

# Outrigger Club Impressive in Windward Regatta —Senior Men Victorious

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June 1st saw a crowd of nearly 6000 canoe racing fans pack Kailua Beach Park for the initial regatta of the 1975 season. The day started out cloudy and windy with racing conditons not the best, but by noon the skies cleared and the sun broke through for another perfect day in Hawaii nei.

Host Kailua surprised everyone by amassing 70 points to defending champion Healani's 62. The OCC was third with 33 and Lanikai fourth with 27. Kailua's rebuilt canoe, Kalanikila, which has been lengthened from 38½' to 40' by George and Tay Perry, rode high in the water and their crews were in mid-season form.

The Women's "A" Novice with Suzanne Chuckovich, Anne Nicol, Beth Worrall, Pua Smith, Sheryl Haxton, and Leslie Martin took a third to start the OCC scoring. Our rising stars, the Boys 14, with Pua Rochlen steering a crew of Twain Newhart, Winston Gamble, Fred Noa, Jr., Jay Zuckerkorn and Pat Ayau, took home our first of five gold medals. The Girls 15 with Tracy Phillips steering a fine crew of Robyn Rodby, Jodi Langley, Lisa Livingston, Diane Guild, and Kisi Haine, paddled to a convincing victory.

Men's Novice "A" took a fourth before the Girls 17 crew of Jill Andersen, Mary Fox, Alison Martin, Leslie Muirhead, Pii Schneider, and "Muffer" Scully sprinted home to victory in the one-half mile race, despite a slow start and a bad turn.

Adding an additional 7½ pounds of weight to the ama prior to the Boys 16 event and a change in the turning technique seemed to help all the crews except the men's Novice "B", which "hulied", and the slightly rotund Sophomore Men "dream crew", which started out like lightning, but finished like a whale racing across the Sahara.

The Boys 18 crew, which will be tough to beat all season, came home with our fourth gold medal of the day. Kainoa Downing steered a crew of Walter Guild, Mark Rigg, Karl Heyer IV, Rick Lemke, and Robbie Muller. Junior Women surprised by taking

third place against strong competition. Monte Costa steered the crew of Kristy Muller, Nanci Ballentyne, Michele St. John, Stephany Sofos, and Laurie Stratford.

The crowd waited with justified anticipation for the best race of the day, the grueling 2½ mile Senior Men's. It was no disappointment, as the Outrigger's Kakina battled favored Waikiki Surf Club, Healani, and Kailua all the way in a perfectly controlled race. It looks as if our Senior Men are in top condition as Mark Buck, Brant Ackerman, Tom Conner, Mike Lemes, Paul MacLaughlin, and Marshall Rosa came through with a close but beautiful victory.