

Oahu Championship Regatta



The winning 14's and Kakina: Front to rear, Gary Sheehan, Scott Haneberg, Doug Straehley, Jim Boyd, Mark Osmun, Aka Hemmings.

OAHU CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA WON BY OUTRIGGER

Once again Mark Buck and his crews brought home the team trophy and the honor of winning the all important Annual Oahu Championship races. The race was held at Keehi Lagoon on a gusty trade wind day that caused no end of trouble for the officials running the race. The tide and wind were constantly moving the buoys, causing agonizing delays in the races. With these conditions the Outrigger Canoe Club proved its well trained all around ability and again started chalking up victories right from the start. Our 13 Boys with George McPheeters in his first race as steersman brought home a gold medal. Not to be outdone, Aka Hemmings brought his superbly conditioned 14-year-olds into another victory. Our Novice Girls with Heidi Hemmings at the helm brought home a very respectable second place. Our Junior girls brought us but one point with a fourth place finish. Every point counts and the girls did their best. The Outrigger crew of the day who surprised none of us who are regularly at training was the Juniors. There was never any doubt about this crew, they took it from the start and just kept widening the gap until at the finish they had a commanding 5- to 6-boat lead over the next closest, Surf Club. Our Senior Men paddled a beautiful race and I am sure none of us quite know why or how anyone could be much better but nonetheless they finished third. Once again the 18's really turned on in their first race with Brant Ackerman as steersman this season, they came in first. The Freshmen with your writer steering did not fare so well with a third place finish. When all the points were added up the day was ours with 39 points to Waikiki Surf Club at 31.



George McPheeters and his 13 crew make Kakina ready for victory.



The winning Juniors at Oahu Champions: l-r, Tommy Holmes, Henry Ayau, Geof Avery, Jon Sutherland, Mike Holmes, Fred Lowrey.

SUMMER RACING SEASON ENDS AUGUST 5th ON KAUAI

Saturday, August 5 will see the State Championships, this year to be held at Nawiliwili Bay. Outrigger is going into the Championships as the club to beat. The club



The winning Freshmen Women bring Kakina in.

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will no doubt put on a commendable performance. For those of you who can, come up to the races and spend a weekend on Kauai.