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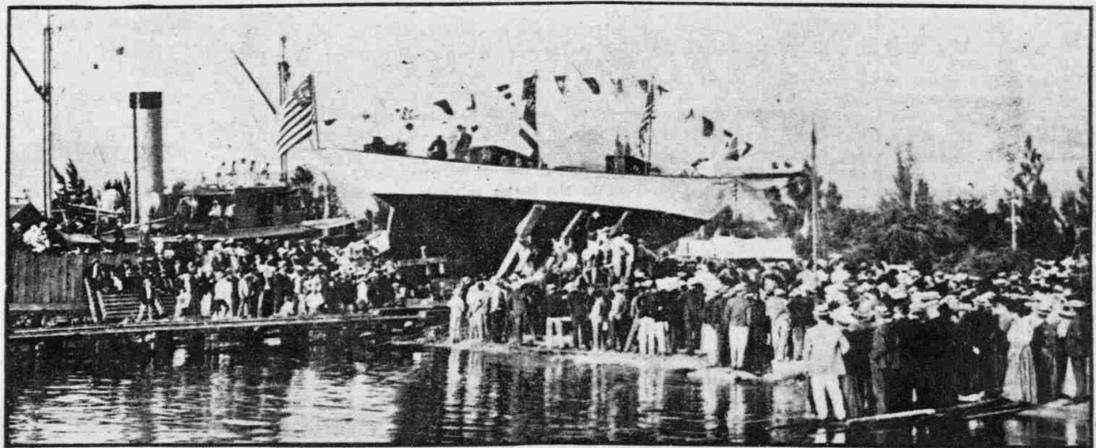
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THE LAUNCHING OF THE HAWAII.

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**YACHTSMEN
MAKE MERRY**

Transpacific Craft the Theme
at H. Y. C's Annual
Banquet.

The annual election of officers and the usual banquet of the Hawaii Yacht Club took place at the Young Hotel last night.

The affair was a jolly one and enthusiasm over the new yacht ran high, indeed the Hawaii was the theme of the evening.

Present were: Commodore H. E. Cooper, Vice Commodore C. W. Macfarlane, George Crozier, J. Lyle, Alec Lyle, W. H. McInerny, G. P. Wilder, C. T. Wilder, H. P. Roth, T. H. Petrie, P. L. Weaver, C. A. Brown, George C. Beckley, A. W. Neely, J. E. Young, T. V. King, John O'Brien, E. Meeker, Kenneth Brown, J. W. W. Brewster, H. M. Ayres, C. A. Allbright, Dan Logan, V. Hurd, Ray Rietow, R. H. Rycroft, G. Turner.

Commodore Cooper presided and made a very acceptable toastmaster. The officers elected to serve for the coming year are as follows:

Commodore, J. A. Lyle; vice commodore, C. T. Wilder; secretary and treasurer, C. T. Wilder; directors, H. E. Cooper, W. H. McInerny, O. L. Sorenson, C. W. Macfarlane, George Crozier; port captain, Ray Rietow; measurer, O. L. Sorenson; regatta committee, H. Roth (chairman), J. Jaeger, H. Rycroft.

Secretary Petrie reported that the club had \$39.50 on hand and that its indebtedness amounted to \$420.

C. T. Wilder, treasurer of the Transpacific Yacht Race Committee, stated that the Hawaii had cost about \$13,000 paid in cash up to the present. Of this amount \$2600 had been advanced. About \$4000 was needed to complete the boat and at least \$1750 in pledged, but uncollected, subscriptions was in sight. Apart from this money, which he believed could be collected without much difficulty, Wilder stated that it would be necessary to raise \$2000 more in order to allow the Hawaii to sail out of this port free from debt. He adjured each member of the club to do his best to influence some persons to subscribe to the fund until all the money needed was in sight. If they couldn't get money the gift of some article needed would be just as acceptable.

This was the business of the meeting conducted, pleasantly and between courses. The banquet was an excellent one and served in the Young's best style. The table was decorated with asters and incandescent lights with green shades shed a delicate radiance over the festive board.

W. H. McInerny, called upon to tell something of the work he had done in connection with the yacht, complained that he had not been supported by the members of the club as he should have been. Nevertheless the committee had worked earnestly and had succeeded in accomplishing what had at first seemed to be a dream. If, however, at any other time, anyone contemplated building a yacht by popular subscription, but hoped the party would come to him for advice. He would tell him that the undertaking was the hardest and most thankless that could be conceived. Some smiled on the project and others damned it. By perseverance and hard work, however, the committee had accomplished what it had set out to do.

McInerny paid a glowing tribute to Sorenson & Lyle, the builders of the yacht, who had, he said, rendered patriotic, self-sacrificing and noble service without even the prospect of obtaining anything like adequate com-

penation for their services. If the Hawaii were to be built today by parties other than the firm who constructed her she would cost not less than \$25,000. The sight of old Mr. Lyle down on his marrow-bones working on the craft had made him feel that he should stick to the task that had devolved upon him and the other members of the committee and exert every effort to make the Hawaii a concrete fact.

