



TIME TO CELEBRATE. Victorious participants in the 1980 Men's Molokai-to-Oahu Canoe Race share their moment of glory (Lincoln Scafe Photographs)



Top: OCC paddlers pass Koko Head. Above: Making a change off Waikiki.

OCC Wins Men's Molokai Race

OCC paddlers won the prestigious Molokai-to-Oahu race for the second consecutive year as some 50 club members watched and cheered them on from an accompanying catamaran.

Outrigger covered the 39-mile course—from Hale O Lono Harbor, across the Kaiwi Channel to Fort DeRussy Beach—in 5 hours, 52 minutes and 26 seconds to capture its fourth Molokai title in the last six years.

Off Shore Canoe Club (known last year as Balboa Bay) of Newport Beach, Calif., finished second in 5:54:37. Hui Nalu was third in 6:04:04, and Imua of Newport Beach placed fourth in 6:14:17. Imua also was the first koa canoe crew to finish, winning the day's top prize of \$1,000. OCC won \$700 for its Open Division victory.

Competition was keen for spots in the No. 1 OCC canoe, and the successful crew included team captain Tom Conner, Walt Guild, Bill Bright, John Finney, Tim Kelly, Ed Pickering, Bill Mowat, Keone Downing and Dale Hope. In competing for inclusion in the crew, Guild, a former University of Hawaii football player, went on a rigid diet to get his weight down to the 190-

pound limit imposed on the paddlers by Conner. His special incentive was the fact that this was the first time in nine years he wouldn't be playing football at the time of the Molokai race.

"I've waited a long time to paddle in this one," Guild said as the crew accepted congratulations and leis on the DeRussy Beach. "I'd played football since the ninth grade. Now this is it, and I want to be in many, many more."

The race started at 7 a.m. in a relatively gentle channel. Outrigger and Hui Nalu jumped into the lead, with Off Shore and Imua not far behind. Mechanical failures stalled the latter two, and Hui Nalu also ran into trouble when it had difficulty bringing its canoe closer to the shoreline. Off Shore was able to scramble back from its mishap—a broken ama (outrigger arm)—and joined Outrigger in the lead, to come in second.

Meanwhile, aboard the catamaran, arranged for by Entertainment Chairman Lincoln Scafe, supportive OCC members enjoyed a continental breakfast and later a buffet lunch with refreshing libations. Those few who had suffered from *mal de mar* on the out-

ward trip, recovered and joined in cheering their team to the successful finish.

The Results—Open Division

1. Outrigger 5:52:26. 2. Off Shore (Newport Beach, Calif.) 5:54:37. 3. Hui Nalu 6:04:04. 4. Imua (koa) (Newport Beach) 6:14:17. 5. Kailua 6:22:38. 6. Lanikai 6:26:04. 7. Koolau 6:26:06. 8. Hanalei 6:30:32. 9. Leeward Kai 6:31:43. 10. Waikiki Beach Boys 6:35:31.

11. Kamehameha-Hilo 6:34:01. 12. Hui Nalu (koa) 6:35:00. 13. Lokahi 6:36:06. 14. Outrigger (koa) 6:36:54. 15. Waikiki Surf (koa) 6:37:43. 16. Healani (koa) 6:34:35. 17. Honolulu 6:44:16. 18. Pueu Tati 6:45:40. 19. Lahaina 6:48:05. 20. Hui Lanakila (koa) 6:49:55.

21. Kihei (koa) 6:53:00. 22. Tiare Roa 6:54:11. 23. Hawaiian Warriors 6:55:30. 24. Kailua (koa) 6:55:31. 25. Kamehameha-Oahu 6:56:45. 26. Makaha (koa) 7:00:38. 27. Windward Kai 7:07:53. 28. Lanikai (koa) 7:08:57. 29. Sons and Daughters 7:09:13. 30. Kihei 7:19:03.

Koa Division

1. Imua 6:14:17. 2. Hui Nalu 6:35:00. 3. Outrigger 6:36:54. 4. Waikiki Surf 6:37:43. 5. Healani 6:43:35. 6. Hui Lanakila 6:49:55. 7. Kihei 6:53:00. 8. Kailua 6:55:31. 9. Makaha 7:00:38. 10. Lanikai 7:08:57.