

## **OCC MUST REGAIN ITS RACING PRESTIGE**

Forty-three years ago a number of young men in Honolulu organized the Outrigger Canoe Club. Its very name states its purpose — to maintain, encourage and foster outrigger canoeing, surfing and other aquatic sports.

These young men had little to work with but brains, brawn and determination but they builded well and built up a prestige for the Club so that its name became known 'round the world.

Through the years this proud heritage has been upheld by new generations and the OCC can look back with pride at its achievements. When all others dropped the ball—OCC carried it. They fostered competition, loaned other clubs canoes, even coached them to keep canoe racing alive. Money, time and effort have been generously given by the Club and the sport today is really established as other articles in this issue will prove.

Last year our overall performance was far below average. Good racing, good form, championship competition demand training — training — training. The muscles must be built up, skills achieved and coordination must be established. It seems that several things have interfered with our training. The boys and girls have been lackadaisical in their training, some petty jealousies have crept in—result: defeat.

The Club has the best of coaches, the best of canoes, the best of material—in fact, this year we have the most promising group of young men and women that have turned out to practice for many years. These boys and girls CAN WIN—but it will be at the cost of hard and arduous training. They must be punctual in attendance, they must accept the coaches' advice and orders and they must gracefully accept the possibility of being displaced by someone else who may be a bit better.

We spoke of the cost—but there is a reward. There is the reward of silky muscles; feeling fit, being a part of a crew, of bringing to the Club its lost prestige, of fighting for a place on a crew, and last, the medals or cups you may win.

So, kanes and wahines, report in now. The racing season is long this year and there are many seats to strive for. Your coaches are giving many hours for you and your club and they reap little of the glory—sign up now, attend faithfully the training and be one of those whose name will be recorded in the Aquatic Hall of Fame.