



**Outrigger's
winning 16's —
Leeward Kai
Regatta**

(l. to r.) B. Foytich; W. Guild; M. Haxton; D. Moss; K. Downing; R. Muller; M. Rigg; J. Anderson.

Sports Afloat and Ashore

By Jerry Ober

The canoe-paddling season picks up momentum

It is not unusual for the Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers to start the annual summer regatta season with a lackluster record. Certainly this season, except for the very productive day at Waikiki for the Club-sponsored Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta, has been no exception to that rule.

The Leeward Kai Regatta, fourth of the summer meets, has just passed and the Club's paddlers are coming out of the doldrums and are starting to show their class beyond the potential which they have had all along. There are reasons for the slow season starts for the Outrigger. Some of our best paddlers arrive home from mainland colleges too late for early training and it takes time to get into condition as well as to get together with teammates. All this is coming along now and hopes for a bright finish in the summer series have brought much encouragement to paddlers and coaches as well.

Following the fine Macfarlane Day performance July 4th at Waikiki, Outrigger's paddlers fell into a slump at the John D. Kaupiko Regatta held July 15th at the Hawaii Kai Koko Kai Marina.

The course this year at Koko Kai was unusual by traditional standards. The regular course provides a one-half mile straightaway, and the lagoon at Koko Kai provides space for only a one-quarter mile straightaway. The shorter distance has no effect on the

younger crews who paddle only a quarter or half mile with one turn; but it made a marathon of turns for the longer distance crews. The Senior Men had to make nine turns in the running of their two and one-half mile race.

For spectators, the course was little better, there being little or no room above the Koko Kai Marina boat slips to watch the races. The Outrigger's racing performance matched the site. We came up with only one first place, and that in the Boys 12A division where the 12A's chalked up their third consecutive win of the season. The winning 12A's were: Patrick Ayau, Bruce Black, Billy Bugbee, Toby Morris, Greg Crane and Pua Rochlen. The next best performance of the day for Outrigger was the Boys 14 who took third place.

If the Kaupiko Regatta was a disappointment, the Leeward Kai Regatta held a week later at Nanakuli Beach Park was a triumph by comparison. Outrigger started off well with a second place showing in the Boys 12B. The only real disappointment and the termination of a flawless record came to the 12A's who fell to a very close second place. The 12A loss was redeemed, however, by the Boys 14, who posted their first victory of the season. The winning 14's were: Karl Heyer IV, Damien Farden, Scott Rigg, Kilo Baird, Bobby Linn and Kenny Morrow. The Boys 16 crew, living up to their potential, followed into the winner's circle as the next Outrigger first place crew, gaining

their first win of the season. The Boys 16's were: Jay Anderson, Walter Guild, Mike Haxton, Mark Rigg, Dana Moss and Kainoa Downing. In the women's divisions, Outrigger made beautiful progress. Up from fourth place to first were the Junior women: Christie Wilson, Moira Scully, Judy Mounts, Kim Heyer, Julie Morgan, and Nancy D'Enbeau. Also climbing the ladder are the Sophomore women, up from fourth place to second place; the Freshmen women up two places to fourth; the Women B Novice, up from fourth to third; and Women A Novice from seventh to third.

Outrigger had to default in several races, as we had no entries for Boys 18, Men Sophomore, Men Junior or Senior Women.

Our Senior Men were also on the comeback trail after suffering a sixth place loss at the Kaupiko Regatta. They came in a strong third place at Leeward Kai.

The next and last regatta on Oahu for the season was the Oahu Championship held at Keehi Lagoon on August 5th. (See following story.)

The Oahu Championship Regatta

The shiny *Kakina* got a full day's workout at Keehi Lagoon on August 5th at the Oahu Championships. The race site, moved *mauka* by the Keehi Lagoon Park, was a vast improvement over the previous year's opposite the airport runway.

The day provided its share of triumphs and disappointments. Over all, the Outrigger took third in Regatta points with thirty-four, following winning Healani with fifty-five points and second place Kailua with forty-seven.

The day started out with a fine second place performance by our Boys 12B. The Boys 12A regained their traditional first place position with a solid win in their quarter mile straight-away. Paddling in the 12A division were: Patrick Ayau, Bill Bugbee, Greg Crane, Toby Morris, Jay Zukerkorn and Pua Rochlen. Good hard training was the reason for the Women Novice B's exceptional win in their event. The winning girls were: Julie Henrickson, Lyn Mason, Jill Fagothey, Maile Morgan, Eva Segovia and Allison Martin.

Following the opening events, the Outrigger was not able to get back into the winner's circle, but had some very close near misses. The Boys B and Novice Women A both took third places. The Men B Novice ended up with second place in a photo finish, a stroke or less being the margin. The Boys 14 encountered problems and ended up in fifth place. The Men A Novice had no better luck, and came in with a seventh place. The Boys 16 encountered the same problem which plagued the 14's and Novice A's and ended up with a seventh place finish. Both the 14's and 16's had been first place boats at the previous Leeward Regatta and demonstrated well the unpredictable side of canoe racing.

One of the day's highlights for the Club came with the Boys 18 event. In previous regattas we have not been able to field an 18 crew. Coach Archie Kaaua gathered four untrained eighteen year old members who thought they were going to watch the race from shore. Beanie Sheeman, Adrian Rosemill, Allan Rosemill and Dave Anderson joined Robbie Muller and Jim Foytich in the one mile event. They took a very positive fourth place and delivered a well needed point to our total. Our Freshmen *wahines* fell into seventh spot followed by the Freshmen Men with a photo finish fourth place that with the blink of an eye could have been second or third. Sophomore *wahines* took third and the Sophomore Men showed great power with a strong second place. Another photo finish second place went to our very impressive Junior *wahines'* crew. In a bid to enter a successful Senior Women's crew, we did not fare too well with a sixth place finish. The competition proved far too strong for our crew's one week training period. The Senior Men once again took third place to end a sometimes frustrating, sometimes outstanding regatta.

The final regatta of the summer season was held August 18th at Hilo. The results are reported briefly on page 1 of this issue.

Swimming

We have another distance swimmer joining Dr. Harry Huffaker in channel crossing. Jim Caldwell, a good friend