

The Henry Tai Hook Regatta at Hanalei, Kauai

by Connie Maguire

An invitation was extended to the Outrigger Canoe Club by the Hanalei Canoe Club for certain crews to attend the Henry Tai Hook Regatta at Hanalei. These former Hui Wa'a association members now have a koa canoe and have joined the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (HCRA). This was their only regatta in preparation for the State Championship, so their invitation was to clubs with crews with which Hanalei was competitive.

There were thirteen regatta events: a mens 6½ mile distance race and a women's three mile race. Host club Hanalei, entering all thirteen events, won the regatta with 45 points. Outrigger, entering eight events, captured second with 37 points.

Our Sophomore Men handily won their distance race, and their sophomore mile race as well as the mixed race where Mike Mason, Dale Hope, and Jack Feher teamed with Donna Kahakui, Andrea Dolan and Ann Hogan. Bill Bright and Murray Hixson teamed with Bill Mowat and Bruce Ames in the men's open four.

The Senior Women won their mile race but were disqualified in the distance race after going off the course while in the lead (we took the scenic route). Other winners were our Girls 13's and, Novice Women. Taking seconds were our Mens Open 4, Girls 15's, and Girls 17's.

A great Luau and fun awards ceremony followed the races at the canoe clubsite on the peaceful Hanalei River. Later, there wasn't a dry eye or a dry body, for that matter, to be found as Steve Scott's Sophomore Men topped a fun day off by throwing the girl and women paddlers into the river. We finished the evening warming up by campfire on beautiful Hanalei Bay.

All the crews had a great time, met some terrific people, and hope next year all of OCC's crews will attend this annual event.

Paddlers: Girls 13: Tiffani Bova, Heide Friese, Renney Dorsey, Colleen Kelley, Jona Lemes, Gail Stringer

Girls 15: Donna Kahakui, Lissa Guild, Heather Grimshaw, Mollie Brinck, Sharon Hoogs, Katie Latham.

Girls 17: Linda Lalakea, Kristin Morrow, Tracy Newhart, Cassie Senner, Joslin Snyder, Lisa Liese.

Girls Novice: Mary Lee Neal, Jeanne Jenkins, Lynn Nork,
Kaiulu Downing.

Senior Girls: Ann Nicol, Michele St. John, Connie Maguire,
Monte Costa, Sharon Bintliff, Anne Hogan, Pat Mowat.

Sophomore Boys: Mike Mason, Bill Bright, Dale Hope,
Murray Hixson, Jack Feher, Steve Scott.