



Head Canoeing Coach Brant Ackerman at 1975 meeting with OCC girls 17 crew
Photo Scoop

Brant Ackerman Named Head Canoeing Coach for '76

Brant Ackerman, assistant paddling coach from 1970 to 1975, has been named head canoeing coach for the Outrigger for 1976.

Fifteen years a Club member, Ackerman, 25, has paddled on winning OCC crews since he was ten. He has participated in five Molokai-to-Oahu races and was a member of the Senior Men's record-setting crew in 1974 and 1975. He has helped to set many records held by the OCC, among them the Lanikai-Waikiki record set in 1974, and the 1975 Kona Race record.

A champion surfer as well as paddler, Ackerman was a Makaha Surfing Championship finalist in 1970, the OCC representative to the World Surfing Championships in Peru, and has been a contestant in the Duke Kahanamoku Invitational Surfing Championships and the Smirnoff event.

Over 100 Attend First Paddling Meeting

Canoe Racing Committee Chairman Barry Hall introduced Brant Ackerman, head coach of the OCC's 1976 canoe racing season, before a standing-room only crowd on Monday, April 12th. It was an impressive opening to what could and should be a State Championship year for the Club.

Stating that "no one remembers who finished second," Coach Ackerman has only one goal—victory at every regatta. Following the introduction of assistant coaches—Barry Hall, Bill Bright, Heidi Hemmings

and Jon Sutherland, plus Nat Norfleet*, party chairman—Ackerman laid down some specific rules for all paddlers:

1. All practices will be held on time and late crews will simply miss out on their workout.

2. All paddlers will run daily even if they have no scheduled practice.

3. Crews for the first ten races will report before the first race at each regatta and later racers report before noon.

4. Paddlers are expected to stay and help with clean-up following regattas.

5. Fines will be levied against those who damage or lose paddles and who sit on canoes.

6. Those under eighteen must **immediately** give birth certificate copies to coaches for presentation to HCRA officials.

Coach Ackerman thanked Cline Mann and Bill Cook for their many services to the coaches and paddlers. A film was shown of 1975 highlights and the spirit was high toward the coming season. It was emphasized that any members not present who wish to paddle in any age group, male or female, experienced or not are asked to report to any of the coaches immediately. The first regatta is Sunday, June 6th and the OCC will be ready! **(Add: Milton Beamer, Asst Coach)*

Yes, we have NO JOGGING SHOES!

In a hurriedly put together "house ad" for our Beach Shop in the May "Outrigger", we included jogging shoes among the goodies carried in the Shop. Ain't so. NO jogging shoes. Maybe later.