

Sports Afloa

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The 1973 canoe racing season is off to an early start. Club paddlers have already participated in three events: the Annual Koko Palms to Nawiliwili Harbor Race on Kauai; an invitational event on Molokai, and a three-way interclub meet which included Lanikai Canoe Club, Kaneohe Bay Marines and the Outrigger. Results of the Kauai and Molokai events have previously been reported in The Outrigger.

The interclub affair on the Windward side featured a relay race from Lanikai to the Makai Range pier and back to Lanikai, with a complete crew change at the Makai Range pier. Outrigger entered two crews, with a total of 24 paddlers. The OCC Red crews (seniors) won their event in a photo finish, Lanikai coming in second. The winning senior crews were comprised of T. Connor, R. Burso, M. Beamer, H. Foster, T. Siegfred and B. Ackerman; and H. Ayau, Jr., T. Guard, K. Austin, M. Wilson, J. D'enbeau and B. Ames.

The White or Junior crew didn't fare as well. The first relay reached the Makai Range pier in fourth place. Then the return crew, trying to overtake the Lanikai entry, had the misfortune to swamp, and despite a gallant effort after bailing out their canoe, finished behind third place Lanikai. The K-Bay Marines were even less fortunate and finished far out of the running despite valiant efforts to get back into the race.

The initial turnout for the summer canoe racing season was one of the best ever. At the special pre-season meeting held on April 27th, more

than 100 paddlers signed up for training, and others have signed up since then. The Canoe Committee is most gratified at the enthusiastic turnout.

Head Coach Archie Kaaua has named Alika Burso to assist in coaching the younger boys' crews; Brant Ackerman to coach the middle age groups—18, frosh and sophomore; while Mike Holmes will coach all of the *wahine* crews. Archie will work with the junior and senior crews.

The new crew training site is in the waters off Ala Moana Park *ewa* of Magic Island. Training schedules have been posted on the bulletin board near the entrance to the men's locker room. The first full regatta will be held in the waters off Kailua Beach Park, a beautiful place for spectators. Club members are urged to turn out for the event and enjoy themselves.