

Outrigger Paddlers Win the Molokai Classic!

At 7:59 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, 39 canoe racing crews nosed their craft up to the starting line in Molokai's Hale O Lono Harbor for the start of the 1979 Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe race. Five hours and forty-six minutes later, Outrigger's Senior Men ran their canoe onto the beach at Fort De Russy, a little more than three minutes ahead of the hard-paddling Balboa Bay Club from California. Third in the fiberglass division was Imua. Lanikai and Hui Nalu, in that order, were - in race track parlance - "also rans". OCC paddler Tim Guard was quoted as saying: (it was) "the best of the 13 races I've been in."

No photos of the winning OCC crew are available as the October issue goes to press, but we will hope to have one or more next month.

In the koa division, an Outrigger crew took fifth place, still ahead of Hui Nalu and Healani.