



TROPHIES AND BLISTERS—Fred Hemmings Jr. (left), captain of the winning Outrigger canoe, and teammate Jody D'Enbeau show off awards and blisters after yesterday's Molokai-Oahu race.—Photo by John Titchen.

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Fast start and straight course

Al Lemes, the Outrigger Canoe Club coach, believes in two things when it comes to canoe racing — a direct course and a quick start.

Yesterday that philosophy, combined with a young and strong crew, gave OCC its second koa class and over-all victory of the past three years in the Aloha Week Molokai-Oahu canoe race in near-record time.

Lemes' crew finished the 38-mile course in six hours, three minutes and nine seconds — seven minutes and nine seconds off the record set by Hawaiian Civic Club in 1964.

"We just went straight across the channel," Lemes said. "We started off at 50 strokes a minute, and that gave us a lead of a quarter-mile or so in the first half hour. Then we just held on to it."

Hold it they did, winning the 16th annual race by nearly a mile over second-place Healani, which nevertheless set a record for non-koa canoes.

Healani, a fibreglas canoe, finished in six hours, 12 min-

utes and 14 seconds, beating the previous record of six hours, 14 minutes set by Hui Nalu in 1964.

A total of 12 canoes traveled the 38 miles from Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai to the beach at Waikiki in extreme heat and across an unusually flat Kaiwi Channel.

It appeared Outrigger might have a good shot at the record but was slowed by winds just offshore from the finish.

The winning crew consisted of starters Mark Buck, Tom Holmes, Hal Burchard, Mike and Bruce Clifford and surfing champ Fred Hemmings Jr., the steersman, along with relievers Jody D'Enbeau, Henry Ayau and John Haneberg.

Richard Bell coached the record-breaking Healani crew and also paddled along with Robert Kunukau, Franklin Crozier, George McCarthy, Doug Kuabulu, Gale Berengue, George Du-bois, Larry Bento and Earl

Paleka.

Results:

KOA DIVISION

- 1—Outrigger Canoe Club in 6 hours, 3 minutes, 9 seconds.
- 2—Waikiki Surf Club in 6 hours, 25 minutes, 18 seconds.
- 3—Kauai Canoe Club in 6 hours, 35 minutes, 55 seconds.
- 4—Molokai Canoe Club in 6 hours, 39 minutes, 54 seconds.
- 5—Hui Nalu in 6 hours, 40 minutes, 52 seconds.
- 6—Malia Sons in 7 hours, 0 minutes, 19 seconds.
- 7—Order of Kame-

hameha in 7 hours, 8 minutes, 52 seconds.

NON-KOA DIVISION

- 1—Healani Canoe Club in 6 hours, 12 minutes, 14 seconds (new record) and record of 6 hours, 14 minutes set by Hui Nalu in 1964).
- 2—Waikiki Surf Club in 6 hours, 38 minutes, 55 seconds.
- 3—Lanikai Canoe Club in 6 hours, 35 minutes, 19 seconds.
- 4—Hui Nalu in 7 hours, 4 minutes, 20 seconds.
- 5—Molokai Canoe Club in 7 hours, 12 minutes, 59 seconds.

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