

The Summer Regattas in Retrospect

Waimanalo Regatta

by Jerry Ober

It is hard to write in glowing terms about a canoe regatta where we were either last or next to last in the first five events and tied for 4th in final points. Such was the opener for the "Pops" Waialeale Regatta sponsored by the Waimanalo Canoe Club at Waimanalo Beach, July 18th.

Fortunately, we did not stay in the cellar past the 5th event. Things did take a dramatic turn for the better with the Boys 14 and under crew who came in second in a photo finish with Kailua. The Girls 15 kept us on the score board with a close 3rd place followed by an excellent effort on behalf of the Mens Novice B who took 2nd, then as OCC's luck of the day ran, were disqualified for a minor rule infraction. Boys 16 could only manage 4th place, and a disappointing 7th to Men Novice A. The Girls 17 took a 3rd place followed by Mens 18 who really got their act together for a most impressive 3rd place. Freshmen Women held on for a 3rd and the Freshmen Men, paddling a very inspired race, really got it together for a close 2nd. The Sophomore Mens crew gave us our first win of the day. If they were hot the weekend before at the World Regatta, this time they were scorching hot with a commanding lead all the way. Paddling were Jon Sutherland, Tony Crabb, Sam Kress, Bill Bright, Nat Norfleet and Steve Scott. One possible explanation for the blistering race could be that Tony Crabb's beautiful wife of only the night before, was awaiting him on the beach.

The Junior Women and Men took 5th and 4th respectively. The Senior Women provided our second first place, winning in handsome style and setting a course record of 10:08:3 in the one mile event and finishing five or six boat lengths ahead of the nearest contender. The Senior Women are: Evie Black, Michele St. John, Moira Scully, Anne Nicol, Connie Maguire, and Anne Hogan.

The Senior Men stunned the onlookers with a loss, only their second of the season. They led or were



State and Oahu champions. (l/r): Mike Lemes, Mark Buck, Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Brant Ackerman, Tim Guard.
Photo Scoop

Oahu Championships

by Stephany Sofos

On August 1st, the Oahu Canoe Racing Championships were held at Keehi Lagoon. The weather was fine for canoe racing—everything ran smoothly—no protests, no disqualifications for illegal paddlers. The only problem of the day was the wind. It changed and blew from three entirely different directions in the course of the day.

Outrigger took the 2nd place team trophy home after placing 19 points behind Champion Kailua. "They just kill us in the younger divisions!" Head coach Brant Ackerman was heard to say. But even with only 150 paddlers, we still placed 14 out of 20 crews. Not bad for our small force!

Taking 4th places were Boys 12A, Women Novice A, Freshmen Women, Junior Men and Junior Women. Picking up 3rd place medals were the crews of Mens Novice A, Boys 16, and Girls 17. The Freshmen Men took the Outrigger's lone silver medal of the day.

The five crews which now claim Oahu Champion status are: the Mens Novice A (Jimmy Dean, Mike Fox, Jim Iams, Fred Chuckovich, Hugh Murray, Matt Cross); the "Super Sophs" Mens crew (Jon Sutherland, Tony Crabb, Sam Kress, Bill Bright, Nat Norfleet, Steve Scott); and the two Senior crews—

even with Waikiki Surf Club until the final quarter mile of their 2½ mile race, but couldn't hold the pace. Overall points found OCC tied with Waikiki Surf Club at 33 points for fourth overall.

the Women (Evie Black, Michele St. John, Moira Scully, Anne Nicol, Connie Maguire, Anne Hogan) and the Men (Tim Guard, Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Brant Ackerman, Mark Buck, Mike Lemes).

One thing canoe paddling teaches is sportsmanship. In the six years I have paddled I have never seen it displayed more than in the Senior Men's crew. Bill Mowat, the 7th member of the crew, believing the crew would be stronger without him, asked to sit out the race. Bill Mowat gave up his chance for the gold so that his crew could win. We can all learn from him. He is a true champion.

The States

by Stephany Sofos

To quote Mark Osmun, *Advertiser* Sports Writer, "Except for the dust and heavy winds, the Hawaiian Canoe Championships held on August 7th were a virtual replay of last week's Oahu Championships." Kailua won with the same 19 point advantage over Outrigger. For the second year in a row it was Kailua, Outrigger, Healani in the 1-2-3 positions.

The Oahu Champions of last week became the State Champions. The winning crews were the Mens Novice A, the Sophomore Men, the Senior Men and the Senior Women.

The gold medal is important, but the other crews should not be overlooked, for they too added to the points that won the team trophy for the Outrigger. Among these crews were our two silver medalists, the Novice Mens A (Willy Hawthorne,

Jim Jones, Buddy McGuire, Doug Schramel, Jim Peterson, Fred Swartz), and the Freshmen Men (Kainoa Downing, Jay West, Jay Pynchon, Kuahiwi Apple, Alan Rosehill, and Ken Morrow.)

An outstanding effort was made by the Freshman Women, who placed third in their division; then after a 45-minute rest came back out to race another ½ mile and pick up their second bronze of the day. A well-done to Mary Fox, Muffer Scully, Leslie Muirhead, Jane Jones, Lisa Rigg, and Alison Martin.

The Boys 16 and Girls 17, both gold medalists last year, finished with bronze. The 16's consisted of Todd Bradley, Kris McGee, Chris Worrall, Aaron Kekoolani, Marc Haine, Gregg Graham. The Girls 17 crew was made up of Diane Guild, Anne Manaut, Tracy Phillips, Robyn Rodby, Johnna Busby, Barb Anderson.

This regatta proved very frustrating for three crews especially—the Girls 15, Junior Men and Junior Women. The 15's, who had won last week at the Oahu Championships, could do no better than 4th. But a good try to Kisi Haine, Kekai Kealoha, Jane Langenheim, Kelli McGee, Susan Rowatt, and Heidi Schuman. The Junior Men, with a new combination of paddlers every week, managed to get enough together to take the bronze. Bronze medalists were Milton Beamer, Mike Clifford, Don Mailer, Ed Pickering, Doug Straehley, Bruce Ames. The Junior Women, frustrated by Kailua and Healani all season, were determined to pick up a medal at the States, but fate was not with them. The wind pushed their canoe into their starting flag and they were disqualified. Junior Women consisted of Monte Costa, Maile Buck Ostrem, Tracy Haworth, Christie Wilson, Robin Smith, and Stephany Sofos.

The canoe racing season is many things—hope, anticipation, fun, frustration. Mainly it is the participation and perpetuation of the ancient, sacred Hawaiian sport. The goal is to build sportsmanship and respect for the sea. Everyone achieved this goal, and the Outrigger can be proud of every one.

These Crews also scored for OCC



Champion Senior Womens crew, Oahu and State Championships winners. (l/r): Connie Maguire, Anne Nicol, Moira Scully, Evie Black, Anne Hogan, Michele St. John. Photo Scoop.



Mens Novice A Crew, winners in both regattas. (l/r): Matt Cross, Jimmy Dean, Jim Iams, Fred Chuckovich, Hugh Murray, Mike Fox. Photo Scoop.



Girls 15 crew, Oahu Champions and 4th in State Championships. (l/r): Jane Langenheim, Kelli McGee, Kisi Haine, Heidi Schuman, Kekai Kealoha, Susan Rowatt. Photo Scoop.



Oahu and State Champion Sophomore Mens crew (That's "World Champ" on their backs) (l/r): Jon Sutherland, Tony Crabb, Sam Kress, Bill Bright, Nat Norfleet, Steve Scott. Photo Scoop.