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## ENGINEERING COMPETITION

### Versus Fuel Oil Economy

Now that the Cruise is under way, it is well to mention a matter that has received scant attention in months past. As perhaps most everyone knows Engineering Competition is based on fuel oil allowance. This allowance is fixed by the Bureau of Engineering and is the same for all ships in the same class. To use exactly what is allowed, both at anchor and in an underway status, means a 100% score.

Up to about eighteen months ago the Rambler Ship's average score since commissioning has been well above that called "perfect" and in most instances above that of all other ships in her class. Because of numerous circumstances beyond our control we received the coveted White "E" for one year only—the competitive year 1935-1936.

Since that time interest in the matter of economy has been on the wane; as a result of this lack of combined effort, the HOUSTON slipped from first place to the bottom of the list. During the last quarter the ship jumped from that unenviable position to seventh place. That proves we still have what it takes to compete; but we need more of the same thing if we are to take our rightful place among the leaders.

The Engineers can cooperate from the fireman on the floorplates to the Chief Engineer; they can make every strenuous effort to boost efficiency thruout the Engineering Department, even so, that isn't all that's required. For complete efficiency and economy all hands must work together. No department can hope to attain perfection without the hearty backing of every other department.



THE Hawaiian Islands first came under one government when Kamahameha I conquered all the islands in 1795.

America's only queen was Lilluokalani, ruler of Hawaii, who became an American citizen when the U.S. annexed the Islands.

A fountain of fish flowed in Honolulu when workmen struck a subterranean reservoir. The daily flow was 10,000,000 gallons of water containing thousands of fish.

More than 1,000 varieties of flowers grow in the gardens of Honolulu.

The Hawaiian Islands were named "Sandwich Islands" by Captain Cook, after his patron, the fourth Earl of Sandwich.

A single tree, the Hau Kuahiwi, growing in the Hawaiian Islands is the only one of its kind known to exist.

The ukulele was invented in Portugal.

There are twenty islands in the Hawaiian group.

The University of Hawaii has the only school in tropical agriculture in the United States.

Both King Liholiho and his queen died in Great Britain. They had journeyed there on a British warship seeking protection of the British flag, when both were overcome with measles.

There is no desire to curtail the normal use of fresh water and electric power, however, the amount used determines to some extent the consumption of fuel oil. Therefore when electricity and water are wasted, fuel oil is being wasted—indirectly.

Strange as it seems, Hawaii's great tourist influx does not occur in the winter months. Eighty-eight degrees is the highest temperature ever recorded in Honolulu, and June, July, and August are the peak tourist months.

Only one eighteenth of the entire population of the Hawaiian Islands are Hawaiians.

There are almost seven times as many Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands as Hawaiians.

Long before the United States acquired Hawaii, the Hawaiian flag was a combination of the American and British flags, adopted by King Kamehameha, in 1854, as his own national flag, and later adopted as the national emblem.

One end of the island of Kauai has forty feet of rainfall a year and only five miles away there is a hot desert. On this same island two opposing armies fought a battle with hot stones.

Mauna Kea volcano—Although situated in the tropical Pacific, this mountain is covered with snow many months of the year. It has not erupted within memory of man.

Barking Sands—Here sand dunes utter mysterious barks when trod under foot or blown by the wind.

Captain Cook's Monument is on the island of Hawaii, where he was buried. This plot of ground is owned by Great Britain. He was killed by a native as he was trying to regain his ship.

There is a "barefoot football league" in the Hawaiian Islands. All departments of all games are played in bare feet, and some of the records are astounding.

When Mauna Loa erupted in 1801, natives threw hundreds of live pigs in the flowing lava to appease the fire goddess, Pele.

In other words: DON'T BE WASTEFUL—Lend a hand by being conservative; don't use all the juice and water that you can, rather, use just what is needed. It's the sensible thing to do and the Engineers will appreciate your cooperation.