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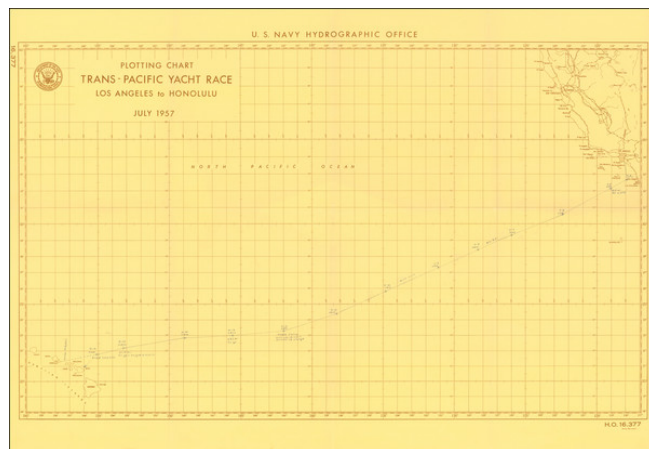
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Plotting Chart Trans-Pacific Yacht Race Los Angeles to Honolulu July 1957

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Map Maker: U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office
Date: 1957
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 38.5 x 23.2 inches
Price: \$ 495.00



Description:

Plotting Chart Trans-Pacific Yacht Race: Los Angeles to Honolulu, dated July 1957, documents the course of a single racer from July 4 to July 16. This detailed navigational chart is adorned with pencil annotations that not only detail the route of the voyage but also hint at the challenges faced by the sailors. In particular, notes suggest a series of events, from a parted saddle, resulting in the loss of the main for the balance of the journey, to the catching of three dolphin fish, concluding with the parting of the last staysail just off Oahu.

The Trans-Pacific Yacht Race, commonly referred to as the Transpac, is a prestigious and challenging offshore yacht race that spans over 2,225 nautical miles across the Pacific Ocean. Starting off the coast of Los Angeles and finishing at Diamond Head in Honolulu, this biennial race has been an iconic competition for sailing enthusiasts since its inception in 1906. It attracts a diverse fleet of yachts, ranging from high-performance custom boats to production sailboats, all competing to traverse the challenging expanse of open water in the shortest time. As participants race to the tropical shores of Hawaii, they encounter varying weather conditions and have to strategize accordingly, making the Transpac as much a test of seamanship and navigation as it is of speed.

This particular chart serves a dual purpose. As a navigational tool, it guided sailors on their course; as a record, it offers insights into the conditions and experiences of the 1957 race. The annotations provide a straightforward account of challenges encountered — equipment malfunctions and marine encounters.

Detailed Condition: