



Winning Girls Crew, Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race.

Front row, l to r: Stephany Sofos; Laurie Cundall; Heidi Hemmings; Tracy Haworth; Rear row: Moira Scully; Kristy Muller; Lynn Mason; Maile Morgan; Coach Tom Connor; Jill Maguire. Tsuzuki photo

Outrigger Crews Win Two Out of Three Long-distance Paddles

OCC crews copped first and set new records in both the Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race for Women, on Sunday, August 18, and the Duke Kahanamoku Race on August 25th. In the Queen Liliuokalani event September 1st, the OCC, expected to be a strong contender, placed fourth.

Dad Center Race

Sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club and held under HCRA auspices, the Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race is the only open ocean, long-distance koa canoe event of its kind for women. 1974 marks the inauguration of the race as an annual event.

The late George "Dad" Center, for whom the race is named, was a long-time OCC member and local and international sports figure. He is credited with being the father of Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing in the early 1900's and did much to develop an all-around athletic sports program for our Club. (See the Club History, pg. 62 and beyond).

The victorious OCC crew, now the record holders, paddled the 10 miles

from the exit of Hawaii Kai Marina to Outrigger Beach in one hour and 21 minutes, finishing just 6 seconds ahead of Healani. Healani's close second was followed by Waikiki Surf in third. Kailua came in fourth; Lanikai took fifth, and Hui Nalu placed sixth.

Stroking the *Kakina* to first place were: Kristy Muller, Stephany Sofos, Moira Scully, Maile Morgan, Laurie Cundall, Tracy Haworth, Heidi Hemmings, Jill Maguire, and Lynn Mason.

The opening of the race was auspicious. Eva Mauaeikakaluaolonoikahiki Pomroy, OCC receptionist for 29 years, blessed the crews with a prayer written especially for the occasion. Eva's blessing, given in both Hawaiian and English, follows:

E kou makou makualani
 ke noi aku nei makou aloha
 e malama mai i ka holo ana o
 ko makou, i kaale nui
 ka ali iki na ohuku ale
 na ale popolohua o oka moana
 e ola makou, makou aloha.

Our heavenly Father,
 We ask for your love and guidance,
 With the sailing of our canoe,

Dad Center . . .

Over the big waves, the little waves,
The swelling waves of the deep blue ocean.
May we live through your "Aloha."

Duke Kahanamoku

On August 25th the Outrigger recaptured the Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Perpetual Trophy last won by the Club in 1968 and held by Waikiki Surf Club from 1969-1973.

Winning time for the 16-mile paddle from Lanikai to Waikiki was three hours and 16 minutes. Kailua came in second, four minutes and 37 seconds after the OCC crew crossed the finish line. Lanikai placed third; a second OCC boat took fourth, and Waikiki Surf finished fifth.

Paddling the *Leilani* to victory in rough water in a fleet of 17 boats were: Brant Ackerman, Tom Conner,



Outrigger's Victorious Duke Kahanamoku crew; (l to r): Tom Connor; Tuck Siegfried; Mark Buck; Brant Ackerman; Bill Mowat; Milton Beamer; Keone Downing; Marshall Rosa; Mike Lemes. Tsuzuki photo

Marshall Rosa, Mark Buck, Bill Mowat, Mike Lemes, Milton Beamer, Tuck Siegfried, and Keone Downing.

Closing fast at the finish to take fourth were nine members of the "long, slow, distance training program" started early in the summer: Barry Hall, Paul MacLaughlin, Dale Hope, Don Mailer, Bob Moore, Walter Guild, Greg Sandler, Tim Guard, and Mike Holmes, steering.

The Queen Liliuokalani

The OCC did not fare so well in the 16-mile Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race held September 1st on the Kona Coast of Hawaii. Shortly after the start of the race, one of the *Leilani's* seats broke, forcing one paddler to stroke from an awkward position for most of the race. The OCC crew nevertheless took fourth in the koa division, finishing the distance from the

City of Refuge to Kailua-Kona in 2 hours, 14 minutes, 50 seconds. In first was *Healani* with a record time of 2 hours, 9 minutes, 15 seconds. *Lanikai* placed second, *Kailua* third in a field of 21 canoes.

Leilani crew members were: Brant Ackerman, Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Mark Buck, Bill Mowat, Tuck Siegfried, Milton Beamer, Tim Guard, and Keone Downing, steering.

A second OCC crew finished eighth in the fiberglass division but was disqualified when its escort boat caused a wake for *Kailua*. Members of the *Ekahi* crew were: Don Mailer, Dale Hope, Roger Cundall, Barry Hall, Rick Lemke, Bob Moore, Doug Bechert, and Greg Sandler. *Kailua* took first in the fiberglass division, *Lanikai* second, *Kawaihae* third, and *Marina Del Rey* fourth.