



Bill Cook models Rosa T-shirt

Da Rosa Invitational

On December 18, 1977, four canoes loaded with the best crews our championship season could produce set out from Marshall Rosa's home in Portlock in the final race of the season — the Rosa Invitational, sponsored by Budweiser. The race, under the able direction of Robert Mist, was held under the same ground rules as in years past. Crews were made up by the luck of the draw. Two cans of Bud had to be consumed by each paddler before any canoe was permitted to leave the beach and head for the Outrigger. Each canoe had its own escort boat which carried a boat driver, an official, helpers and sufficient beer for each paddler to consume the required beer at each of the six designated stops during the race.

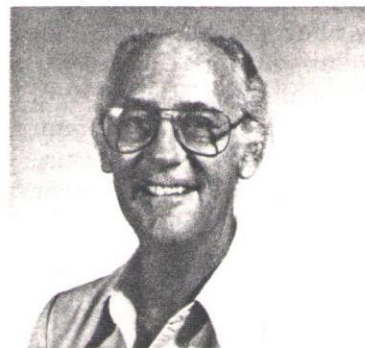
Yes, this is a race of skill and endurance, pitting man against the sea, forcing him to call upon all of his training and experience to meet the challenge before him.

By the time the canoes reached the second or third beer stop another valuable piece of racing strategy was employed. Again drawing on the experience of years past, the officials broke out the tow ropes or pushing bumpers to make course corrections which occasionally become necessary in events such as this. The tempo of the event quickened as more and more of the Bud was consumed. Tension on the tow ropes increased as paddlers' coordination decreased until finally nearly all of the crews converged simultaneously on the finish line (some still in their canoes.)

The winner, by declaration of the Race Director, was Marshall Rosa's crew for the first time in the five-year history of the event. Crew members were Marshall Rosa, Tim Guard, Wayne Faulkner, John Finney, Ken Morrow, and Bill Mowat. It should be noted that this crew received no guidance from the tow rope. That would not have been possible since their escort boat was deployed to run interference with the competition and create sufficient wake to keep the other canoes filled with water.

Until next year.

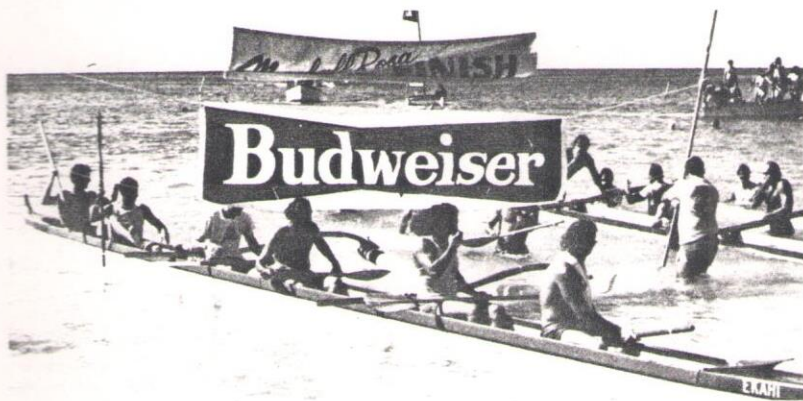
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