

CANOEING

The 14th annual Molokai-Oahu Canoe Race will take place on Saturday, October 16, 1966.

To give you a bit of background of the race it was originated in 1952 and was the brainchild of Toots Minvielle. OCC's first victory came in 1956 which was the last year of the "old" rules. In those days you could have a team of 9, 6 paddlers and 3 relief but the relief's could only be used once. Now under the new rules the number of paddlers is the same but the rule of free substitution is in effect. In other words a man can paddle and rest as many times as he is able.

The original course runs from "Kawakiu" beach on the northwest coast of Molokai to Duke Kahanamoku Beach on Oahu (39 miles) but in 1963 the point of origin was moved to Hale Au Lono harbour on the South Coast, making the course 41 miles long.

Last year OCC won by quarter of a mile, beating Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and taking third was Waikiki Surf Club.

Our 1966 team coach is Al Lemes. Amongst the

Molokai race vets are Mark Buck (4 races), Mike Holmes (1 race) (1965 Steersman) and Glen Perry. The balance of our fine team consists of Butch Van Artsdalen, Tom Bean, Tom Holmes, Jody D'Embeau, Peter Guard, Henry Ayau, Peter Burchard, Bill Eggers, John Haneberg, Robert Holmes and Dick McClelland.

The escort boat for this year's race will be the Hula Kai, owned by Sherry Dowsett. Tom Arnott (OCC Prexy) will skipper the auxiliary escort boat (Boston Whaler). Others helping with the logistical duties will be Cline Mann, Thad Ekstrand, Bob Johnson, Doug Kilpatrick and Jerry Ober.

Training has been hindered somewhat by the recent heavy surf but our team will be shooting for first, so come out and root for them on the 16th. Finish should be 12:30 p.m. or after.

The club will have a short wave radio so you can hear the progress of the race. Come on down and cheer the team as they pass the club.