

# Regatta Season Kicks Off June 3

By Marilyn Kali

Outrigger paddlers will kick off the 1990 Regatta Season this month, with races every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

The Healan Regatta will be held on June 3 at Keehi Lagoon, the Kamehameha Regatta on June 10 at Kailua Beach, the Leeward Regatta on June 17 at Nanakuli Beach and the Waimanalo Regatta on June 24 at Waimanalo.

OCC will be entering crews in all 30 events, says Canoe Racing Chairman Chris Kincaid.

Outrigger is the five-time defending Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association champion.

The Club boats have been refinished by the OCC shop. The Leilani has been rebuilt and is now in the finest racing condition ever. The cross beams in the canoe were removed, eliminating over 20 pounds of weight in the canoe. The Leilani weighed 424 pounds when the work started, and now weighs in at 401 1/2 pounds, just above the minimum weight for an OH CRA boat.

The Kaoloa, which has also been going through the on-going development process of a koa canoe, had similar changes made and is coming closer to its true potential as a racing canoe.

The Kaoloa dropped in weight from 417 pounds to 400 1/2 pounds.

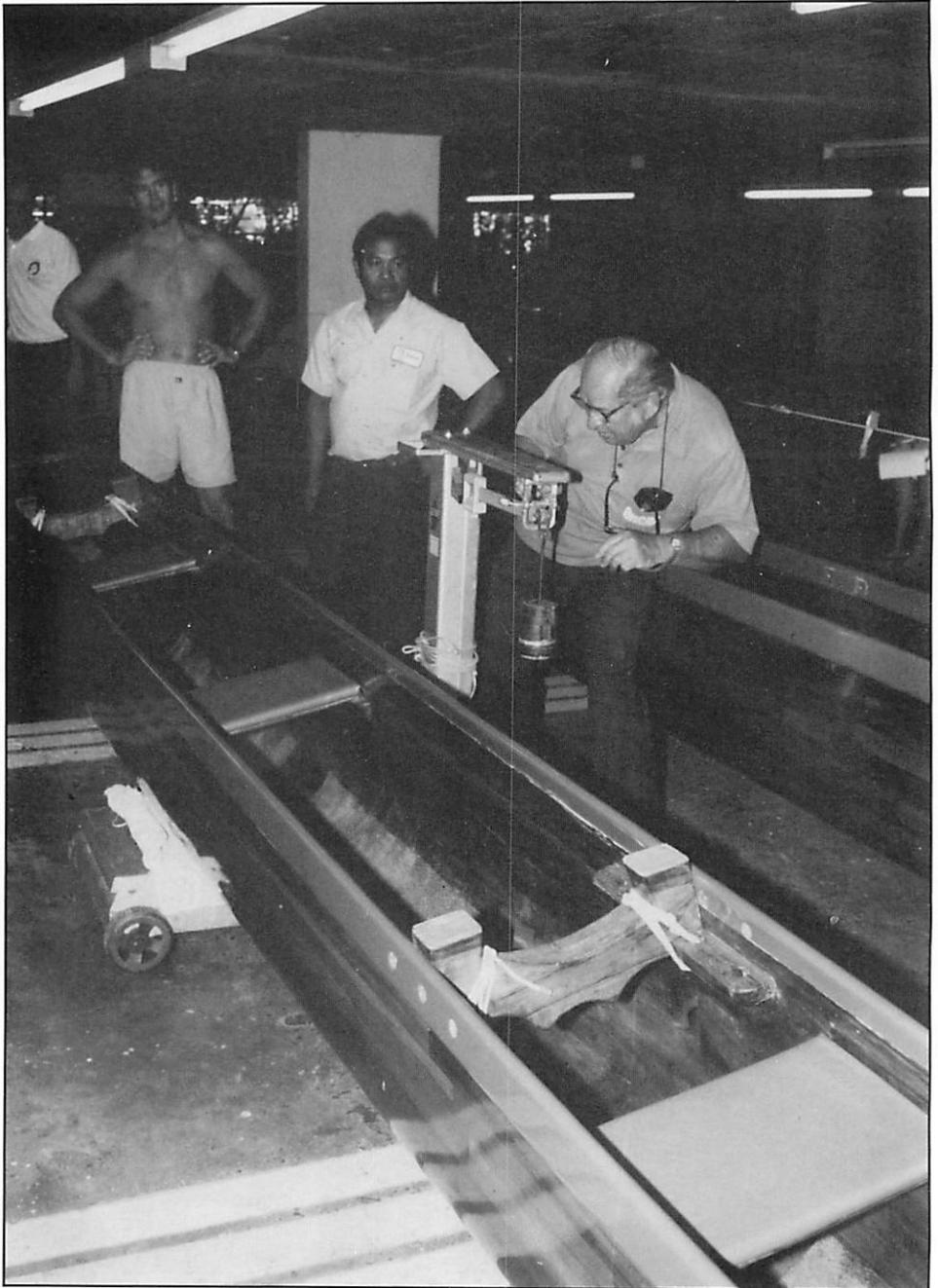
To go along with the improved canoes, the Board of Directors has approved new rigging for the canoes which will insure that they are truly competitive.

