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Dutchy Kino and Moke Perkins in bow of winning canoe receive plaudits.

# Waikiki Surf Wins Canoe Race

By GORDON MORSE

Waikiki Surf Club's team of nine paddlers pushed a 30-foot canoe over 38 miles of open ocean in a record time of 5 hours and 29 minutes yesterday to win the Molokai to Oahu Outrigger Canoe Race.

It was the third consecutive year that the gruelling annual classic — which officially opens Aloha Week — was won by the Waikiki Surf Club. The victors were out in front all the way across the Molokai channel.

CALM SEAS and windless conditions permitted eight of the ten entries to break the old record of 5 hours and 56 minutes set in 1957.

Second canoe across the finish line at the Duke Kahanamoku Beach was that of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Its official time was 5 hours and 32 minutes.

Three minutes later the Lanikai Canoe Club entry glided across the line for third place. Placing fourth was the Santa Monica, Calif., team with a time of 5 hours and 42 minutes.

THE WINNING Waikiki Surf Club team provided for relief of at least two paddlers every half hour.

Said steersman Blue Ma-

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kua. "A lot of people think that a calm sea is ideal. But it's murder. You can't take advantage of waves and surf along the way. You have to use power every inch of the way.

"That kind of heavy pulling on a paddle can wear a man down in a few hours. It was hotter than other years because of no wind," he said.

The Waikiki Surf Club's canoe is named "Maha," which means calm waters in Hawaiian.

**THE WINNING** team consisted of Dutchy Kino, Joe Gilman, Randy Chun, Chris Bode, Jeffery Chee, Moke Perkins, Tom Schroeder, Manny Cerventi and Blue Makua.

Race officials reported no accidents or swappings in this year's race. Starting time from Kawaikiu Bay on Molo-kai was 6:43 a.m. Calm waters permitted the canoes to stay closer together than usual as they crossed the channel.

**FIFTH TO** finish yesterday was the Balboa, Calif., team paddling the first fiberglass canoe to be entered in the island-to-island race. Their time was 5 hours and 42 minutes.

Tom Johnson, 42, president of the Balboa Club, had his two sons, Mike, 19, and Roger, 16, on the team. "This is a sporting event we will remember always," said Johnson. "We didn't expect it to be so hot and calm. We've learned some lessons this year and will be back next year."

**OTHER TEAMS** and their times were:

Kai Oni Canoe Club, 5 hours and 45 minutes; Outrigger Beach Services, 5 hours and 50 minutes; Doheny Canoe Club of California, 5 hours and 51 minutes; Hui Nalu Canoe Club, 6 hours; and Healani Canoe Club, 6 hours and 13 minutes.

A purse of \$1,000 was divided this way: First place, \$500; second place, \$300; third place, \$125; and fourth place, \$75.



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Steersman Blue Makua leaps from canoe as relief paddler comes aboard.