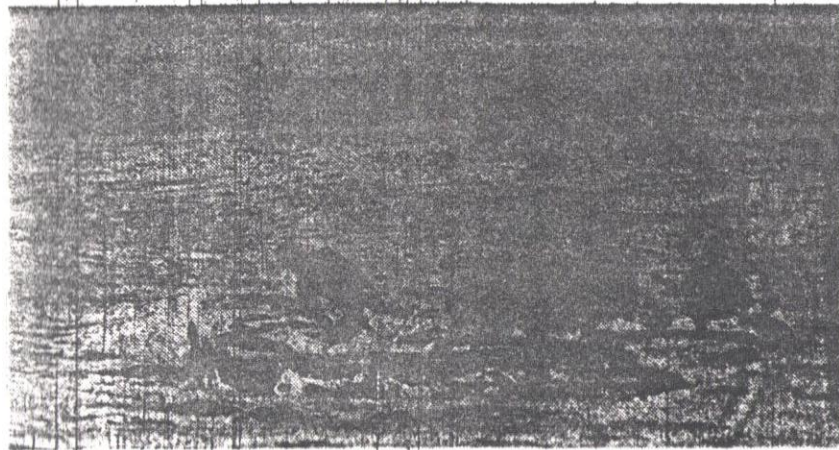




Trust crew of the Waikiki Surf Club's winning outrigger, Malia, paddle 'ocean' at Waikiki yesterday after winning the 38-mile Aloha Week u. It was the 11th victory for the club in the 21st annual race across to by John Titchen.



A paddler bails out into the Molokai Channel to climb in. — Photo by Ron Haworth.

## Molokai-Oahu Canoe Race

# Waikiki Surf Club Wins

The Malia, a sleek koa canoe paddled by the Waikiki Surf Club, slid across the finish line at Duke Kahanamoku Beach yesterday to win first place in the 38-mile Aloha Week canoe race from Molokai to Oahu.

Waikiki Surf, which has won 11 of the 21 annual races, posted a time of 6:01:46, far from the record mark of 5:29:00 the club set in 1960.

THE 16 canoes in the race had ideal channel conditions, and Waikiki Surf grabbed an early lead off Laau Point.

Six canoes were entered in the koa division, and there were 10 in the fiberglass division.

Hui Nalu came in second in the koa division, with a time of 6:13:14, followed by Healani with 6:17:06, Lanikai with 6:19:45, Outrigger with 6:29:59 and Kaiopua Canoe Club with 6:43:51.

In the fiberglass division, Lanikai Canoe Club was the fifth craft to finish the race with a time of 6:24:56, its third victory in the division.

The fiberglass division record 6:03:27, was set by Healani in 1968.

The times of the other fi-

berglas entries were Leeward Kai, 6:27:20; Healani, 6:27:29; Marina Del Ray of California, 6:29:06; Kailua, 6:55:13; Waimanalo, 7:03:04; Kamehameha Canoe Club, 7:10:10; Kauai, 7:18:33; Kanohe Bay Marine Canoe Club, 7:16:55; and Molokai Canoe Club, 7:48:00.

MOST of the paddlers in the race were from Oahu, but there were crews representing Kona, Kauai, Molokai and Marina Del Rey.

All the paddlers got a

friendly sendoff from Molokai citizens, who descended on dusty Hale-O-Lono, the official starting point of the race, with food, beer and carefree minds on Saturday night.

In the morning, the tiny harbor—usually visited only by barges loading sand for the Oahu construction industry—was jammed with boats and yachts.