

Waikiki Surf Club Wins Molokai - Oahu Race

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Waikiki Surf Club came from behind for its seventh consecutive victory in the twelfth annual Molokai-Oahu Canoe race which kicked off Aloha Week yesterday.

After trailing Kailua most of the way, the perennial champs took over the lead at the turn past Diamond Head and went on to win by about a hundred yards.

The winners negotiated the 3 1/2-mile channel crossing in 6 hours, 40 minutes.

Members of the WSC crew were R. Chun, J. Chee, I. Kimo, C. Bode, L. Faulkner, J. Gilman, T. Schroeder, B. Makua Jr. and A. Kaaua.

THIS WAS BELIEVED TO

be the closest race in the history of the event, with only twelve minutes separating the first five finishers and only forty-two minutes between the winner and the last place boat.

All crews agreed that it was a rough, strenuous trip. The current was very choppy, especially at the beginning.

The defending champs ran into their biggest trouble when passing Hanauma Bay. At that point they attempted to cut upwind, seeking a faster current. Not finding one, they bogged down, while Kailua continued downwind, fashioning a big lead.

The Kailua strokeers felt that they could have won had they been in better condition, but just gave out in the last mile.

ONLY CANOE to be swamped was the Balboa, Calif. craft which had all its members in the water for two minutes at 9:30 yesterday morning.

The Outrigger Canoe Club, behind an excellent bit of steering by Rabbit Kekai, won the Fiberglass division by 10 minutes over runnerup Hui Nalu.

The winning time was 6 hours, 52 minutes.

The winning crew was composed of N. Beck, H.

Hollinger, T. Reitow, F. Lowrey, B. Johnson, R. Kekai, G. Scott, R. Holmes, D. Kilpatrick.

The closest call of the event came early in the race when Healani bumped noses several times with Lanikai as the two boats jockeyed for position. Fortunately they managed to avoid any damage or injury.

In the koa canoe class, Healani finished third behind Waikiki Surf Club and Kailua. Lanikai was fourth, Hui Nalu fifth, Kauai sixth and Maili Sons seventh.

Balboa was third in the fiberglass class and Waikiki Surf fourth.

About 2,000 spectators were on hand at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in front of Hilton Hawaiian Village to greet the paddlers as they finished the long, withering race.

Order of finish:

KOA CLASS

Waikiki Surf Club (R. Chun, J. Chee, I. Kino, C. Bode, L. Faulkner, J. Gilman, T. Schroeder, B. Makua Jr., A. Kaaua) Time: 6:40.

Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club (H. Suzuki, B. Caihu, J. Souza, M. Makaula, A. Serikawa, G. Murakami, L. Nakachi, J. Kalama Jr., H. Pahia) Time: 6:42.

Healani (E. Santimer, R. Bell, M. Burk, J. Nihil, A. Hussey, J. Napoleon, R. Piersio, R. Malabey, D. Carr) Time: 6:47.

Lanikai (T. Perry, A. Woodell, R. Wilbur, R. Cates Jr., K. Olds Jr., T. Marciel, M. Sinisehurst, J. Spencer III, S. Spencer) Time: 6:51.

Hui Nalu (S. Kekuewa, L. Stearns, S. Abreu, R. Judd, R. Wilva, D. Kuahulu, M. Matsumoto, J. Topolinski, C. Awa) Time: 7:01.

Kauai (D. Wellington, S. Achi, D. Fu, W. Chow, W. Kane, D. Keietoma, C. Enoka, A. Young, C. Kilaue Jr.) Time: 7:07.

Maili Sons (D. Ell, E. Awong, F. Kaahaina, H. Van Geison, R. Tacquero, T. Liffie, P. Laa, D. Awong, H. Akana) Time: 7:22.

FIBERGLASS CLASS

Outrigger (N. Beck, H. Hollinger, T. Reitow, F. Lowrey, B. Johnson, R. Kekai, G. Scott, R. Holmes, D. Kilpatrick) Time: 6:52.

Hui Nalu (F. Mendoza, P. Kahoe, R. Kekuewa, H. Ho, R. Kane, R. Ah Kekai, G. Scott, R. Holmes, D. Kilpatrick) Time: 7:02.

Balboa (T. Johnson, P. Carrer, L. Cathcart, S. Jeromin, S. Richardson, A. Akana, B. Forbeck, S. Roberts, E. Williams) Time: 7:02.30.

Waikiki Surf Club (G. Kalama Jr., R. Matthews, C. Enoka Jr., J. Hugo, J. Kalama, W. Kinney, W. Kaakimaka, P. Pal, M. Tongg) Time: 7:09.