The current set of ama and iako are over 15 years old and outdated. Technological improvements have been made to the rigging which has already been applied to fiberglass canoes. This has resulted in an increase in the canoes performance in terms of speed and stability.

The same improvements will be applied to the new rigging for the Leilani and Kaoloa to insure that they are utilizing competitive equipment, Kincaid said.

The Canoe Racing Committee would like to thank General Manager Ray Ludwig and the OCC Shop for their outstanding work on the canoes.

OH CRA racing rules are the same as last year. One change in the program is a mixed masters race for 40+ years will be added to the events at the State Championships at Hanalei this year, according to Bonnie Judd, OH CRA secretary.



*OH CRA officials weigh in the Leilani and Kaoloa to start the Regatta season. Photo by Di Guild.*

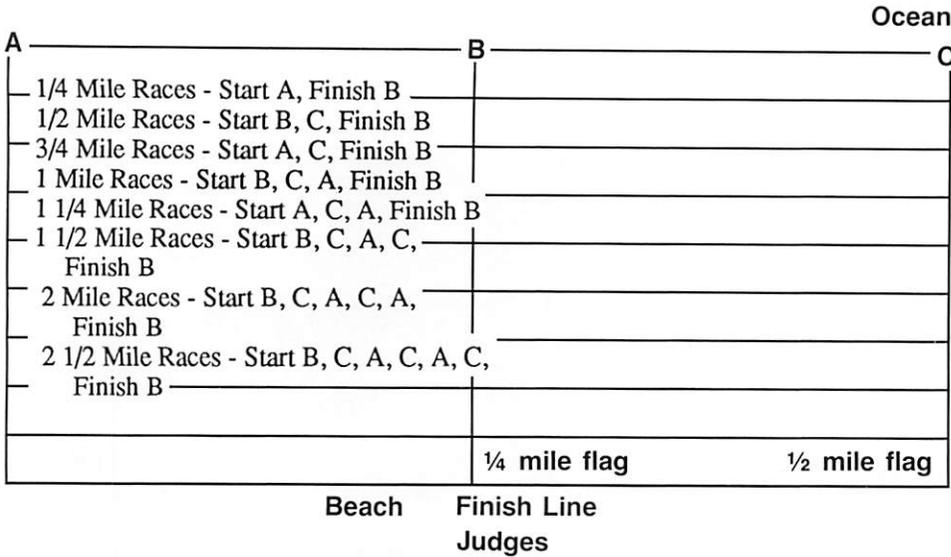
Parents, spouses and children of paddlers are all invited to cheer on Club crews every Sunday at the beach. Bring a picnic lunch and help the Outrigger enjoy a "Classic Summer."

If you're new to canoe racing, you may be interested in how the race course is set up. We have two basic courses—one that runs parallel to the shore, such as at Kailua

and Waimanalo, and one that runs perpendicular to shore, finishing at the beach, such as at Nanakuli, Waikiki and Kaneohe Bay. The course at Keehi Lagoon is set up as a perpendicular course, although it runs parallel to shore.

