## Hip No. **228**

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### **Avalon Bay**

| Avalon Bay | Catalina Cruiser | Union Rags    | Dixie Union                   |
|------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|            |                  | Sea Gull      | Mineshaft Exclusive Bird      |
|            | Bako Sweets      |               |                               |
|            |                  | Flaming Dixie | Dixieland Band<br>Grass Skirt |

By CATALINA CRUISER (2014), black type wnr, \$711,100, True North S. [G2], Pat O'Brien S. [G2] twice, San Diego H. [G2] twice. Half-brother to Royal Flag [G2] (\$673,020), Eagle [G3] (\$754,186). His first foals are 3-year-olds of 2024. Sire of 38 winners, \$2,325,100, including black type-pld Catalytic (\$231,525, 2nd Florida Derby [G1], etc.), Latte Lizzie, etc.

#### 1st dam

BAKO SWEETS, by Twirling Candy. 6 wins, 3 to 7, \$180,025. This is her second foal. Her first foal is a 2-year-old of 2024, which has not started.

#### 2nd dam

FLAMING DIXIE, by Dixieland Band. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$113,521. Dam of 8 foals to race, 6 winners, including--Flaming Indy. 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$47,784.

#### 3rd dam

GRASS SKIRT, by Mr. Prospector. Unraced. Dam of 5 winners, including--

**GRASSHOPPÉR**. 5 wins, 2 to 6, \$848,852, Mineshaft H. [**G3**] (FG, \$90,-000), 2nd Travers S. [**G1**] (SAR, \$200,000), Super Derby [**G2**] (LAD, \$100,000), New Orleans H. [**G2**] (FG, \$100,000), Philip H. Iselin S. [**G3**] (MTH, \$60,000), Westchester H. [**G3**] (BEL, \$21,820), 3rd Whitney H. [**G1**] (SAR, \$75,000). Sire.

**TURF WAR**. 2 wins in 4 starts at 2, \$123,400 in Canada, Swynford S. [L] (WO, \$75,000); winner at 2, \$407,942 in N.A./U.S., Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot S. [G3] (DED, \$400,000). Total: \$526,490.

**STRAW HAT.** 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$105,345, Black Gold H. (FG, \$30,000).

#### 4th dam

BALINESE, by Nijinsky II. 2 wins, \$43,420. Sister to MASHAALLAH [G1] (hwt twice, Total: \$364,544), FOLK ART-G1 (dam of Artist Turf, Total: \$685,-253; etc.; granddam of Patchwork; great-granddam of SUPERMASON, \$417,455; SHOTSOFT, 6 wins, \$129,707; Pure Grey), SPORTIN' LIFE, Barefoot Ballerina [G2]. Dam of 4 winners, including--

Lerici. Winner at 3, \$44,315. Dam of 11 foals to race, 9 winners, including- **AVENGE**. 7 wins, 3 to 5, \$868,341, Rodeo Drive S. [**G1**] (SA, \$180,000) twice, John C. Mabee S. [**G2**] (DMR, \$120,000), Ultrafleet S., 3rd Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf [**G1**], Gamely S. [**G1**]. Producer.

LIGURIA. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$242,200, Jimmy Durante S. [G3], etc. LIRA. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$163,669, Ginger Brew S. [L] (GP, \$58,900), Wait a While S. (GPW, \$42,315), 2nd Herecomesthebride S. [G3], etc. Dam of LIA MARINA (2 wins, \$114,065, Wait a While S., GP, \$44,640).

**Pistoletto**. 2 wins, 38,865 euro in Ireland, 3rd Committed S. [L]; 5 wins, 83,273 pounds in England, 2nd Cornwallis S. [**G3**]. Total: \$151,566.

Itsoeasy. Unplaced. Dam of **Easy Grades** (11 wins, \$559,744, 2nd Santa Anita Derby [**G1**], SA, \$150,000, San Rafael S. [**G2**], SA, \$40,000). Granddam of **Alliseeisgold** (7 wins, \$232,710, 2nd Honey Jay S.-R, etc.).

Breeders' Cup nominated.
Registered for California-bred owners' premiums.