

The Lanikai-Waikiki Canoe Race

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This year's running of the Lanikai Race was moved from Saturday to Sunday. Otherwise it followed the now well-established pattern for this event.

The race started with all in a close pack that did not break up until the canoes were off Makapuu Point. The leader at that point was Hui Nalu, but Waikiki Surf Club, staying very close to the rocky shore line, managed to slip ahead, then held the lead right to the finish.

The Outrigger entry, in *Leilani*, paddled an excellent race but lack of depth in training and experience on the part of some of the younger paddlers placed our crew at a disadvantage in this difficult race and we placed 6th overall.

Conditions for the race were about average for this event, if not somewhat on the calm side. There was a rising tide and an easterly wind. On time alone, compared with previous performances, the Outrigger crew did very well. Manning the *Leilani* in the race were: Bill Burso, Marty Wilson, Geof Avery, Bruce Ames, Henry Ayau, Kimo Austen, Stretz Henrickson, Doug Straehley and Brant Ackerman.