



Dear Express 37 Fleet,

The 2016 Pacific Cup planning activities are well under way, and we're pleased that 26 boats have already entered including Jack's Elan. We would like to invite the Express 37 fleet to participate in the adventure of a lifetime – the FUN race to Hawaii. Double-handed or fully-crewed it's one of the most exciting and fulfilling sailing adventures possible from the California coast. One-design racing adds an additional element of competition, and we have special trophies for our one-design classes in addition to the division trophies and regardless of the division (e.g. double-handed and crewed boats both count for the one-design rankings). You'll also be competing for the Schumacher Cup, a gorgeous Koa bowl that is the perpetual trophy for the fastest by handicap Carl boat.

What sets the Pacific Cup apart from other west coast to Hawaii races?

- Support for pre-race preparation. From our Pacific Offshore Academy seminars, where racers benefit from the knowledge of Pac Cup veterans and industry experts, to additional pre-race seminars and parties, as well as our personal inspection program, our goal is to provide a foundation for a safe and FUN race to Hawaii.
- Pacific Cup Village at RYC. Through a central support hub we make it very easy for out-of-town boats to arrive, rig, and complete their preparations. The village also facilitates camaraderie among the competitors prior to the race – which makes for more fun during and after the race.
- Aloha at Kaneohe Yacht Club. From the welcome Mai Tais to the fantastic parties, KYC welcomes racers and their family and friends with the best in Hawaiian hospitality.
- Post-race logistical support. Through our partners, we help facilitate return plans, and Matson has lowered their shipping cost for return

transport. Our 37, Melange, returned on a trailer with Matson both times.

As a four-time Pacific Cup racer, I can attest to the joy and exhilaration of crossing the blue turquoise Pacific Ocean, enjoying the warm trade winds and surfing the following seas with spinnaker runs that last for days.

Race details can be found in the Notice of Race, posted on the Pacific Cup web site, <http://pacificcup.org>, and it's easy to register for the race online.

We'll be presenting a seminar for anyone with interest in the race on Saturday April 11 at Strictly Sail Pacific in Oakland, followed by a Mai Tai party at the Easom Rigging booth. We hope to see you there!

Finally, please consider joining or renewing your membership to the Pacific Cup Yacht Club. Membership is only \$50 , is fully tax deductible, and supports the race. You can find more information about membership under the PCYC tab on the PacCup.org website.

I'm available to answer any questions that might be standing in the way of a decision to sail to Hawaii. We only need two more 37's for a one design trophy.

Aloha,

Steve Chamberlin
Staff Commodore PCYC
Ex – "Melange"