

Kamehameha Day Regatta

By Emary Lucas

The Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association went into action with the Kamehameha Day Regatta at Kailua Beach Park on Sunday, June 7. Coach Walter Guild and his paddlers met the competition head-on throughout the day and although not victorious—OCC tied for fourth with Kailua Canoe Club—Outrigger crews in each group had their own personal victories.

“It’s going to be a good season,” said head coach Guild as he ran off the names of the crew that did exceptionally well on Sunday. The Freshman Men, the Junior Women and the Senior Men crossed the finish line in first place.

The Freshman men did exceptionally well with a three-boat-length victory; the crew is composed of Keone Downing, Mark Rigg, Walter Guild, Mark Haime, Karl Heyer and Kaiona Downing. It was this returning OH CRA,

State and all-State Championship crew that led the way.

The OCC Senior men looked in terrific shape as they, too, crossed the finish line ahead of the pack. This crack crew consisted of Keahi Fardin, Bob Riley, Tim Kelly, John Finney, Donny Mailer and Tom Conner.

Coach Guild believes that as the season progresses, the power of Outrigger will be felt in each successive race. All crews are training hard and the will-to-win should surface with each race. Crews like the Senior Masters, who placed second in the regatta, Freshman Women and the Boys 18 all have that potential to come across the finish line first. According to Guild, “If we can all work on correcting our mistakes, we will finish in the money.”

Coach Guild went on to state, “A change of philosophy has taken place in that we look for a long-range pay-off

vs. an immediate pay-off. We don’t want to do what we did last year—win early and lose the big ones like the Oahu Championships and the State Championships. Instead, we plan to emphasize the basics of paddling technique and physical conditioning as the foundation for winning the State title.” Guild believes that Outrigger has all the potential to win the big ones.

Volleyball Championship

Outrigger Canoe Club Masters’ team placed second in the National U.S. Volleyball Championships in May at the University of Texas at Arlington. Coach Guild said, “Next time we’ll be