

## CANOE RACING

The paddling program at the club did not get rolling until school was out for the summer so we were able to enter only five events in the Kam Day Regatta at Kailua Beach on June 13. The highlight of our effort that day was the performance of our 13-year-old crew. Caught in the terrific traffic jam they were unable to answer the initial call. However, they sprinted for the beach, piled into the *Leilani*, raced one-fourth mile to the starting line where all the other crews awaited the starter's gun, wheeled around just in time, and raced back to a first place finish.

At the annual Marine Corps K-Bay Karnival on June 20 at Kaneohe a better showing was made by our crews, who entered each of the eleven events; however, only the 14's were able to capture a first place.

The club sponsored the annual Walter J. Macfarlane regatta at the Moana Hotel beach on the 4th of July when tremendous surfing conditions suddenly replaced the calm which had prevailed the previous two weeks, and this situation allowed for open steersmen. Our hats are off to Aka Hemmings and Brant Ackerman who steered the 13's and 14's, respectively, against some of Hawaii's best steersmen. In the blue ribbon event our senior men's crew defended its championship and brought back the Macfarlane trophy for the second time since 1950. Members of the crew were coaches Nick Beck and Al Lemes, Bob Beck, Gary Blaich, Tim Guard and Richard Sylva. Capturing a first place also was the Junior men's crew of Jon Sutherland, Bill Mitchell, Tom Rietow, Fred Lowrey, Mike Lemes and Mike Holmes. The 18's were barely nosed out of first in their race.

The less said about the Oahu Championships at Kaneohe Bay on July 25, the better. Suffice to say, the crews did not garner a single victory, and a chagrined but determined lot resolved to work doubly hard during the last two weeks in order to make a respectable showing at the State Championships.

Hilo on August 7 was the site of the State Championships for the third consecutive year. With perfect weather prevailing our rejuvenated crews redeemed themselves by rising to an unprecedented three-way tie for the team championship along with Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club and defending champion Healani, each with 26 points. Waikiki Surf Club, which won the feature Senior Men's event, ended up in fourth place with 21 team points.

Scoring points in all but one event of the eleven event program, the club won two events, one of which was the 14's in record time. Members of this crew were Mike Driscoll, Tom Levine, Jim Boyd, Bob Schirman, Tom Burkland, and Brant Ackerman. The other victory was a complete surprise pulled off by our novice women crew of Sally Hodgins, Mapuana Rochlen, Chris Cherry, Sheila Ripley, Julie Haynie, and Cheri Chapman. Other crews who won points in the hard-earned team victory were:

13's, 2nd; novice men, 2nd; 16's, 3rd; 18's, 3rd; senior women, 3rd; freshmen, 4th; junior men, 4th; and senior men, 3rd.

The climax of the regatta came in the last event, the Senior Men two-mile race, where Healani's margin over the fast closing Outrigger crew was a scant foot. Another twelves inches and the Outrigger Canoe Club would have reigned alone as champion.

Accolades must go to coaches Albert Lemes and Nick Beck for the terrific job they did preparing our paddlers physically and mentally for the State Championships.

After a brief rest training will commence for the annual Molokai to Oahu race which kicks off Aloha Week on October 17.