

MACFARLANE MEMORIAL REGATTA

From Hawaiian Life

By "SCOOP" TSUZUKI

If you saw the holiday outrigger canoe races, you'll agree they were the most spectacular and thrilling of all races ever held off Waikiki.

Vistors as well as kamaainas were high in praise of the crews, officials, and the Outrigger Canoe Club.

The old timers reluctantly admitted this was an unusual event for the race went on despite the high Summer surf that was breaking beyond the normal surf line.

Many were awed to see the blue water surf rising beyond the reef line during a race.

Club members would shout to the crews to catch the smaller wave or wait until the series of waves went past—or just ride the wave in, despite its size. Of course it was beyond hearing distance so the crews had to depend upon their steersmen to maneuver the canoe and prevent swamping.

Skillful steering was done by Rabbit Kekai of Hui Nalu, who was in almost all events. Of course, credit is due to their canoe, the White Horse which is capable of surfing as well as racing. The other canoes are just for racing and much longer in length and built with lower gunnel.

Did you ever see an outrigger canoe finish its race stern first? Well, it happened!

Another canoe finished and crossed the line submerged in the water with its crew's heads barely visible above the water.

Spectators kept yelling to them to finish the race when they swamped about 100 yards from the finish line. Steersman Wally Froiseth wanted to beach the canoe and bail out water, but the crowd insisted that they finish—so the Senior girls paddled valiantly, with only the outrigger noticeable above the water. Fortunately, they won first place, despite swamping previously on the way in.

John D. Kaupiko, coach of the Hui Nalu, made a friendly protest that this was a canoe race and not a submarine race.

Congratulations to the Waikiki Surf Club's Senior girls crew, and certainly to Clem Paaina, Pat Silva, George Waialeale of the Healanis; Joe Pang, George Young, Hal Brown of the Hui Kalia; Louis Kahanamoku, Sol Kalama of the Koolaupoko; John D. Kaupiko, Sam Kahana-moku, Herman Apo of the Hui Nalu; Wally Froiseth, Jim Alama, George Downing of Waikiki Surf Club; Jack Cross, Tom Kiakona, Fred Steere of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Thanks to Fred Steere and Bill Kane, manager of the Outrigger, for sandwiches and refreshments for the officials. Presentation of awards by Alice Kamo-kila Campbell ended the day's fun.

From the Honolulu Star-Bulletin

John D. Kaupiko's Hui Nalu crew scored a sweeping victory in the blue ribbon event, the men's Senior Six 3-mile race, in the annual Walter Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club at Waikiki beach.

With Rabbit Kekai steering the Hui Nalu canoe, the "White Horse" won the three-mile race in 30 min. 23 sec.

Waikiki Surf Club, Outrigger and Healani, the other three entries in the race, swamped several times in the rough waters. WSC took second place, finishing almost a mile and a half behind Hui Nalu, and Outrigger was third.

The WSC canoe swamped going out for the second mile but the crew bailed out and caught a good wave coming in. But they capsized near the shore turn. On the third try the Waikiki Surf canoe nearly went under but the crew bailed out and managed to finish the race. The Outrigger canoe also swamped or turned over twice before finishing almost a full mile behind Waikiki Surf.

Waikiki Surf Club, beaten for the first time in a men's senior six race the past two years, outscored Hui Nalu to win the team championship with 33 points. Hui Nalu had 29 points and was followed by Outrigger with 14, Hui Kalia with seven and Koolaupoko with six.

Kekai steered the men's Junior Six to first place over Waikiki Surf but the WSC women's crews steered by Wally Froiseth captured both the Senior Six and Junior Six events for girls.

Waikiki Surf also won the Men's Freshman Six, the men's Senior Four and men's Junior Four.

A special malihini race was won by the WSC canoe "Malia," with George Downing the steersman. The crew was made up of Hattie Hatfield, Jenie Riddle, Carol Hore, Fran Russell and Sharon Clare.

Several thousand spectators crowded the beach to watch the program which started at 11 a.m. and lasted almost six hours. Rough seas slowed up the program as canoes swamped in almost every race.

The Hawaii Canoe and Surfing Association held the races for the sponsoring Outrigger Canoe Club.

Results follow:

Men's Senior Six, 3 miles—Won by Hui Nalu (Harry Johnson, Mike Stroup, Richard Makua, Herman Apo, Herman Kam, Rabbit Kekai); 2nd, Waikiki Surf Club; 3rd, Outrigger. Time, 30:23.

