

# Na Wahine O Ke Kai

By Genie Kincaid

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai Race from Molokai to Oahu was held on Sunday, September 30. Twenty-eight crews including clubs from Australia and Canada participated in the race which saw its largest field ever in 11 years.

Although renowned for its outstanding water sports athletes, Offshore Canoe Club of California might now be better known for its record business. That is, the business of setting records.

The club from Newport Beach won its record fifth title in a row in a record time of 5:44:13, eclipsing their own 1989 record by a staggering 15 minutes.

Healani Canoe Club, coached by Marshall Rosa, closely followed Offshore into DeRussy Beach in a time of 5:49:40. Outrigger was the third crew to finish under six hours in 5:59:51.

Offshore and Healani maintained a course further south from Outrigger's line, allowing them to run with the wind and swells. Outrigger persisted on a relatively more northerly course in hopes of making a slingshot move as it approached Oahu.

Coach Walter Guild summed up the race for Outrigger, "We zigged when we should've zagged."

Although a third place finish in the

Molokai race was not the desired result for the Outrigger, there were some good lessons to be learned.

The Na Wahine O Ke Kai is not the same race it was a few years ago. Offshore's success has clearly raised the standard of competition. If Outrigger is to be competitive against future Offshores, it must be committed to a year-round program rather than one that begins with regatta season.

The program started by Walter Guild two years ago, is beginning to bear fruit. 1990 is the first year the Club came under the six hour threshold which for many years seemed unattainable.

Overall, 1990 was a great year for the women's program, including a rousing win in the Dad Center and respectable second place finishes at Kona and Pokai.

This year's Molokai crew included Katy Bourne, Kaili Chun, Paula Crabb, Tiare Finney, Kisi Haine, Cathy Ho, Genie Kincaid, Katie McCrary, Liz Perry-Dugan, Sarah Reilly, Jenny Scafe and Mary Smolenski.

No program can be of any success without a strong supporting crew. Heartfelt thanks go to Wayne Faulkner

who generously donated his time maintaining and driving the crew's escort boat.

Crew alternates Pam Zak and Shawn Moynahan were invaluable assistants. And many thanks to the Canoe Racing Committee for coordinating crew provisions and handling the burdensome task of getting our equipment in the right spots at the right times and in cherry condition.

And finally, big boola thank you's to family and friends of the Outrigger Canoe Club who supported the women's program throughout this 1990 season. 🍀

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Outrigger's open and masters women's distance crews included front, Kisi Haine, Maureen Kilcoyne, Peggy Danford, Tiare Finney, Jenny Scafe, Cathy Ho and Katy Bourne. Standing, Genie Kincaid, Kaili Chun, Sara Reilly, Carolyn Lass, Liz Perry-Dugan, Sue May, Carol Wilcox, Sharon Bintliff, Allene Richardson, Ann Cundall, Kris Smith, Paula Crabb, Diane Stowell, Kathy Clifford, Darcy Ames, Jeanne Jenkins, Mary Smolenski, Gerri Pedesky and Masters Coach Tay Perry. Not pictured: Katy McCrary and Open Coach Walter Guild.



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