

The Outrigger

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

OUTRIGGER BEACH AT DIAMOND HEAD, HONOLULU, HAWAII

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OCC wins 4th straight Macfarlane with Record 70 Points!

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On July 4th, "MacFarlane Day" to us, OCC's racing crews proved themselves the undisputed kings and queens of canoe surfing by winning their fourth Macfarlane in as many years. At the traditional crew breakfast that morning, OCC paddlers were a team. Excitement was in the air, and as 9:00 o'clock and the start of the races approached, everyone from the 12's to the Seniors started for the beach in high spirits.

The Boys B-12 gave OCC their first points of the day. Then the Boys 12-A's came in with a third. The Womens B Novice were next with a fourth. Then came the Womens A Novice with another fourth, followed by the Boys 14 and the Girls 15, with a second and a third respectively.



Eva Pomroy at Waikiki. Photo Sofos

Excitement was mounting and the Girls 17 crew was next. True to form, they were ahead at the start of the race, but as fate would have it, they swamped. It was a tough break for the girls, but when they came in they were warmly applauded for their excellent effort.

The Boys 18's set out to accomplish what the 17's failed to do and copped another gold. Paddling were: Todd Bradley, Aaron Kekoolani, Grady Howe, Bill Berger and Dana Rupley, with Brant Ackerman steering.

Following a noontime break, the Freshmen or "Wacos" demolished all competition on their way to a first. Paddling were: Ken Morrow, Jay West, Jay Pynchon, Willie Hawthorne, Mike Mason, Alan Rosehill.

Both Sophomore Men and Women, still adjusting to the Tahitian style of paddling, took second in their events.

Finally, the Junior and Senior Men and Women wrapped it up in style, proving their mastery of the art of canoe racing in the surf. Paddling for the Junior Women were: Maile Ostrem, Karen Jones, Jill Anderson, Robin Smith and Nicki Foytich, with Ken Morrow steering. In the Junior Men's canoe were: Roger Cundall, Hugh Foster, Donny Mailer, Mike Clifford, Ed Pickering, Bruce Ames.

The Senior Women — Evie Black, Michele St. John, Connie Maguire, Anne Nicol and Heidi Hemmings, with Alan Rosehill steering, undefeated in 2½ years, proved unbeatable again.

The Senior Men — Tom Connor, Brant Ackerman, Mark Buck, Marshall Rosa, Tim Guard, and Mike Lemes — using their new Tahitian style of paddling, kept up a blistering pace from the start and were ahead for the entire race. This is their 6th win at the Macfarlane in as many years.

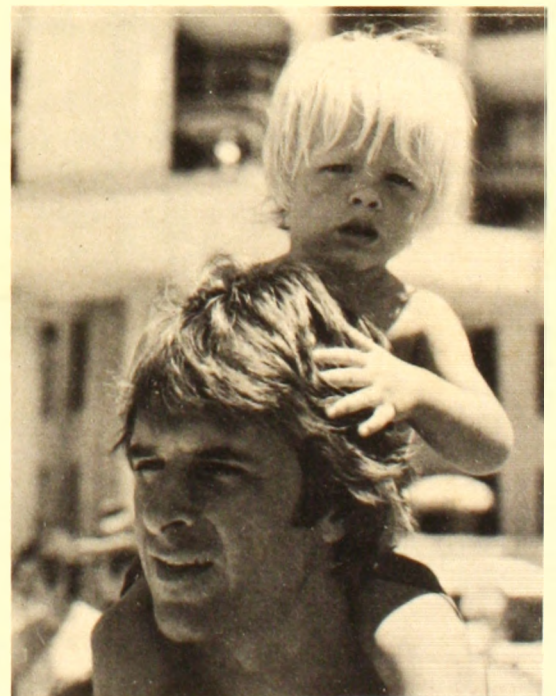
After their exhausting 2½ mile paddle, Tom Conner and Brant Ackerman remained to paddle the 4-man canoe event with Aaron Young and Ross Tannehill. They won. A nice way to finish the regatta.

To total up the victory — the Outrigger placed 17 of 18 crews, won eight races, took five seconds, one third, and two fourths.



Paddler Mike Lemes. Photo Sofos

Then it happened! The Mens B Novice crew — John Finney, Ron Larsen, Chris Lass, Cliff Kapalolu, Richard Fox and Brant Ackerman (open steersman) scored a major win. The Mens A Novice crew then tallied a second and the Boys 16's placed first. Paddling on the Boys 16 crew were: Nelson Richardson, Twain Newhart, Fred Noa, James Akaka, Robert Trotter, Mike Lemes (steersman).



Fred Chuckovich and son. Photo Sofos