

Sports Afloat and Ashore

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Canoe Racing Season

The 1972 Outrigger Canoe racing season got under way early this year for the Outrigger Canoe Club. For the first time, we entered the K-Bay Water Carnival held at Kaneohe Bay Marine air station. The event was a two day affair, held May 20th and 21st.

Outrigger entered the event more as "on the job training" than with any idea of coming out as first place winners. We had only begun training two weeks prior to the event and could not expect to win against clubs like Hui Nalu and Healani who have been training for weeks. None the less, there were some very rewarding and promising efforts made by our crews. The crews for the races were not regular age group crews; rules allowed that anyone who was a member of their sponsoring club could paddle in any event the coach of the club might choose. There was not a regular regatta schedule of events either, the course being a long five and one half miles from the Air Station beach in a mauka direction around Coconut Island and then a return run back to the beach.

Our first crew to compete was a girls' crew and they provided an outstanding performance. Their paddling form was excellent and obviously their physical conditioning was a close match. The girls' entry was made up of Kristy Muller, Moira Sculley, Niki Foytich, Pam Crane, Nina Rodrigues, with Monte Costa steering. The girls took 3d place against what could only be called senior or junior crews from Hui Nalu and Healani, while the four girls will for the most part, make up our freshmen team. The girls left at least 5 boats astern in their excellent race.

Men's Event

In the men's event for Saturday, we entered a boat made up of first time paddlers and a couple of experienced paddlers. The crew was Tony Crabb, Tom Henke, Jay Pease, Roger Cundall, Jimmy Foytich and Kent Giles. This crew represented several age groups. Both Henke and

Foytich are 16 and under paddlers; Pease and Cundall are from our novice crews, the old timers being Crabb and Giles, who was steersman. This crew did not fare as well in the tight competition that developed as the race proceeded. Where the girl crews spread out, the men crews stayed right on top of each other; in some cases, really on top of each other. The course was the same five and a half miles and the crew took 8th place out of 11 boats entered. Again Hui Nalu and Healani were the first and second boats in that order.

Sunday brought the final day and again the same course and conditions. The Sunday crews were to be comprised of experienced paddlers in heavier canoes, but still not necessarily "senior" crews. We entered some of our well known paddlers as well as a novice member to give everyone a chance at it. The crew was made up of Henry Ayau, Aleka Burso, Jody D'Beau, Tuck Siegfried and Bruce Ames, steered by Fred Hemmings Jr. This crew did very well for themselves. They took fourth place over all, finished about a quarter mile from the leader and were close to taking over the third place spot at the finish. At one point, they were in seventh place and made up the distance on the home stretch.

The pre-season turnout has been fine; there are many new paddlers along with the familiar faces of past years. Running is being stressed as a very important part of training and is being supervised by Dr. Jack Scaff.

Our New Surfing Canoe

"Duke", the new surfing canoe recently completed by George Downing for the Club has already seen some heavy use and had an excellent indoctrination by fire. We have been blessed with excellent surf for the most of May and the three man canoe had provided thrills and spills for the canoe surfing enthusiasts. With this in mind, keep Sunday mornings in mind for canoe surfing and brunch starting in early June, watch the bulletin boards for details.