



FORECAST

Outrigger Canoe Club

OUTRIGGER BEACH

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Canoeing



Leilani's first win and proud crew, l. to r., Aka Hemmings, Gary Sheehan, Tomi Winkler, Mark Osmun, Haneberg, Corky Hall.

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The 1967 paddling season started June 11 with the Kamehameha Day races. Outrigger did very well considering that we entered only 6 of 12 scheduled events. We will enter more events as our paddlers return from their mainland schools. In our very first race the newly reconditioned LEILANI and the excellently conditioned 14's broke the existing record with a time of 1.55.2 in the quarter mile event. This was a most gratifying return for LEILANI who almost saw her end at the hands of the Molokai Channel last fall. The winning 14's are pictured below.

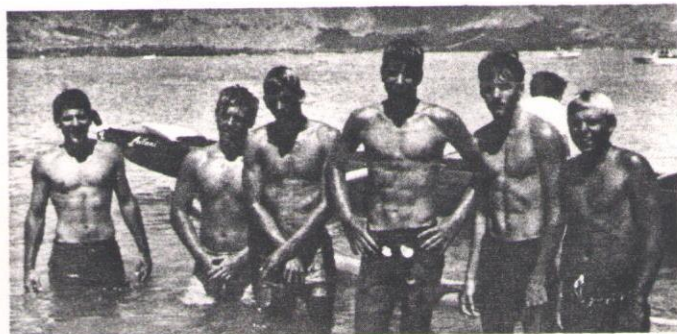
Our Novice girls piloted by Heidi Hemmings, who at 11 years is reported to be the youngest steersman ever, took a very respectable 3rd place in their quarter mile event. These girls are off to an excellent season and should post some impressive results.

Our Novice men got a bit confused and after paddling a very impressive race finished in the wrong lane and were disqualified. To be sure, that won't happen again.

Our 16 year old boys crew provided the next real Outrigger thrill with another win and another record. With the superb steering of Buster Chapman in his first race they brought LEILANI over the line in 4.57.6, a half mile event. The proud 16's are shown below.

The next event for Outrigger was the Senior 6, a 2 mile race. Outrigger took third in a fine race which saw Healani move out in front and never relinquish the spot. Waikiki Surf took second with Rabbit Kekai, a former Outrigger coach, steering.

The last event of the day in the newly organized schedule of races was the Freshman men. Outrigger was a real crew in this department. They led the 1 mile event all the way only to lose out to Waikiki Surf Club in the last seconds of the race. The Freshmen will be ready for that last lap in the next race. So went the first race of the new season, a fine performance by coach Mark Buck and his crews. Outrigger scored 17 points overall to take fourth place in the regatta.



The victorious 16's, l. to r., Bob Schneider, Johnny Mounts, Doug Beckert, Marty Wilson, Jim Pietsch, Buster Chapman and Leilani.

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K-Bay Day Canoe Races, Kaneohe Bay Marine Air Station, Sunday, June 11. The Outrigger started this regatta off with a very impressive series of wins. Our 13 and under crew in their first race of the season came home first. Following the 13 crew came the 14's with another win, their second this season. The 14's are an impressive crew and should go all the way in the gold this season. Heidi Hemmings and her Novice girls crew took a respectable third place to keep Outrigger in the money. Novice Men followed the girls and landed another third and demonstrated their potential to move up the ladder. The race was a close one as most of the sprint races are. Outrigger came back into first place with the powerful 16 crew. These fellows are the ones to beat and along with the 13's and 14's should go all the way in first place. We have a bit of work to do with our Freshman girls; for sure they can go only one way and that is up. The girls finished 7th in a field of 7. Good luck, girls.

Our Junior women demonstrated their potential by placing third in a well handled race on the part of Huanani Rochlin and her crew. Our Junior men took second to Healani in a close fought race; it was down to the line and close all the way. Our Senior Men repeated their third place of the Kam Day races but with a much closer margin to the winning Healani crew. The Seniors have every reason to look toward that first place position before long. Our 18 Boys crew fought it out to a close second place with Healani who made it across in first place. The 18's, with Mike Driscoll in his first race as steersman, will no doubt improve that one needed spot. The last race of the day was the Freshman 1 mile in which we took a third place in another close race. The Freshmen did not give up that second place by very much and are waiting for the next race to change the score.

After all the points had been tabulated we were elated to find we had taken second overall in the regatta after Healani who, to be sure, produced a day of which they could be proud.