

CANOE RACING

OUTRIGGER 2ND IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After taking fourth place in the Oahu Championships on July 17, our hard working and inspired crews came back on August 6 to tie for 2nd place with Healani in the State Championships with ten clubs competing. This is the second consecutive year we have been involved in a team tie, having tied for the championship with Healani and Kailua last year in Hilo.

Lanikai, which has been out of contention for several years but which had won all four earlier regattas this year, virtually swept to the championship by scoring heavily in the age group and women's events. Following Outrigger and Healani were Kailua, fourth, and Waikiki Surf Club, fifth.

Outrigger captured two first places, Novice Men and Junior Men. The crews were as follows:

Novice Men: Tom Holmes, Tom Bean, Jay Pease, Bruce Connable, Kirk Usher, and Jon DeMello.

Junior Men: Glenn Perry, Hal Burchard, Geof Avery, Bunny Lee, Mike Clifford and Mike Lemes.

Our Senior Men crew took a strong second to Waikiki Surf Club in the grueling 3-mile event, beating out Healani which had been a surprising winner in the Oahu Championships three weeks earlier. Crew members were Mark Buck, Gary Blaich, Jon Haneberg, Jeff Fitzsimmons, Albert Lemes, and Fred Hemmings, Jr.

Other Outrigger point winners were:

Boys 13 (3rd): John Boyd, Mark Teele, Doug Straehley, Scott Cherry, Skipper Barnes and "Cooper" Cook.

Boys 14 (3rd): Bob Schneider, Marty Wilson, Gary Sheehan, Jimmy Pietsch, Guy Moncrief and Aka Hemmings.

Boys 16 (3rd): Mike Driscoll, Jimmy Boyd, David Alexander, Doug Bechert, Bill Dodge and Brant Ackerman.

Boys 18 (2nd): Gary Vietsch, Tim and Mike McAndrews, Paul Guard, Butch Ledford and Brant Ackerman.

Freshman (4th): Tom Holmes, Henry Ayau, Terry and Butch Ledford, Robert Holmes and Steve Scott.

Special mention should go to three paddlers who were called upon to paddle in two races. Tom Holmes stroked both the novice men and freshmen crews. Butch Ledford paddled in the Boys 18 and Freshmen. And 16-year old Brant Ackerman steered both the Boys 16 and Boys 18 crews.

Coach Al Lemes and Mark Buck deserve special thanks and praise for their training of our crews. In addition to their coach and organizational duties, they were members of our fine Senior Men Crew.

TWO OCC PADDLERS ON HAWAII ALL-STAR CREW

Mark Buck and Hal Burchard were picked to represent the Outrigger on the Hawaii All-Star Crew competing in the annual canoe racing events in California. It is the 3rd time for Mark but the first trip for Hal. The events are sponsored by the International Hawaii Canoe Racing Association founded by "Toots" Minvielle.

Hawaii won the 17-mile race from Malibu to Marina del Rey, whacking five minutes off the record set by Hawaii last year. In the 26-mile race from Catalina Island to Balboa, Hawaii was victorious again.



Our winning Junior Crew. Left to right, Mike Lemes, Glenn Perry, Bunny Lee, Mike Clifford, Geof Avery and Hal Burchard.



Our second place Senior Crew. Left to right, Mark Buck, Gary Blaich, Jeff Fitzsimmons, Jon Haneberg, Al Lemes and Fred Hemmings, Jr.