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Macfarlane Regatta Highlights 4th of July Celebration

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The 4th of July began with a breakfast buffet at the Club.



Chowing down before the race were Keone Kali, Greg Wood, Ian Moore, Jay Wood and Michael Scott.



Di Guild leads the blessing, while brother Walter, left, and Auntie Eva Pomroy (seated) join in.



OCC President Rab Guild welcomed paddlers to the Regatta.



Bonnie Judd and Darcy Ames fill out entries for the races.

From sunrise until the wee hours of the morning, Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers, their families and friends celebrated the 4th of July and the 42nd annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta.

The day began with a buffet breakfast on the Terrace. Paddlers filled up on eggs, sausage and bacon, hash brown potatoes, Danish pastries, juices and coffee and then gathered for a pep rally and blessing.

Around 8 a.m. the group marched en masse from the Club down to Waikiki Beach toting paddles, coolers, beach chairs and families, setting up camp in front of the Outrigger Hotel.

Outrigger has sponsored the Macfarlane Regatta since 1943. It is the oldest continuous canoe race in Hawaii.

The surf was up all week prior to the race, and the waves provided thrill after thrill for the crews who surfed the waves to victory. Experienced steersmen replaced regular steersmen for the day for safety. Outrigger raced crews in 28 events, winning the Regatta with 104 points.

The Club was packed on the evening of the 4th with Outrigger members and guests, and paddlers from many other canoe clubs who were invited for the traditional steak fry, dancing and fireworks that followed.

All of those who participated wished fervently that the 5th of July could have been designated a holiday rather than a back-to-work day.



The Boy's 18 crew was victorious. From left, Todd Sandvold, Loch Eggers, Howie Klemmer, Mark Sandvold and Alan Pflueger.



Alice Guild awards Macfarlane trophies.



A new trophy was given this year to the Senior Women's winning crew. Accepting it for Outrigger were Tiare Richert-Finney, Muffer Scully and Mary Franco, as Muriel Flanders, who donated the trophy, looks on.



The Outrigger Senior Men brought home the silver Macfarlane trophy filled with champagne for their winning effort. From left, Ed Pickering, Bill Bright, Bob Riley, Walter Guild, Marc Haine and Brant Ackerman. With them is Muriel Flanders sister of the late Walter J. Macfarlane after whom the race is named.



Rab Guild and Jimmy Knowles have their binoculars focused in different directions.



Debbie Peck and Aka Hemmings.



Marc Haine gives Sarah Macfarlane, stepmother of the late Walter Macfarlane, a sip of champagne from the bowl.