Referring to the question of a captain for the Hawaii, the speaker said that Clarence W. Macfarlane was the logical man for the position, but that he had declined the honor. He showed splendid pluck in crossing the Pacific Ocean in little La Paloma, and had played a great part in the first transpacific yacht race, a race which was destined to become perhaps the greatest yachting event in the world. In Lyle they had found a man who couldn't be bettered, and by choosing him to captain the Hawaii, the Hawaii Yacht Club had demonstrated that they didn't have to get away from home in order to get a man to sail the boat.

Commodore Cooper proposed a vote of thanks to Sorenson & Lyle, which was carried with acclamation. In speaking of the past season he said that the club had every reason to be satisfied. The problems encountered had been satisfactorily solved. The regatta committee had done good work in handicapping under difficulties.

The commodore then proceeded to review the season and remarked that one thing that had been very forcibly brought home to him was the way the newer-designed yachts could sail rings round the older craft.

Speaking of the Hawaii, he said that he had witnessed many launches, but had never seen a boat that sat more perfectly in the water than the Hawaii. She had raised the hopes of the club to the highest point.

Alec Lyle, speaking after his election to the post of commodore, thanked the club for the honor that it had done him. He thought that there would be plenty of good racing this season if the members pulled well together and worked as hard as the transpacific committee had done. The Hawaii had been launched under peculiar conditions, one of which was that close by was the biggest punchbowl in the world. He expected to bring back the cup, and as he hadn't been afraid to build the yacht he wasn't going to be afraid to sail her. Some had asked him why he was willing to risk the reputation he had gained in building the Hawaii, by sailing her. To them he would say that the man who wills is the man who wins.

C. T. Wilder reminded the commodore that there were two cups to bring back, the South Coast Yacht Club's cup and the trophy offered by Sir Thomas Lipton. As vice commodore, he promised to do his best to uphold the position of the commodore in the latter's absence. Clarence W. Macfarlane complimented Alec Lyle on his ability to captain the yacht in her coming trip to the Coast and succeeding race, and said that the voyage there and back was worth all the credit bestowed on those who made it.

Ray Rietow appreciated the honor done him as a young member of the club in electing him to the post of port captain. He would discharge his duties to the best of his ability.

Admiral George Beckley stated that he had gone to the Coast some time ago with the set object of seeing San Pedro and finding out just what was being done in connection with the ocean race in California. He had seen W. G. Irwin while away and the latter had promised him that if he was on the Pacific Coast when the Hawaii arrived he would be present to greet her in person. If he were away from the Coast he would appoint someone else to entertain Hawaii's yacht and entertain those aboard.

The admiral said that he had told everyone he had met in California that we were building a boat down here which would beat anything sent down from the Coast, and bring back the two cups. He wanted to see the \$2000 needed raised before the Hawaii left port, and stated that he would do active work in getting the money subscribed in town and on the other islands.

George Turner declared himself as well satisfied with the way the club was being run. He would like to see more sociability among the members, however. More outings and chowders would do wonders along the line of promoting the general enjoyment.

C. A. Brown said that he had consulted a native kahuna, who had said that the Hawaii would surely win, though she would have lots of rain, water and cold on her voyage. "The latter prediction is probably true," said the speaker, "considering the flush decks of the racing yacht." Daniel Logan, the Nestor of the local

press, responding to the press toast, spoke interestingly of his yachting experiences in Canada and talked of yachts that came to Hawaii twenty years ago. One yacht that he happened to be on was under water so much that he incurred the enmity of the captain by enquiring whether the craft was a submarine. Logan said that in 1905 he wrote an editorial in the Advertiser advocating a transpacific yacht race.

"If the Hawaii wins the cups, as I firmly believe she will, it will be much easier to secure funds to build a defender to compete against new yachts which will try hard to recover the trophy, than it has been to get the Hawaii built."

T. H. Petrie responded to the toast, "The Ladies." He protested against being referred to as "a ladies' man." (Cries of "Auwe no ka oi.")

He had tried to do his duty by the club in various capacities, but felt that he couldn't do it as a ladies' man. He, like Turner, was of the opinion that if the social side of the club were more fully developed there would be greater enthusiasm among the members. Kenneth Brown told how he had won the Macfarlane cup with the little Chip and expressed his hope that he would have a better boat in the water before very long.

J. Young said that he had hulked the Hawaii off the launching ways and hoped that he would have the honor of hulked her in after a victorious race. Commodore Cooper proposed that the Hawaii be enrolled on the roster of the Hawaii Yacht Club as soon as her masts and spars come to hand. This was unanimously carried.

C. A. Brown moved that Sir Thomas Lipton be thanked for his offer of a cup for the transpacific race.

Commodore Cooper stated that he had already written a letter of thanks to Sir Thomas, whereupon Brown moved that Cooper's action be endorsed. This was done.

