

Canoeing



Kam Day

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Left to right: Dale Hope, Skipper Barnes, Johnny King, Keoni Downing, Mark Teele, Richard Blackburn.

Boys 14

The 1968 Outrigger canoe paddling season got off to a great start for our club at the Annual Kamehameha Day Regatta held at Kailua Beach Park, Sunday, June 9th.

Outrigger placed second in the regatta. This is up from fourth place in the same regatta last year. Traditionally, Outrigger gets off to a slow start in the early regattas of the season. This is due to the fact that most of the paddlers in the older age groups have not yet returned from their mainland colleges. This year, however, coach **Mark Buck**, most ably assisted by **Mike Lemes**, has worked with superb success to get the most out of their available crews.

The Outrigger posted three first places, the 14 and under crew with **Skipper Barnes, Mark Teele, Richard Blackburn, Dale Hope, Johnny King**, and steered by **Keone Downing** in his first year with Outrigger Canoe Club. The Boy's 18 crew took our next first place win over a single entry, Healani. The 18's are **Marty Wilson, Johnny Mounts, Tommy Arnott** (in his first canoe race ever), **David Alexander, Mike Driscoll** and **Brant Ackerman**. The 18's ran a perfect race and took and kept the lead throughout the one mile race. Our last win for the day, and also a record, was by the Freshman crew. The Freshmen ran their one-mile event in the time of 8-54-5 in very windy, choppy seas. The Freshman crew: **Jody D'Enbeau, Tom Connor, Tony Crabbe, Bill Eggers, Tom Bean** and **Butch Ledford**. These were the winning crews; they were backed up by some fine paddling on behalf of the Boys 13 who, because of an unfortunate mistake of finishing out of their lane, lost what was a solid second place. The 13's will no doubt make up that place as the season progresses. Our Novice men put in another excellent performance in their first outing, taking a second place in an excellent race. Our Boy's 16 crew took a fourth place in what was really a photo finish of the second, third and fourth place canoes.

Our Freshmen girls really put in a splendid performance with a second place finish. The girls paddled with great ability and will no doubt improve that one spot with a bit more training. Our Novice girls took a fourth in their first outing but that placing is not an indication of their ability; a little more practice will have them on top. Our Junior and Senior crews both came home with third place. Both were victims of rather unusual lanes and, for this writer, a rather casual and inconsistent interpretation of the rules by the Racing Association. Our Junior men drew lane one, closest to the shore, a lane that appeared to be somewhat longer than the others by the performance of those who paddled in it from the various clubs. When in the Senior event the officials allowed Healani to turn short of their flag they virtually assured Healani of its final second place. Why weren't the other crews who used this lane allowed that advantage? One would think that after many, many years of setting lanes that the task could be undertaken in a more accurate and durable form.

Most active paddler of the day award must go to **Jody D'Enbeau** who came to the races at 8 in the morning, stayed through all the events until noon, then back over the Pali to the University to not only graduate but also to receive his commission in the Army in full dress uniform, then a quick trip back to the races to set the pace for the record breaking Freshman crew. Jody's wife Nancy put club and paddling before ceremony and stayed with her Freshman women's crew to paddle to their second place. It was Nancy's debut in canoe paddling and a very active day for the D'Enbeau family.

This was in all respects a great opener for the Outrigger Canoe Club and what we all hope will be the beginning of a fine season.

Remember your club sponsors and puts on the Annual Macfarlane Day Regatta July 4 at Waikiki. This is but a short walk from the Outrigger Canoe Club. This is one of the finest spectator races of the season. It is particularly thrilling if the surf is big. Be sure to go to your club's race on the 4th of July.



Left to right: Butch Ledford, Tom Bean, Tom Conner, Jody D'Enbeau, Bill Eggers, Tony Crabb.

Freshmen

Boys 18



Left to right: Dave Alexander, Tommy Arnott, Marty Wilson, Brant Ackerman, Johnny Mounts, Mike Driscoll.



Boys 16

CANOEING "K-BAY DAY" RESULTS

Outrigger places strong second overall in the "K-Bay Day" Regatta. Following our strong initial race at Kailua Beach Park, the club continued to build its strength with excellent showings in all events. Every crew finished with at least one point to their credit. The club posted four first places: Boys 14, Boys 16, Boys 18, and Freshmen Men. Three second places went to Boys 13, Novice Men, and Senior Men, theirs a splendid race in which first place was traded many times in the closest race of the day. The seniors lost out to Waikiki Surf Club by less than a boat length. Third place positions were made by Novice Women, Freshmen Women, and Junior Women. We did not enter a Junior Men's crew nor a Senior Women's crew.

Pictures of the races and the victorious crews will appear in the July issue of the FORECAST.



Left to right: M. Buck, S. Fleming, K. Graham, S. Petit, S. Reiner, H. Hemmings.

Novice Girls