



Four of "Long Gone's" crew enjoy fast sailing in mid-Pacific. From left, Les Mennie, Ed Kendall, Don McGreer, Bob Andrew.



Many days of sunny skies and easy sailing gave "Velaris" crew deep tropical tans. From left, Bob Laird, Bill Anketell, Dr. Gordon Baker, John Williams and on the stern, Lol Killam.

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A jet can reach Hawaii in six hours.

But a group of British Columbia sailors preferred to do it the adventurous way — the hard way if you like.

They took sixteen days and at the same time pioneered an honest-to-God ocean race that will stand as a challenge to

B.C. yachtsman as long as the wind blows.

The competition to test boats, endurance and bankers' benevolence, spotted Victoria as the starting point and well over two thousand miles away, the island of Maui in Hawaii, as the target.

The three skippers were **Jim**



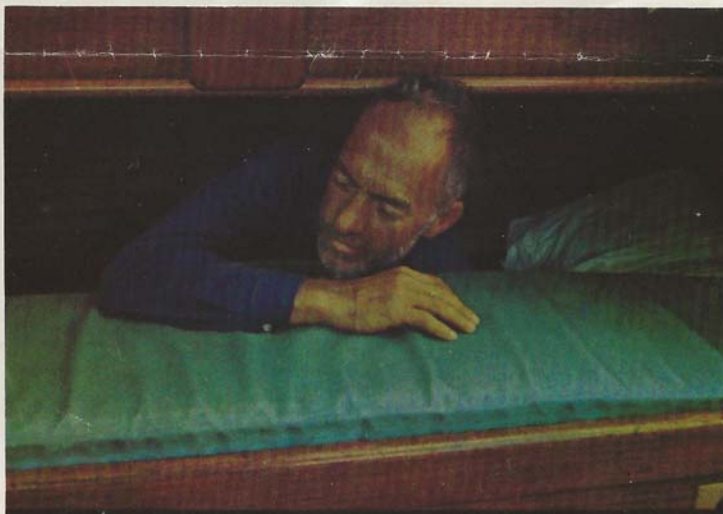
Lol Killam's 48-ft. "Velaris" leaves Royal Vancouver Yacht Club to begin race to Maui. From left, Bob Laird, Dr. Gordon Baker, navigator, in foreground, Bill Anketell, skipper Killam, in foreground, and John Williams.

Three Vancouver yachts arrive within 24 hours of each other in the first-ever Canada-Honolulu race.

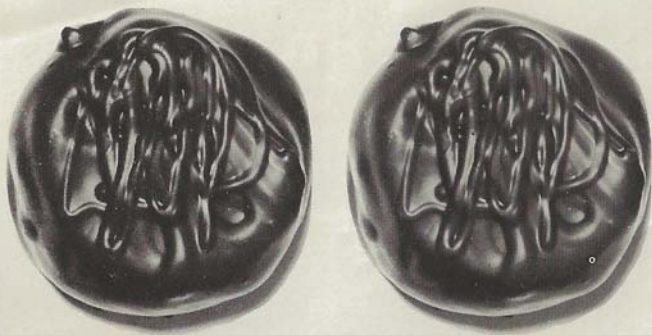
Innes, relatively new to sailing but fired with the contagious enthusiasm of the recent convert; **Lol Killam** and **Ron Ramsey**.

Both Mr. Innes, aboard his L36 sloop "Long Gone" and Mr. Killam with his 48-ft. sloop "Velaris" are members of Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Mr. Ramsey's home club is Royal Victoria, where his 42-ft. steel-hulled sloop, "Norena of Wight" is registered.

It was Mr. Innes, a North Vancouver airline pilot, who organized the race, designed to test designer's knowledge, skipper's experience, navigator's accuracy and crew spirit and skill.



Skipper Killam, looking like a refugee from Mutiny on the Bounty, vacates his warm berth to stand his watch.



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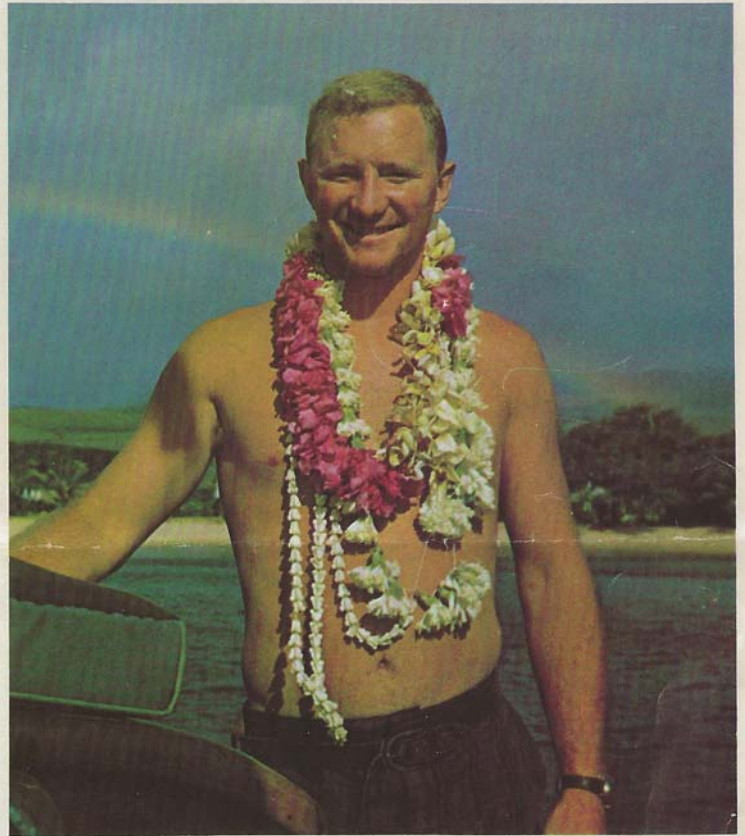
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John Williams, son of Dr. Seiriol Williams, received traditional leis after arrival at finish line in Kahalui Harbor, Maui.



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"Without all of these in abundance," says Mr. Innes, "even luck won't let you win."

Both luck and "abundance" bunked with the yachtsmen even though all three played tag with a "pacific high" according to their own ingenuity.

Mr. Killam, a lanky, stick-slim retired business executive, went right through the centre of it; Mr. Ramsey plotted a somewhat similar course but Mr. Innes held southerly, picking up trade winds all the way to the Islands.

Shortly after noon on July 15, Mr. Innes steered "Long Gone" over the finish line in Kahalui Bay, almost ten hours ahead of "Velaris" and a day ahead of "Norena."

The reception recorded all three boats and their crews was warm and boisterous. The sailors were welcome guests of former Vancouverites Jack and Margaret Miller at the Napili Kai Beach Club and the Mayor and Commodore of the Maui Yacht and Boat Club pledged their support to organize the finish of the next race in 1968.

Currently both Mr. Innes and Mr. Killam have set out on a program to get at least fifteen boats in that competition with some of the larger California ocean racers taking part.

"You have to remember," ex-

plains Mr. Innes, turning on the zeal, "that the Transpac started with only three boats. There's no reason why our race shouldn't eventually attract 50 boats."

If you're within listening distance, you've got to believe him.

And if his dream does come true, you've just been clued in on what is destined to become, after the Los Angeles-Tahiti marathon, the longest, regularly scheduled sailing race in the world. ☐



Jim Innes . . . Long Gone Skipper.