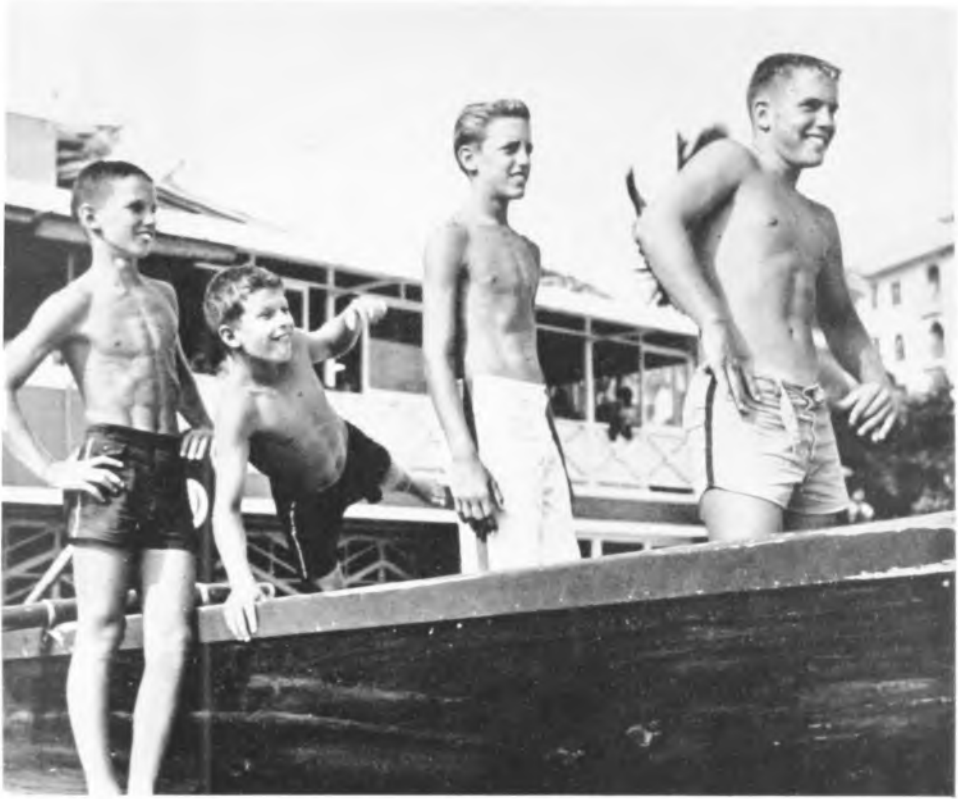
Men's Junior Six, 2 miles—Won by Hui Nalu (Richard Kauo, Harry Makalena, Jerry Makalena, Theodore Makalena, Richard McKeague, Rabbit Kekai); 2nd, Waikiki Surf; 3rd, Koolaupoko. Time, 19:30.

Women's Junior Six, 1 mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (Kaila Kaluna, Trixie Downing, Ardith Pope, Noni McCrimmon, Ruth Lee, Wally Froiseth); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Outrigger. Time, 11:40.5

Men's Freshman Six, 1 mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (Gilbert Kauhi, Mercer Vicens, Joe Meyer, Ronald Kaneta, Ben Meyer, Allen Gomes); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Outrigger. Time, 10:36.5.

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WALTER MACFARLANE MEMORIAL CANOE RACES



Young J.V. Future greats Butch Hemmings, John Marshall, John Fishbeck and Bennett Dick watch the thrilling Walter Mac Canoe Races. The day was marred by huge surf but it thrilled the spectators.

Photo by J. J. ...

SEEN AT RACES JULY 5



Upper—Honored guests Mrs. Kamokila Campbell, Walter Mac's mother, Captain Victor Houston, USN Ret'd., Ed Miller, Mrs. Muriel Flanders and Sam Fuller, Pres. OCC, watch the Canoe Races July 4. Center—A Dinner Dance followed the races in the evening with the usual Hawaiian music and hulas. Bottom—Bob Fischer receives the Annual award for outstanding contribution to the OCC for the year 1953-54.

Pic by "Scoop" Tsuzuki

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Boys 17 and Under, 1 Mile—Won by Outrigger (Lemes, Johnston, Enz, Love, Muirhead, Moody); 2nd, Hui Kalia; 3rd, Koolaupoko. Time, 12:12.

Boys 15 and Under, half mile—Won by Hui Nalu (Samuel Wallace, Stephen Kekuewa, Donald Keliipuleole, Stanley White, William Kauahikaua, Joe Cabell); 2nd, Waikiki Surf; 3rd, Outrigger. Time, 9:11.3.

Boys Novice, ¼ mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (Ernest Werner, Homer Meyer, George Punahale, Charles Todd, Ernest Yen, Richard Taylor); 2nd, Outrigger; 3rd, Hui Nalu. Time, 1:58.2.

Girls' Six Novice, half mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (Rhona White, Erna Lemon, Marilyn Hewett, Diana Clark, Melva Robison, Sylvia Duncan); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Hui Kalia. Time, 1:14.

Men's Junior Four, 1 mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (Ray Chang, Ola Ching, Bunny Kahanamoku, Gerald Kalama); 2nd, Hui Kalia; 3rd, Hui Nalu. Time, 11:35.

Women's Senior Six, 1 mile—Won by Waikiki Surf Club (Jake Kalama, La Clarke, Trixie Downing, Gildia Downing, Annabelle Rice, Wally Froiseth, steersman); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Outrigger. Time, 26:39.

Men's Senior Four, 1 mile—Won by Waikiki Surf (George Downing, Art Hollinger, Jama Kekai, Ed Whaley); 2nd, Hui Nalu; 3rd, Outrigger. No time.

Open Sprint, men—Won by Koolaupoko (Sandy Kahanamoku, Jack Banks, Edward Romones, Sam Kahanu, Moses Kahiapo, Herman Gramberg); 2nd, Waikiki Surf; 3rd, Hui Nalu. No time.

Malihini race. Won by "Malia" crew of Hattie Hatfield, Jenie Riddle, Carol Hore, Fran Russell and Sharon Clare with Downing as steersman.