

Molokai to Oahu— the Super Bowl of Canoe Racing

As you read this, you will probably already know the results of what Canoe Racing Chairman Tuck Siegfried calls “the super bowl of canoe racing”—the long distance paddle from Molokai to Oahu.

Full race coverage with photos and details on the performance of the OCC crew will be published in the December issue. For now, we would like to provide a little historical background and a few notes on this longest and last race of the canoe racing season.

This year the beginning of the Molokai-Oahu Race returned to the traditional starting point of Hale-o-lono Harbor and finished in front of the Moana Hotel, a distance of 40 miles.

Paddling the *Leilani* koa canoe for the OCC were: Tom Conner, Mark Buck, Marshall Rosa, Tim Guard, Bill Mowat, Tuck Siegfried, Brant Ackerman, Bill Bright, Don Mailer, and Bob Moore, (crew roster as of Oct. 18, 1974) against approximately 30 competing outrigger canoes.

Special thanks from the paddlers and the Club to Kimo Austin, who again expertly operated the Boston Whaler escort boat.

Since 1968, the OCC has held the record in this longest race of the season. 1968 is, as we go to press, also the last year the Outrigger won the event.