

# It's Regatta Time!

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The dawn broke most beautifully; the water a still blue and the wave action, gentle. In the hearts and minds of the OCC paddlers only one thing was of importance: win the prestigious Walter Macfarlane Surfing Regatta. Firecrackers were going off in most of the OCC paddlers' stomachs as OCC had to come from behind to take this regatta, 74 points vs. 65 for Hui Nalu.

Hui Nalu has just come off a win in their regatta the previous week and it was up to Outrigger to do the same. And they did. What a victory! Saving the best for the last, OCC pulled away with wins in the upper divisions, and the Senior Men's two-mile event put Outrigger on top to stay. Head Coach Walter Guild said, "It always feels good to win the Walter Macfarlane Regatta, and this year's victory was very

rewarding since we last won this regatta in 1979."

No doubt the pressure was on all day. At day's end, however, when OCC was clearly the victor, the standings were tied, 2 to 2. Hui Nalu and Outrigger had each won two regattas. This could be a virtual battle of the titans down to the finish line, perhaps to be decided only in the Oahu or the State Championships.

Conditions were great for the Macfarlane regatta; at times waves were as high as 2-4 feet. On some waves, other clubs took a beating; for instance, the koa-canoe crash between the Hawaiian Warriors and the Waikiki Surf Club during the Sophomore Women's event. This was due to the steersmen losing control of the boat, thus causing the accident. In contrast, Outrigger's

steersmen and women are of the highest caliber and are always on the lookout for those dangerous and costly errors that can happen when a boat is out of control. Accidents of any type are kept to the very minimum.

Outstanding performances were attributed to the Men's Masters 40 and over crew, the Junior Women's and the Senior Men's crews. It was the Senior Men who rose to the occasion to win this blue-ribbon two-mile event. The members of this winning crew are: Keahi Farden; Tim Kelly; Donny Mailer; Bob Rieley; John Finny and Kainoa Downing.

In winning this race, the Senior Men won the perpetual Matson Cup, the longest winning perpetual trophy in canoe racing. It can be viewed in the lobby of the Club.

Clockwise from right; Junior Men: Mike Lemes, Alan Rosehill, Jack Fair, Murray Hixon, Gib Bintliff, Ed Pickering — Macfarlane winners.

Men's Masters 40: Jim Jones, George Pray, Jack Mattice, Norm Dunmire, Linc Scafe, Jack Beaumont following their victory in the Macfarlane.

Club president Bob Moore congratulates Tim Kelly, a member of the Senior Men's crew, for their winning the Walter Macfarlane Regatta.

