



Molokai crew in early portion of race in unusually calm water.

Photo: Pat Spencer

MOLOKAI-OAHU CANOE RACE

Fortune did not hold well for the Outrigger in this year's running of the Molokai race. The year belonged to Healani who mounted an excellent effort and beat favored Waikiki Surf Club.

Outrigger took third place this year in a race run on a hot but overcast day. The winds were very light and variable all the way across the channel until some distance off Koko Head where things picked up a bit and the sea became choppy and rough to paddle in.

The start of the race saw the three powers take off in a hard start and paralleling one another for only a short time with each crew taking its own course. Outrigger took a straight line course while Healani and Surf Club stayed closer toward Lau Point, the last landmark on Molokai. Soon after, both Surf Club and Healani crossed the Outrigger course and from then on the canoes were not near each other until the finish of the race. In past races, there has been many a canoe to canoe duel with competing boats just yards from one another but this year each had a large part of the sea to himself.

The entry list was not as large this year as in the past and also the list of fibre-glass boats outnumbered the Koa boats for the first time. There were three entries in the Koa class and 5 in the glass. There was an entry from California this year, a crew from Marina Del Ray, who placed 6th overall.

The conditions were such this year that aside from being a hot and dry race, there was no real hazard from the sea, no 12-foot swells and breaking waves to capsize canoes, just the man breaking monotony of heat and flat seas.

There was a welcoming fleet of various kinds of craft from the Club to meet the crew off of Diamond Head.

Bruno McClain, in his "Bruno Maru," Leith Anderson and Don Avery with Hobie Cats and Gordon Howard with his P-Cat. Jackie Maguire drove his Boston Whaler over to Molokai and accompanied the crew all the way back across the channel.

The crew had the greatest acclaim for their helpers this year who were Tommy Arnott, Chef Supreme, Pat Spencer, who made splendid photographs of the crew and the crossing, Kimo Austin and Cline Mann. Dr. Jack Scaff made the trip as crew doctor. On the escort and auxiliary boat crews were the tried and true Hula Kai crew of owner Sherry Dowsett and Darrel Heine, assisted by former Outrigger president, Howdy Goss. Tom Arnott provided his boat, the Kipi Kai as the auxiliary, and had the assistance of his son, Winkie, Thad Ekstrand and Peter Balding.

Special thanks goes to Dick and Cappy Summers for the use of their residence, "Puu Kolea," on Molokai.

The crew this year was made up of Mark Buck, Hal Burchard, Henry Ayau, Tom Conner, Tommy Holmes, who steered the entire race, Billy Mitchell, Jon Haneberg, Tim Guard, and youngest member, George McPheeters.

SURFING

The Surfing Committee has selected the 1970-71 Outrigger surfing team. The following members are named and the division in which they will compete.

Women's Division

Kelly Morgan
Nohea Rochlen
Evy Black

Heidi Hemmings
Anne Hogan
Marge Phillips