

Canoe Racing Round-up

By Dave Pierson

Dad Center title stays at home

Coach Tom Connor chose a fast, young crew, an outside route and the steersmanship of Heidi Hemmings to win the nine-mile Dad Center Memorial Distance Race in the record time of one hour, 10 minutes, 19 seconds.

The sea was choppy and rough, and there were some "hairy moments", but Outrigger's classy *wahines* led all the way to finish ahead of surprising Waikiki Surf Club and Healani. The crew comprised: Jill Anderson, Maile Morgan, Ann Nicol, Connie Maguire, Kristy Muller, Gay Magee, Tracy Haworth and Heidi Hemmings.

RIGGERS, some \$300 was later contributed by Outrigger members and given to the Makaha Club to help pay for repairs to the canoe.

One win, two seconds, at Kona

The Outrigger Senior Men, preparing for the upcoming Molokai Race, took the 1975 Queen Liliuokalani Race on the Kona Coast in a fast two hours, 8 minutes and 1 second, breaking the record set by Healani in 1974 by 55 seconds.

The grueling 20-mile race saw Brant Ackerman, Tom Connor, Marshall Rosa, Paul McLaughlin, Mark Buck, Mike Rodrigues, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Tim Guard and Donnie Mailer prove that they will be ready for the Molokai challenge.



Women's crew puts on a fine show in Dad Center. Haworth photo

Waikiki Surf wins Duke Kahanamoku

"Nappy" Napoleon and his smooth-stroking Waikiki Surf Club crew won this year's Lanikai to Waikiki Duke Kahanamoku Race in three hours and 23 minutes, over Lanikai and OCC.

The finish in front of the Sans Souci was marred by the unfortunate damage sustained by the Makaha Canoe Club's beautiful koa canoe *Hanakeoki* when it hit a reef on the inbound channel. The *Hanakeoki*, formerly owned by our Club, was badly damaged in the accident. As reported in

In the 15-club fibreglass event, the OCC crew came in second to Lanikila, a tough California crew. Kai Opua of Kona finished third.

Women finish a strong second

On the day before the men's race, the women's crews raced from Keala-kekua Bay up the Kona Coast to Kai-lua. OCC women paddled a fine race, coming in second to favored Healani, thus climaxing a sensational season that gives promise of even better things in 1976.