Other speakers were Messrs. Weaver, W. L. Warren, C. Lewis, Hurd, Brewster, Albright and Ayres.

Shortly before 11 p. m. the assembly broke up.

**SMALL BOYS
RUN RACE**

The Kamehameha Schools small boys had a track meet on Saturday. The results of the various events follow:

100 Yards Dash—1, Kepano; 2, E. Boyd. Time, 13 1-5 sec.

880 Yards—1, Edward Henry; 2, Antonio Correa. Time, 3 min. 25 sec.

High Jump—1, Charles Shaw; 2, Joseph Kahalelo, Height, 4 ft. 10 in.

Three-legged Race, 50 Yards—Won by Boyd and Kauli. Time, 7 min. 9 sec.

220 Yards—1, Charles Shaw; 2, Edward Boyd. Time, 29 3-5 sec.

Pole Vault—Charles Shaw. Height, 9 ft. 3 in.

120 Yards Hurdles—1, Thos. Hore; 2, Edward Henry. Time, 16 4-5 sec.

50 Yards—1, Joseph Kahalelo; 2, Ed. Wagner. Time, 7 sec.

440 Yards—1, Edward Henry; 2, Antonio Correa. Time, 1 min.

Shot Put, 8 lbs.—1, Lawrence Kauli; 2, Sam Peck. Distance, 29 ft.

Half-mile Relay—Won by E. Henry, Thomas Hore, Kahalelo and Kepano.

PACIFIC BASEBALL CLUB.

At a meeting held last Saturday at the clubhouse of the Pacific baseball club the following officers were elected for the 1908 season:

Louis Lee—President.

H. Van Seo—Vice president and auditor.

J. A. Wong—Treasurer.

A. K. F. Kau—Secretary.

G. H. Pang—Manager.

Sau Chin Wong—Captain.

All the members of the above club are requested to be present at a regular practice at the Boys' Field Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

AMOSA WANTED.

If Amosa Kauahi, the wrestling boatman, will call at the Advertiser office some time today, he will hear something to his advantage.

**AUSTRALIANS
WERE AMAZED**

Waikiki Boys Create a Surfing Sensation at Manly Beach.

Two Waikiki boys have just returned from a three months' stay in Australia. It is summer there while it is winter in Hawaii, so that on Christmas and New Year's days the water was just right and the Waikiki boys dashed in to surprise the boys at Manly Beach—and they did.

There are two things that the Sydney lad prides himself upon, the crawl stroke and body surfing. Master Cherry of the Lilliputians beat nineteen-year-old Peanuts in a swimming match at the Hotel Baths the other day, and he used the Australian crawl stroke. On Christmas Day when the two Waikiki boys went into the surf at Manly Beach people stopped swimming to take notice.

Nobody talks much of body surfing in Hawaii. Young boys and men merely swim out a quarter of a mile to the big waves, give a stroke or two at the right fraction of a second and leap forward down the green hill, the rushing water catches them, and bent backward like a bow, they come skimming in for a hundred yards or so, and sometimes right up to the beach, their heads out from the base of the wave, their feet curved backward somewhere in the crested foam above.

At Manly Beach, the most venturesome wade out for twenty-five yards, and in mortal terror of sharks the last row of breakers, catch a frothing wavelet by springing forward—they stand upon hard sand—and are carried forward a few yards, or, if they have a small board in their hands, sometimes surf up to the beach.

On Christmas Day the two Waikiki boys watched the fun at Manly, then disrobed in the free bathing shed, put on the government four-cents bathing suits and plunging in swam out to a chorus of "Sharks, sharks, sharks," left the farthest breaker behind them, caught an oncoming roller long before it broke and came in right up to the beach line. People stopped surfing to look at them. They tried it again with equal success, then their teeth began to chatter, for, although the thermometer at Manly, the water is never so warm that a bath may be prolonged.

New Year's Day there was a test match but the Australians were not in it with the Waikiki boys, who learned to surf on waves the like of which happen in Australia only after a violent storm.

However, the Sydneyites got even. One Waikiki youth was arrested last New Year's Day for sitting upon the sand at Manly in his bathing costume, "sun bathing" being an offense in many parts of Australia that is punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars and certain ordinances compel the bather to walk directly into the surf and forbid him to remain in the water more than half an hour. He mist walk directly out again and not loiter on the beach. The people of Manly cannot conceive of a Waikiki beach where there is never a policeman and never the need of one.

The two youths from Waikiki are glad to be back on their native strand once more, and in the only surf in the world that is mastered by men who stand upon tiny boards on the crests of the largest waves.

Short and Sweet

There will be a meeting of the Diamond Head Athletic Club tonight.

White Rock golf tournament at Moanalua next Sunday.

There will be a regular meeting of the Palama Athletic Club this evening at 7:30 o'clock at its hall, on King street, near Dowsett lane. All members are requested to attend.

The postponed one-club golf tourney of the Country Club will take place a week from next Sunday.

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