

Senior Masters Finish 2nd

By Bruce Ames

On Friday, October 5, half of the members of the Outrigger Canoe Club's Senior Masters long distance canoe racing team flew to Molokai to prepare their fiberglass canoe, the Kilakila for Sunday's Molokai Channel Crossing.

Tay Perry, Ken Stehouwer, Scott May, Roger Cundall and Bruce Ames, with the cooperation of Jerome Kalama, were able to pick up the Kilakila from Kalama's house in Kaunakakai, ferry it down to Hale O Lono and rig it, thereby avoiding the always frantic rigging scene which takes place at the harbor on Saturday's before the Molokai race.

On Saturday the 6th, Mike Town, Kent Giles, Tom Merrill, Hank Lass and Kawika Grant joined the Senior Masters on Molokai. Saturday was spent lounging around the hotel drinking carboflex and indulging in true story enhancement. Scott and Tay both hit personal food consumption highs to the delight of all.

New additions to the Senior Masters for the 1990 Molokai included rookie Giles, Cundall and Perry. Kawika was the team's alternate and change-chart organizer. Cundall's fishing boat, the Pahiki, was the team's official escort boat skippered by OCC member Bill Andrews. Special thanks to Roger for the use of his boat, Andrews for driving and Grant for coaching.

1988 and 1989 saw relatively calm oceans for the Molokai race; however, this year, the conditions were more like what makes the Molokai Channel famous.

Twenty-five knot winds and 12 to 14 foot ground swells made the crossing exciting and exhilarating. Although there was a lot of bailing, the crew managed to keep the boat upright the whole way, crossing the finish line in 6:15:53 to ultimately end up in 33rd place out of 51 entries and second in the senior masters division.

Senior Masters must be 45 years of age or older. The range of age in OCC's crew was from 45 (Giles) to 64 (Lass). All members of the team performed outstandingly well and were strong at the finish.

Throughout 1990, the Kailua Senior Masters crew has defeated the OCC Senior Masters in some races by seconds and others by minutes. Unfortu-



Photo by Marilyn Kati

OCC Senior Masters Scott May, Roger Cundall, Tay Perry, Hank Lass, Mike Town, Tom Merrill, Bruce Ames, Ken Stehouwer. Not pictured: Kent Giles.

nately, OCC came in second to Kailua in this year's race but only by six minutes.

Tay Perry, out-doing Lenny Bruce, entertained the paddlers with his rye wit and humor, all of which cannot be included here though some of the material is being used by "2-Live Crew" and the AGR (Association of Gerbil Ranchers).

The members of the crew would like to thank the Canoe Racing Committee, Coach Tom McTigue, Coach Jody D'Enbeau, Chris Kincaid, Coach Kawika Grant, Walter Guild, Jerome Kalama and Steve Scott for all of their support and assistance in making this once again a successful year for the Senior Masters. ☺

New Members

Regular: Howard Greer, David Kerr, Cynthia Mahoney, Robert Reed, Claire Rienzi, Susan Rudin, Richard Towill.

Junior: Laya Clark, Joelle Doo, Tyler Forrest, Catherine Goldsmith, Charles Mattson Jr., Sean Rostron.

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