

## WSC WINS

A young Waikiki Surf Club crew stroked to victory in the 37½ mile Molokai to Oahu race October 19 by a ¾ mile margin over the second place Kai Oni veterans.

The gruelling Aloha Week classic was marked by heavy seas in the channel which forced two of the eight competing crews to drop out.

Waikiki Surf won in a time of 6 hours 32 minutes, which is nearly one hour off the record of 5:56.

Hui Nalu finished third, Hui Kalia in the fourth position, Healani fifth and the Kamehamehas from Hilo in sixth place.

The Holomua and the Lanakiloa O Molokai teams were disqualified and their boats towed in after swamping in the heavy channel surf.

The Outrigger Canoe Club, which did not enter a crew this year, nevertheless augmented two of the crews with paddlers.

Former OCC beachboy Blue Makua steered the winning Waikiki Surf Club to victory. On Makua's crew were Joseph Napoleon of the beach service and Archie Kaaua who paddled alternate.

Third place Hui Nalu had Rabbit Kekai in the drivers seat and Percy Kinimaka paddling number three.

All night festivities on Molokai's windswept Kawikiu Beach preceded the classic Inter-Island race.

Toots Minvielle, one of the Outriggers most esteemed old timers and co-founder of the race, welcomed some 500 persons to the starting point. About 15 Outrigger members were among the throng.

A venison feast, dancing, pageantry, music, wore on into the night as the crowds waited in anticipation for the start at dawn.

Fires dotted the beach. The bay was filled with charter boats rolling in the already mounting surf.

At the first shade of daylight, a dynamite charge was exploded to signal the start.

Waikiki Surf jumped to an early lead, stroking to a fast 45 count per minute. Kai Oni and Hui Nalu followed. It was the pattern of the race throughout.

Kai Oni threatened twice, but a swamping in the rough channel increased a slight Waikiki Surf lead which it never relinquished.

Makua masterfully brought his crew close to shore off Koko Head to avoid backwash which hindered other crews. At this point Kai Oni was about a mile behind. They managed to pick up 400 yards on the Waikiki Surf team with a furious spurt from Blackpoint to Waikiki but had lost their chance almost half way in the race.