



NAVY WIVES CLUB

Service Ladies Asked To Join

To Married Men:

The Long Beach Chapter of the Navy Wives Club extends a cordial invitation to all Navy Wives in Long Beach or vicinity to attend their meetings, especially while the ships are away. There is a social meeting every Tuesday night at eight o'clock and on Friday afternoons the sewing group meets at one o'clock.

Bridge classes will be formed for beginners during the cruise. The Club meets at 416 Pine Avenue in the Service Men's Club rooms.

The wife of every enlisted man in the Long Beach area should be a member of the Navy Wives Club.

Married men on this ship are urged to write their wives and encourage them to attend the Club meetings while they are away. No wife needs to be lonely when there is a fine club of women organized with the sole object of promoting friendships among Navy wives, and being of mutual help one to another. "Sisters in the Service" is their motto.

Have your wife come to the next meeting and get acquainted. We need her help, and sometime we may serve you.

/s/ Mrs. David Neal.
Secretary

**SEEN IN THE U.S.S. VINCINNES
"PIONEER"**

"When baseball call goes one of the infield candidates will be Dave Hurley former HOUSTON star trying out for his favorite position at third base."

The Blue Bonnet wishes him a successful year.

HOUSTON HAPPY HOUR AHEAD

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HOUSTON YACHTSMEN WIN

On Saturday, April 10, and again on the following Monday and Tuesday, the HOUSTON'S sailing whaleboat, manned by members of the ship's company, tied with the U.S.S. PORTLAND'S canvas experts on earned points in a series of three sailing races in the experimental whaleboat group. In the first race the HOUSTON boat finished in the show position. Evidently our yachters profited by that experience—the second and third events were a different story. These doughty racing men took no white water from anyone and copped first place in both races.

This is the way the thrilling races were run: The HOUSTON took third, first, and first positions respectively on each of the three days. The PORTLAND knocked over a first and two second places. In the first contest the HOUSTON'S boat came in third, the PORTLAND'S craft being first and the ASTORIA'S second. In the second and third races the HOUSTON'S entry, quite cleverly handled, crossed the finish line first, followed by the PORTLAND and ASTORIA in that order. In the third race it wasn't until the last stretch of the last leg that the Rambler Ship's yachtsmen managed to put their little boat in the lead where it remained until the line was well under her keel. This gave the HOUSTON and the PORTLAND each 11 points to tie for first place. It has since been decided to give both ships 25 points toward the General Excellency Trophy (Iron Man).

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Hawaiian Fete Planned

Who's going to be the masked hula dancer? Where did that "Bing Crosby" come from? Who will win the rope-climbing contest? These and many other questions are being asked as plans for the HOUSTON Hawaiian Happy Hour reach a more mature stage. Those of you who have seen Ridge's preconception of a scene at Honolulu as it materialized in the port hangar should have something of an idea of the complete atmosphere which will surround the show. Response from the crew has been more than gratifying in the offering of help, except that a need for appropriate skits is still felt.

A rope-climbing contest will take place during the evening's entertainment, the length of climb will be from the well deck to the catapults, entries will be taken from volunteers in the audience, all comers will be welcome, and a worthwhile prize will be offered to the best climbs. Exhibition wrestling will also be included and Well-bourne promises to promote some bouts that will be of interest to all, even the contestants. All of you bathroom tenors had better brush up on your old favorites, too, because the evening's program will be concluded with a regular old song fest with which we hope to wake up Mauna Loa.

Those taking part in the evening of fun are requested to spend this week at sea in preparing their acts for one of the biggest happy hours the ship has ever seen. Don't forget that almost everyone will be aboard to enjoy it—and we want no need for a movie to "fill out" the program.