If you look at the accompanying drawings, you can see where each race starts and ends and where the judges are located.

### Parallel Course



### Perpendicular Course

- 1/4 Mile Races - Start B, Finish C
- 1/2 Mile Races - Start A, Finish C
- 3/4 Mile Races - Start B, A, Finish C
- 1 Mile Races - Start C, A, Finish C
- 1 1/4 Mile Races - Start B, C, A, Finish C
- 1 1/2 Mile Races - Start C, A, C, B, Finish C
- 2 Mile Races - Start C, A, C, A, Finish C
- 2 1/2 Mile Races - Start C, A, C, A, B, Finish C

### Events

#### 1/4 Mile Races

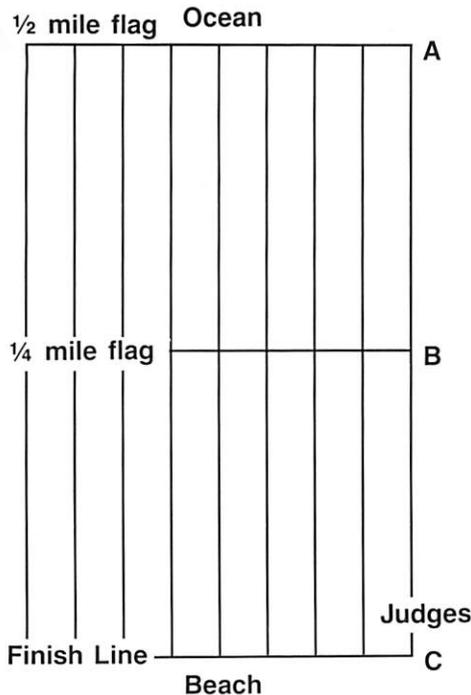
- Girls 12
- Boys 12
- Mixed 12
- Girls 13
- Boys 13
- Girls 14
- Boys 14
- Novice B Women

#### 1/2 Mile Races

- Girls 16
- Boys 16
- Girls 18
- Novice A Women
- Novice B Men
- Senior Masters Women
- Senior Masters Men
- Open 4 Men
- Open 4 Women
- Mixed Open

#### 3/4 Mile Races

- Novice A Men
- Freshman Women



#### 1 Mile

- Boys 18
- Freshman Men
- Sophomore Women
- Junior Masters Women
- Junior Masters Men

#### 1 1/4 Mile Races

- Junior Women

#### 1 1/2 Mile Races

- Sophomore Men
- Senior Women

#### 2 Mile Races

- Junior Men

#### 2 1/2 Mile Races

- Senior Men

## Introducing Canoe Racing Head Coach Tom McTigue



By Genie Kincaid

Tom McTigue's goal as head canoe racing coach for 1990 is to "get people in this Club, especially the kids, involved. The focus is not so much on winning, but having fun by getting involved in the hierarchy. If I get nothing else accomplished this year, that's fine with me."

The mirth of his statement is underscored by a sobering dose of sincerity.

"The only way to perpetuate the program here is to infuse it with new leadership. So I'm looking at the new generation, our 16s and 18s, the kids," he said.

Tom is from Fort Dodge, Iowa. After graduating from college and working in the insurance industry, he decided he needed a lifestyle change.

"I was looking at that 'Day in the Life of Hawaii' picture book and decided that's what I wanted to do. So I sold everything, packed up the rest and moved out here in 1983. My mother still wants to know when I'm moving back to the United States."

Tom started paddling for Outrigger in 1984. He's raced across Molokai five times by canoe and four times by kayak.

"Paddling is such a neat sport," he says. "It's got camaraderie, clean air, gorgeous water and is something the whole family can get involved in. It's essential that parents take time to encourage and support the kids, come to the regattas, root for the team and show the kids they're behind them. It's important not only to the program but more so to them."

Consistent with the theme of a classic summer, Tom would like to resurrect the Paddle Ball and an athletic awards dinner after the state championships. There's no mistaking Tom's intentions in anything he gets involved in.

"Paddling is just a good clean sport and it's all for fun," he concludes.