

Pokai Bay Iron Man Race

On Saturday, June 14, Flag Day, the Outrigger Canoe Club participated in the long distance Iron Man Canoe Race. The race got under way at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Pokai Bay. The course ran over 13 miles from Pokai Bay to Nanakuli Point and back. Outrigger, using a specially designed canoe built by Tom Connor known as the "Kaiulani," after rounding the groin at Pokai Bay, took an early lead. From then on, it was Outrigger all the way. Tim Guard, known to some as "Dr. Death" was Outrigger's stroke. Tim set up the blistering pace that the other canoe clubs were unable to match. The stroke count at times went as high as 56 strokes per minute.

The race had special importance for it marked the return of Henry Ayau to canoe racing at the Outrigger. Henry for many years paddled for the Outrigger



OCC Pokai Bay long distance race winners. From left, John Finney, Bob Riley, Mike Mason, Tim Guard, Henry Ayau, and Bruce Ames. Photo: Darcy Goodman.

and then later for other canoe clubs, but this year he returned to the Outrigger and is a solid asset to the paddling program. Another newcomer to the Outrigger program, Bob Riley, husband of Mahi Riley, showed his fine form in the race. Young Mike Mason accepted a draft and agreed to paddle in five seat as

the five seat paddler and "lookout." Other paddlers were John Finney and steerman's Bruce Ames. Besides the paddlers Club Captain Hank Lass, Jeffery Kissel, Susie Johnston, Tiare Richards, Darcy Goodman and others lended their logistical and moral support.

—Bruce Ames