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## Local Sailors Join The Field In Hawaii Race

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Three Santa Cruz sailors are among the early entries in the Singlehanded Sailing Society's first-ever Singlehanded Transpacific race to Hawaii this summer.

Santa Cruz will be represented by Don Keenan, Don Wollin and Bill Cannon.

The event is sponsored by the Singlehanded Sailing Society of Oakland.

Cannon must be rated the most adventuresome of the trio as he expects to skipper a tiny Moore 24. The 24, which is built by the Moore Boat Works in Santa Cruz, is a ULDB and has been one of the dominating boats in Monterey Bay racing in recent years.

Keenan, who has extensive experience in a wide variety of boats, will race his Vega 27, Lani Kai. The Vega is a sloop-rigged displacement hull made in Sweden.

Wollin will compete in a wishbone-rigged Freedom 40 ketch.

Safety regulations for the entrants are tough. Yachts older than 10 years must be surveyed. Each vessel must pass pre-race equipment, provision and rigging inspection by the race committee.

Among required onboard safety equipment are stores for four weeks, bilge pumps capable of expelling more than 10 gallons a minute, depth finder and navigation lights, Emergency locating radio beacon, radar reflector, two-man or larger inflatable life raft with canopy, provisions and survival kit, VHF-FM transceiver, emergency boarding ladder. Complete inventory must meet U.S. Yacht Racing Union rules for offshore racing yachts.

The race from San Francisco to Kauai, Hawaii, is for both monohulls and multihull sailing vessels 18 feet or more on the waterline.

There will be two starts. The first will be Thursday June 15 for boats 20 to 30 feet (LOA) and the second start will be one week later for boats 30 feet and up.

Total distance for the race is 2,196 straight line nautical miles.

Trophies will be awarded for the first boat in seven divisions. Divisions are arranged for each five-foot increment in length overall. There will also be trophies for handicap winners within each division.

There is an entry limit of 100 yachts and the deadline for entering is May 1.

The Performance Handicap Rating Formula will be used for the handicapping of entrants.

A briefing and dinner will be held Saturday June 10. Following the race there will be a Luau at the Club Mediterranee, Kauai, on July 15 and the awards will be presented at a trophy dinner on July 16.

There was no argument Saturday night when the Yachtsman of the Year award was presented to Bill Lee at the installation dinner banquet of the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

The award is made annually by the club to the member who has done most for yachting during the preceding year. The selection committee is composed of the club's flag officers.

Lee's accomplishments as a racing skipper, designer and boat builder are too extensive and well-known to repeat here.

Maximum noise levels for certain motorboats operating on the inland waterways of California have been further restricted.

Engines manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1978, must not exceed a noise level of 82 dba measured at 50 feet. The new restriction is part of a law enacted in 1973 which set a timetable for reducing the exhaust noise from

motorboats.

According to Marty Mercado, director of the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development, the new regulation applies to persons selling or offering for sale motorboat engines at retail.

"Boat owners, though, are also responsible for seeing that their engine has been muffled to meet acceptable limits," Mercado said.

Citations will be issued to violators. Boats exceeding the 82 dba are subject to a \$50 fine, five days in jail or both for each violation.

Restrictions that apply to older engine models require that noise levels at 50 feet cannot be greater than 84 dba for engines manufactured on or after Jan. 1, 1976 and before Jan. 1, 1978, and 86 dba for engines manufactured before Jan. 1, 1976.

After the recent heavy rains, the three-year accumulation of debris along lake, reservoir and river banks has created new hazards for California boat owners.

Skippers are cautioned to navigate with extreme caution. Compounding the problem of floating debris is that the silt which collected in some areas during the drought has also run off into the water. Logs and other materials floating just below the surface may not be readily visible.

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