

Walter James Macfarlane Memorial Races

Some men are dreamers, some are doers, and some are a mixture of both. A descendant of the proudest nobility of old Hawaii, Walter Mac, as he was fondly called, played at Waikiki Beach as a boy and later as a youth and young man spent his happiest hours there.

In due time he became a member of the struggling Outrigger Canoe Club and actively engaged in all sports, swimming, canoeing, surfing, volleyball, and others. Always a good member, he was a fine committeeman, later a Director, and finally Club President.

Walter's great contribution to the Club was an indomitable determination to replace the old, run-down Club with a modern, first class Club of which we could well be proud. In spite of financial, legal difficulties and the many "it can't be done" pessimists, Walter, with the help of a handful of inspired, never say "die" members, succeeded in building and opening the buildings we occupy. "Out of Dreams and Dust Rise Men's Great Monuments."

Walter Mac was born in 1907 and passed away on June 4, 1943. He lived to see his desire consummated. In honor of his memory, the Outrigger Canoe Club conducts an Invitational Canoe Racing Regatta each Independence Day, July 4. The races are conducted and sponsored by the Club, medals and trophies are given for events by the Club, sanctioned by Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association.