

PRE-REGATTA PADDLING PATTERN

CHAPTER ONE

Maritime Day Regatta

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The results of the Maritime Day Canoe Regatta were more than satisfactory to the minds of the "workers" of the canoe group.

Some people might call third place not very satisfactory but it was better than anticipated, and an analysis of the overall picture shows we're in a reasonable position for coming through at the Territorial Championships at Kauai, August 2nd.

Outrigger garnered enough points in seven races to place third against clubs who were in all ten events.

Outrigger crossed the finish line out of the money in only one event out of the seven—this was a fifth in the boys novice.

Outrigger placed second in two events, missing first by inches. The

causes are known and easy enough to remedy.

Although finishing third in the Girls Novice, Outrigger was disqualified and the problem here will be solved or else.

So much for a quick analysis, and if anyone wants to know how come only in seven events, the answer is easy—not enough kids.

For the sake of the record and looking at each event in order, it appeared this way to the writer. The "Mighty Mites" (13 and under) led the field all the way and were overtaken by Healani in the last 50 yards to finish 2nd by about 4 inches.

Analysis: in the last 50 yards with both boats giving the final kick, two of the Outrigger crew put their heads down and paddled with all their might, therein lies the tale "put their heads down" and in doing so lost their timing with the rest of the boat. Thus all their might wasn't coordinated with the other four kids and in the final stretch timing is of the essence.



The freshmen boys' squad after a long haul: Mike Carney, stroke; Henry Hollinger, number two; Bard Petersen, three; Ash Hartwell, four; Ken Dillingham, five; and John Marshall, steersman.



The girls' novice squad, left to right: Mrs. Lynne Heilbron, Kathy Townsend, Mary Peden, Gerri Golick, Mrs. Marilyn Haines, and Mrs. May Baldwin. Kneeling, Susie Stevens and Coach Downing.

A commentary on the Girls Novice could run like this. Yesterday a boat named Leilani pulled away from Pier 9, she's 622 feet long with a crew of 275 and only ONE captain. Maritime Day a boat named Leilani pulled away from Pier 9, she's 40 feet long and had SIX captains.

In the Boys Novice, Outrigger came 5th, and this is always a tough one for Outrigger because inevitably we have to use part of the "Mighty Mites" to round out a crew. Analysis: Just not enough kids to go around (attention Doc Blom). We're so short, the steersman for the 13 and Under (small Fred age 12) had to steer this one.

No need for analysis of the Boys 15 and Under. Stroked by Billy Danford, steered by Small Lemes and Captained by Nat Ane Norfleet, they came first very handily.

Boys 17 and Under got off to a poor

start but gradually overcame about a boat and a half deficit only to lose first by about 3 inches. Analysis: Steersmen have to paddle too.

The Freshman crew pulled a darn good race and came in a fine second. This race revealed an "Iron Man." Ash Hartwell, after finishing a gruelling 17 and Under, sat right in the boat and shoved off again into a more gruelling Freshman race. Good going, Ash. Analysis: Just not enough kids to go around (attention Neil).

The final event for the day as far as Outrigger was concerned was the Girls Novice, and with four first year girls they did a very creditable second. This race revealed an "Iron Girl." Susie Stevens paddled in the Girls Novice and also Girls Junior. Analysis: Just not enough kids to go around (attention Don).