

Long Distance Canoe Racing

By Kris Smith

The Club's upper division paddlers were very busy during the months of August and September as they turned to distance paddling.

The season began with Outrigger sending men's and women's crews to the Newport to Catalina race on August 16 and 17.

The women's crew of Mary Franco, Tiare Finney, Muffer Scully, Kaiulu Downing, Paula Carbone, Jeanne Jenkins, Sandra Haine, Donna Kahakui and Pii Schneider finished second behind Off Shore Canoe Club in the 26-mile event from Newport to Catalina.

The following day, the men's crew of Tom Conner, Walter Guild, Chris Kincaid, Bill Bright, Keone Downing, Kainoa Downing, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Scott Rolles and Mark Rigg, paddled 28 miles from Catalina back to Newport. They finished third behind Tahiti and Imua. The top three canoes finished within five minutes of each other, all beating last year's record by 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, other Outrigger crews participated in the 19th annual Duke Kahanamoku Race on August 17. The men raced 22 miles from Magic Island to Kailua Beach finishing 4th in

3:24:35. The women raced from Kailua Beach to Bird Island and returned. They finished 10th in the open in :53:58.25 and second in the

masters in :56:11.95

Outrigger sponsored the Dad Center Race on August 23 under high surf conditions. OCC's women successfully defended their championship by finishing the estimated 22-mile course from Kailua Boat Ramp to Outrigger in 3:36:04 in a koa canoe. Outrigger's second crew finished third in fiberglass division and fourth overall in 3:50:33.

On the Labor Day weekend, OCC sent crews to the Queen Liliuokalani Race in Kailua. The women's A crew won the 11-mile race in 1:29:54. The masters women finished third.

The men raced 17 miles from Honaunau to Kailua and won in 2:09. The masters men won and were 10th overall.



Club Vice-President Kent Giles presided over the Dad Center Awards Ceremony.



Winners of the Dad Center Race were Nina Williams, Muffer Scully, Mary Franco, Sandra Haine, Tiare Finney, Pii Schneider, Donna Kahakui, Kaiulu Downing and Jeanne Jenkins.

Dad Center Long Distance Race

Overall Team	Time	Div.
1. Outrigger (Mary Franco, Muffer Scully, Tiare Finney, Sandra Haine, Nina Williams, Jeanne Jenkins, Kaiulu Downing, Donna Kahakui, Pii Schneider)	3:36:04	Koa
2. Hui Lanakila	3:42:37	Glass
3. Healani	3:43:27	Glass
4. Outrigger	3:50:33	Glass
5. Hui Nalu	3:51:02	Koa
6. Lahaina	3:51:37	Glass
7. Hui Nalu	4:01:57	Glass
8. Kailua	4:07:31	Glass
9. Lokahi	4:08:07	Koa
10. Healani	4:10:03	Koa
11. Anuenue	4:16:25	Koa
12. Lokahi	4:19:02	Glass
13. Kailua	4:21:53	Glass
14. Waikiki Beach Boys	4:26:21	Glass
15. Waikiki Surf Lanikai	4:27:27	Glass
	finish	Glass
Kailua	didn't	finish
	finish	Koa



Finishing third in the fiberglass division were Anita Minter, Paula Carbone, Terri Pynchon, Lisa Siggers, Susan Rudin, Susan Barron, Michelle St. John and Gail Vincent. Not pictured: Darcy Ames.

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