

Tempress Wins 2,126-Mile Race To Kauai, Hawaii

The second biennial San Francisco, California, to Kauai, Hawaii, Yacht Race was captured by Jim Walton and a hard-working team of seasoned Transpacific racers sailing the Swede 55, *Tempress*.

Owner/skipper Walton of Berkeley YC credited his six-man crew with "superior helmsmanship" plus constant attention to sail trim for their overall and Class A victory in the 2,126-mile race which started July 4, just outside the Golden Gate Bridge.

Walton's crew consisted of Cliff Stagg, Steve Baumhoff, Bill Brandt, Mike Monahan, and Matt Blake.

Bill Lee's 67-footer, *Merlin*, winner of the 1980 inaugural race, broke her previous record to Kauai by 1½ hours, crossing the line first in 10 days, 3 hours, 23 minutes. The competition was hot on her heels, however, and she corrected to only sixth in class and tenth overall. *Merlin* was under charter to the eight-man "Fast Syndicate," headed by Darryl Anderson of Tiburon YC.

Although the twenty-two boat fleet was almost half the size of the 1980 fleet, competition was formidable. Slugging it out for first in the International Offshore Rule Division (IOR) were the Frers 58 *Swiftsure* and the Farr 52 *Zamazaan*, with the Davidson 44 *Quamichan* threatening.

The Davidson 50 *Great Fun* crossed the Nawiliwili Bay finish line flying a protest flag against *Zamazaan* for a port-starboard infraction on the start. *Zamazaan* was penalized and dropped from first to fourth place in the IOR division.

The Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Division A also featured some close competition, producing the top three overall winners: *Tempress*, a Knud Reimers design in the meter boat tradition; *Special Edition*, a Wilderness 30; and the Hobie 33 *Robin*.

PHRF Division B went to the Cal 40 *Duende*, and PHRF C was won by the Hans Christian 38 *Apple 1*, which led its class on corrected time for the entire race.

Competitors started the race in 30-knot winds, but by the fourth day the lead boats were reporting 3-to-5-knot breezes. Most of them sailed south to escape the notorious calms of the Pacific high pressure zone. As they neared the Hawaiian Islands, trade winds in the 40-knot range virtually rocketed the racers to the finish.

Results: Overall—(1) *Tempress*, Swede 55, Jim Walton, Danville; (2) *Special Edition*, Wilderness 30, Eric Sultan, Alameda; (3) *Robin*, Hobie 33, Lewis Wake, San Diego; (4) *Apple 1*, Hans Christian 38, Frederick Holt, Cupertino; (5) *Bullet*, Olson 30, Geoff Eisenberg, Santa Cruz



Overall and PHRF Division A winner *Tempress*, a Swede 55 skippered by Jim Walton, leaves the Golden Gate in the second biennial race to Kauai, Hawaii

IOR Division—(1) *Swiftsure*, Frers 58, Sy Kleinman/Mike Rettie, San Francisco; (2) *Quamichan*, Davidson 44, Cal Maritime Academy, Marina del Rey; (3) *Great Fun*, Davidson 50, Clay Bernard, Tulsa, OK

PHRF Division A—(1) *Tempress*; (2) *Special Edition*; (3) *Robin*

PHRF Division B—(1) *Duende*, Cal 40, Bren

Meyer, San Francisco; (2) *Blue Streak*, Cal 39, Sam Whiteside, San Francisco; (3) *Sassenach*, Santana 35, John Paxton, San Francisco

PHRF Division C—(1) *Apple 1*, Hans Christian 38, Frederick Holt, San Francisco; (2) *Gypsy Warrior*, Freya 39, Rick Gio, San Francisco; (3) *Starkite*, Catalina 30, Jim Corenman, Alameda

Winner Sprints to Finish after Slow Solo Transpac

Dan Newland of Alameda, California, worked hard through two slow, frustrating weeks of the Singlehanded Transpacific Race and still had enough energy to sustain a winning sprint, hand-steering his 34-foot *Pegasus* under spinnaker to the Hanalei Bay finish line in Kauai, Hawaii.

Against a fleet of eighteen, Newland's Wylie 34 was the first monohull to finish, completing the 2,120-mile course in 16 days, 7 hours, 47 minutes (25 percent longer than Norton Smith's winning 1978 passage of 13 days, 34 minutes in a Santa Cruz 27). First to cross the line was the only multihull in the race, Michael Kane's 52-foot trimaran, *Crusader*, in 13 days, 5 hours.

This was the third solo Transpac (San Francisco to Kauai) sponsored by the Oakland YC and the Hanalei YC. Two of the three races have suffered slow going in trade winds disrupted by a diffuse Pacific high pressure zone.

The fleet left the California coast at a slow crawl. The light-wind sendoff was a disappointing contrast to conditions entrants experienced in their 400-mile qualifying voyages. No matter what month of a windy California springtime they chose for their qualifiers, all took a pounding.

Newland sailed on starboard tack as far south as the Mexican border before making his turn toward Hawaii, holding about ten degrees of northing between

himself and Kauai. He tacked to port, because it put him, however precariously, on the layline to Kauai. It was the winning move, carrying Newland over the "top" of the southern portion of the divided Pacific high.

It was tiring to keep *Pegasus* moving in changeable, light winds, and the eventual spinnaker sprint to the finish when the trades materialized was even more demanding. Newland steered 36 hours with only short breaks. *Pegasus* finished only 5½ hours ahead of Chuck Hawley's Olson 30, *Collage*.

A popular winner in PHRF Class II was Harold Upham, a fifty-seven-year-old retiree who has made all three solo Transpacs and calls his sailing style "conservative . . . there isn't enough value in a trophy to cross an ocean for that reason alone." —Kimball Livingston

Results: (19 boats) Overall—(1) *Pegasus*, Wylie 34, Dan Newland, Alameda, CA; (2) *Collage*, Olson 30, Chuck Hawley, Sausalito, CA; (3) Joshua H. Columbia, B.7, Harold Upham, San Leandro, CA; (4) *Courageous*, Hawkfarm, John Robinson, Sausalito, CA; (5) *Hurricane*, Express 27, Doug McNaughton, Sausalito, CA

Multihull (one entry)—*Crusader*, 52-foot Cross trimaran, Michael Kane, Newport Beach, CA

ULDB—(1) *Collage*; (2) *Hurricane*; (3) *Gold Rush*, Olson 30, Peter Brown, Berkeley, CA

PHRF Class I—(1) *Pegasus*; (2) *Courageous*; (3) *Uhuru*, Lancer 36, Darrell Davey, Oxnard, CA; (4) *Restless*, Peterson 33, David Hamilton, Santa Barbara, CA

PHRF Class II—(1) Joshua H.; (2) *High Flier*, Newport 30, Charles Kite, Marina del Rey, CA