

BY SHIP & TRAILER AIR AND MANPOWER

All those ingredients played an important part in the Hawaii crew's winning of the Catalina to Newport Beach 25 mile canoe race on Labor Day.

Club director Toots Minvielle was the father of this event started a couple of years ago and sponsored by the Balboa Improvement Association. This year the crew completed the course in 4¾ hours.

Getting the two koa canoes to the site of the race was much more of a project than winning the race. The two boats were shipped on the deck of the Lurline to San Francisco, because of the shipping strike in Los Angeles. They were on trailers and after arrival in S. F. were towed the more than 500 miles to Balboa. Wonder what all those Coast Haoles thought when they saw two outrigger canoes barreling down Highway 101. One of the canoes belongs to Toots and the other one he and Billy Miles own.

The Balboa crew which placed second in the race was only two minutes behind our boys from Hawaii.

Incidentally, the 50th State crew experienced some Hawaiian style hospitality in California when Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Leslie of Costa Mesa made their house and two cars available to them.

Six crew members were in each boat and all the Hawaii boys got a chance to paddle during the race.

Those making the trip besides Toots were Blue Makua, Dutchy Kino, Chris Brady, Joe Gilman, Ling Makahi, Jimmy Souza, Percy Kimimimaja, Nappy Napoleon, Tom Schroeder and Charley Kamei.

This annual event is gaining in popularity and should make good bull session talk for prospective Club participants.

Oh, forgot to mention . . . the important part that air played was that the fellows jetted to and fro.