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OCC Wins Third Straight MacFarlane!



Senior Mens crew. Left to right: Tim Guard, Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Mike Lemes, steersman, Bill Mowat, Mark Buck, Brant Ackerman. Photo Scoop.

Outscores Hui Nalu by a good 10 points

by Jerry Ober

The date was different, but that old OCC 4th of July magic was completely intact. In one of their most convincing demonstrations of ability and good fortune, OCC's crews made it three years straight on July 3rd with a come-from-behind regatta win to take overall honors in the Club sponsored MacFarlane Day Regatta.

It all started on a sunny summer morning with a Hawaiian/English "prayer" and a sacred and enchanting blessing of the canoe "Kakina" by the inimitable Eva Pomroy which concluded more or less as follows: "Good luck to you all, but this is our day and we're going to win." Eva obviously has good connections with those on high. The final score of 56 gave the OCC hosts a 10-point margin over the closest contender, Hui Nalu. 31 of those points were scored in the last five events.

As is usually the case at the MacFarlane Regatta, "open steersmen" were allowed. This arrangement allows a club to use its most talented steersmen to guide the crews and their frail 40-foot-plus koa canoes safely through the surf. Surf-minded club that we are, OCC has a number of very capable surf steersmen ready for the job. In addition to the regular crew steersmen for the season, we enjoyed the services of several of our best to fill in, namely: Brant Ackerman of the Senior crew; Keone Downing; Mike Holmes, and Mike Lemes, steersman of the Senior crew. All fulfilled our greatest expectations.



The victorious, record-setting Senior Womens crew. (l/r): Connie Maguire, Anne Nicol, Evie Black, Moira Scully, Michele St. John, Heidi Hemmings and steersman Mike Holmes. Photo Scoop.



The Boys 16 winning crew which paddled to a new record (l/r): Keone Downing, steersman, Gregg Graham, Winston Gamble, Aaron Kekoolani, Dana Rupey, Todd Bradley. Photo Scoop.



The Womens Novice A crew which brought in the first gold medal of the day. (l/r): Shelly Stotsenberg, Mahealani Bushnell, Patty Dorsey, Leslie Martin, Karen Jones. Photo Scoop.



Victorious record-setting Junior Womens crew. (l/r): Stephany Sofos, Maile Ostrem, Christie Wilson, Robin Smith, Tracy Haworth, steersman Mike Holmes. Photo Scoop

As usual at the MacFarlane Day event, many of our members were cheering on the crews and helping in a variety of ways. Not the least of these helpers was Walter Guild, who, using his football brawn, literally launched the canoes with a giant push from the beach starts.

The day started with 3rd place to the Boys B, 12 years and under crew in a ¼-mile race. Brant Ackerman steered and paddling were: Rex Haworth, Peter Stone, Doug Rigg, Jeff Davis, and Chris Schramel.

OCC took second place in the Women B Novice ¼-mile race with Brant Ackerman steering and Linda Lalakea, Maile Blazel, Shelly Stotsenberg, Natalie Steele and Cassie Senner paddling.

Women A Novice ¼-mile brought our first win with Brant once again steering and doing a wild job of jumping the canoe onto a wave. The crew was: Karen Jones, Leslie Martin, Patricia Dorsey, Mahealani Bushnell and Shelly Stotsenberg.

The OCC took a third place in the Boys 14 ¼-mile event, with Keone Downing steering. Paddling were: Don Machado, Bill Eggers, Gary Clarke, Byron Ho, and Peter Wheelon.

The Girls 15 ½-mile race brought a third place, with Mike Holmes steering. Paddling were: Kelli McGee, Jane Langenheim, Johnna Busby, Heidi Schuman, and Kisi Haine.

Mens B Novice, alias the Doo B's, steering by Keone Downing in place of regular steersman Matt Cross, took a fourth. Paddling were: Jimmy Dean, Mike Fox, Hugh Murray, Jim Iams, and Don Nicol.

Mens A Novice ½-mile race brought the only swamp of the day with a flip at the outer flag. Swamped were: Brant Ackerman, steersman, Buddy McGuire, Doug Schramel, Emary Lucas, Willy Hawthorne and Jim Jones.

The Boys 16 ½-mile event brought a first place and the first of three records to be set by OCC crews. Their time was 3:43:0. Steering was Keone Downing, and paddling were Winston Gample, Aaron Kekoolani, Gregg Graham, Dana Rupey, and Todd Bradley. Keone caught a great wave right out of the ¼-mile turn and kept it right to the beach for a win.

The Girls 17 crew in a ½-mile race, with Mike Holmes steering, took second with Tracy Phillips, Sanna Purinton, Lisa Livingston, Diane Guild, and Barb Anderson paddling.

Women Freshmen earned another second place with Mike Lemes steering their ½-mile event. Paddling were: Jill Andersen, Muffer Scully, Mary Fox, Lisa Rigg, and Leslie Muirhead.

Freshmen Men in their 1-mile event steered by Alan Rosehill, their regular steersman, took fifth place. Paddling were: Kainoa Downing, Jay West, Kuahiwi Apple, Jay Pynchon, and Barry Hall.

The Sophomore Men in their 1½-mile race suffered surf problems with the shore break and were swamped twice at the starting line. Once underway, the "Super Sophs" brought home a second place with steersman Steve Scott having to barge through, as he said, "tourists on rental boards bent on suicide." Paddling were: Jon Sutherland, Tony Crabb, Sam Kress, Bill Bright and wave jumper and watcher, Nat Norfleet.

The ½-mile race for Junior Women, steered by Mike Homes in place of Monte Costa, brought a welcome first place and a record of 4:30:4. While everyone loves a gold medal, none was more ecstatic than Maile Ostrem who after ten continuous years of paddling, took home her first gold medal. Paddling with Maile were: Christie Wilson, Tracy Haworth, Robin Smith, and Stephany Sofos.

The Junior Men 2-mile race had to be the best catch-up race of the regatta. The Juniors, steered by regular Bruce Ames, at one point in last place, ended up with a second place finish, catching a wave in lane 7 that coasted them past all contenders. Paddling were: Milton Beamer, Mike Clifford, Don Mailer, Ed Pickering and Kent Giles.

The Womens Senior one-mile event brought another record 8:48:8 and the gold. The women, steered by Mike Holmes and in far-off lane 6, got an assist from a wave Mike almost invented to complete their record run. Paddling were: Evie Black, Michele St. John, Moira Scully, Anne Nicol, and Connie Maguire.

The Senior Men in the 2½-mile event set yet another record of 20:06:0 and made it five firsts in the past 5 years, to once again partake of the champagne bowl. The Senior Men were steered by regular steersman Mike Lemes with paddlers Tim Guard, Mark Buck, Marshall Rosa, Brant Ackerman, and Billy Mowat. The Seniors had a little competition from Fred Hemmings steering his Hui Nalu crew, but that ended on the out-bound leg of the 2nd mile. From there on it was OCC all the way.

With the brilliant performances of the crews in the later part of the regatta, OCC garnered a commanding point lead to once again take team regatta honors and have their successes inscribed on the MacFarlane team point trophy.

To MYRA VICKERY: a belated MAHALO NUI!

The beautiful rendering of our old and new American Flags, with a bold American Eagle, which embellished the front page of our July issue was the work of our active and very gifted member Myra Vickery. With a modesty which is characteristic, she did not sign her work. Lack of the artist's signature was not noticed until it was too late to do anything about it, an oversight for which the Editor is to blame. Auwe! We were then and still are very grateful to Myra for her fine professional contribution and hope we may be favored with many more of them.