

the Outrigger



4 OCC Crews Compete in Molokai Hoe

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OCC's *Kaina* crew finished second in the koa division: Uluwehi Keaunui, Bobby Hastings, Jared Watumull, Kealaka'i Hussey, John Akana, Jim Beaton, Nainoa Basdavanos, Ryan Woodward and Willie Gacutan. They finished in 5:57:02. Photo by Piilani Schneider.

Masters Crew: Tom Allen, Andrew Glatzel, Mike Kane, John Wacker, Kevin Allen, Mark Sandvold, Byron Ho, Stew Kawakami. Missing: Todd Sandvold. They won the Masters 40 Division in 5:38:11 and were 20th overall. Photo by Twain Newhart.

OCC I: Ikaika Harbottle, Mike Kane, Jimmy Austin, Kapono Brown, Scott Gamble, Evan Rhodes, Bill Pratt, Karel Tresnak Jr., Simeon Ke-Paloma. They finished 12th overall in the Open Glass Division in 5:13:15. Photo by Twain Newhart.

OCC II: Casey Kahikina, Doug Johnstone, Serge Krivatsy, Max Sunoo, David Fan, David Wadsworth, Chris Sunoo, Sean Parsa, Matt Esecson. They finished the course in 6:27:00. Photo by Twain Newhart.

Since early June members of the open and master's canoe racing division, have been competing in regatta and distance races. In the spirit of representing the founding values of our canoe club, year over year, countless hours of training and teamwork are logged in preparation for the annual Molokai Hoe.

On October 12, a total of 36 paddlers lined up to represent OCC in the annual Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe championships. Three OCC crews entered the open division, including one which paddled a traditional Koa canoe, and one crew raced in the Masters 40 division. Of note OCC placed 12th, took a 1st place in the Master's 40 and 2nd place in the Koa division.

Our crews:

OCC I: Scott Gamble, Kapono Brown, Bill Pratt, Ikaika Harbottle, Mike Kane, Simeon Ke-Paloma, Evan Rhodes, Karel Tresnak, Jimmy Austin.

OCC II: Jared Watumull, Ryan Woodward, Nainoa Basdavanos, Ulu Keaunui, Bobby Hastings, Jim Beaton, John Akana, Kealakai Hussey, Willie Gacutan.

OCC III: Matt Esecson, David Fan, Serge Krivatsy, Chris Sunoo, Max Sunoo, Doug Johnstone, Sean Parsa, David Wadsworth, Casey Kahikina.

OCC Masters 40: Mark Sandvold, John Wacker, Rob Harrison, Todd Sandvold, Stew Kawakami, Andrew Glatzel, Tom Allen, Kevin Allen, Byron Ho.

Race day conditions provided for plenty of action. From start to finish trade winds blew at a steady pace of 15-20 mph. Large 8-10 foot swells provided paddlers with opportunities to aggressively surf across the Kaiwi Channel from wave to wave. All crews were able to maximize the oceans energy, even though a pronounced tidal change traveling in the opposing direction challenged their spirits.

As is usually the case when embarking on this annual race, many hands were involved in organizing and executing. This year was no exception. Special thanks to Liz Perry, John Puakea, Tom McTigue, Walter Guild, Jim Beaton and Jimmy Austin for their enormous contributions in preparation for the race.

While on Molokai paddlers were treated to a special evening meal with the help and aloha of Wendy Wichman, Alice Lunt, Jen Lyons and Liz Perry. Mahalo to the ladies for their generous support of the men's teams.

As the 2010 season comes to a close, let us be grateful for the opportunities we have to be a part of one of Hawaii's most unique canoe racing programs.

Mahalo to the Board of Directors and Club Management for their continued support of Outrigger's Canoe Racing program.