

Coach's Corner

By Brant Ackerman, Head Coach

Don't forget—the most important date in August is Saturday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. It's the date for the HCRA State Championship regatta to be held at Keehi Lagoon. If you qualified, please be there early; for the rest of you who either did not qualify or don't paddle, we would really appreciate your support at this event. The Hanalei Civic Canoe Club were the champs last year at the Hilo Regatta. So come out and cheer OCC on to victory!

Right after the regatta season ends, we will be going straight into the Distance program. The very first race is our own Dad Center women's race which ends right at the Club. The date to remember is Saturday, August 20, 1983.

The Boy's 18 dig in for the start of their 1 mile race at Nanakuli which they won decisively. Pictured from bow to stern are Matt Kresser, John Wade, Jeff Davis, Brian Deer, Rex Haworth and Billy Balding steering.

The following day, Sunday, the Lanikai Canoe Club sponsors the Duke Kahanamoku race from Magic Island to Lanikai Beach. The OCC men's fiberglass crew was the first to finish last year! It's a fun day in the sun with the women paddling the off-shore race once all the men's crews have finished. So pack your cooler and meet us at Lanikai!

Looking back over this past regatta season, I realize that none of it would have been possible without the help and support of the many members, parents, friends and paddlers. I want to thank everyone who was involved with this year's regatta season.

