting a course in the green water that lays between Molokai's murky brown coral reef and the deep blue adverse current.

"No question staying inside the current line spelled success," said Simpson, "plus the fact that we were able to ghost through the calms and charge ahead when the wind piped up. But Jay Moore (Hawaiiiana) gave us some tense moments. My crew worked hard and winning made it all worthwhile."

Touche, an Ericson 41, won first to finish and Class A honors, while Moore placed second and Fred Smales third. Two fleets, one from Honolulu and the other from Kaneohe, finished off Kaunakakai's wharf. Norman Yett topped the Kaneohe division.

The annual Lahaina to Honolulu yacht race, Hawaii's most popular offshore event, is scheduled Labor Day at 7 a.m. off Kaaanapali beach near Black Rock. One hundred yachts from 20 to 60 feet are expected to race for Diamond Head.