

Outrigger Places High in Queen Liliuokalani — Kailua-Kona Canoe Race

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Outrigger sent two crews to Hawaii for the 2nd Annual City of Refuge to Kailua-Kona Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race and took overall point honors for the event, with a second place finish for the koa division, and first place in the fiber glass division.

The koa division had four entries. Waikiki Surf Club who took first, Outrigger, Lanikai, Kai O Pua, and Kawaihae.

There were ten fiber glass entries along with the four koa boats for a total of fourteen. The Outrigger koa crew, paddling the *Kakina* were: Marshall Rosa, Milton Beamer, Tom Conner, Tuck Siegfried, Jody D'Enbeau, Brant Ackerman, Doug Bechert, Henry Ayau and Billy Mowat. Their time was two hours, 17 minutes, 15 seconds for the 24-mile race.

The fiber glass crew, alias the "prunes," came from a poor start in 11th place to a fifth place overall finish hot on the heels of the trailing koa boat paddled by Kawaihae. The "prunes" were: Barry Hall, Mike Mason, Tony Crabb, Kimo Austin, Bill Burso, Don Mailer, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Kimo Hugo and Bob Turran.

The Kona race was one of the most successful outings for the Club this year in paddling, and the credit goes not only to the paddlers, but to the coaching staff of Archie Kaaua and Albert Lemes. Albert, who coached the "prunes," came back to Honolulu minus his voice from yelling his crew from 11th place to a close fifth.