

ATHLETICS



Outrigger Sailing Team: L-R, George McPheeters, Fred Swartz, Doug Jocylin, Jim Grownney, Tom Reiner, Cline Mann, Jere Smith, and Mike Holmes. Photo: Jerry Ober

SAILING

THE FOURTH ANNUAL KAUAI INVITATIONAL SCORPION/SUNFISH REGATTA

For those of you who have even the most rudimentary knowledge of sailing, there are a couple of basic elements: One, in order to sail you must have wind, and supposedly a sailboat cannot sail directly into the wind. The regatta held on the first weekend in May at Nawiliwili Harbor put both of these tenets to question and test.

The host Kauai Yacht Club produced the true Aloha spirit and an unbeatable brand of Hawaiian hospitality. There seemed to be no end to their ability to provide for their Oahu guests, from the Commodore's Ball to private parties and an ever-full ever-welcome keg of beer appropriately close to the race course. All these elements produced a fine weekend of camaraderie in the true Corinthian spirit.

The first of six planned races got underway on Saturday, May 2nd, about 1:00 p.m. under grey skies and with only the slightest wind. Those who had rigged their boats for light air proved to be the wise ones even though a brief squall did pass through the harbor just before the start. Indeed there was a little wind, just enough to put the race above the drifting category, but hardly enough to excite Outriggers' storm-warning racers. The pace was agonizing and the final result equally agonizing for the Outrigger sailors who found themselves stalled in unfamiliar circumstances. The first event was a sound victory for the host club.

Following the completion of the first event, the wind actually caused a slight but barely perceptible ripple upon the calm waters of Nawiliwili Harbor so the race chairman called a doubles race. This event calls for two to be aboard the craft and no one of the two should be 100 pounds. Out of nowhere came many 100-pound, 12-year-old daughters who had been waiting in the wings for their chance. The race was on, just a bit above full drift as the boats wound their way around the course, most of them in a solid pack along with a few prime contenders out in front and an equal number far astern. The Outrigger drifters produced their only victory in this event, a close first place win by **Captain George McPheeters** and his crew, **Jerry Ober**. It was George who was the overall winner of the elimination races held at the Outrigger for the honor of being the Club-sponsored participant in the regatta. George took two first places and three seconds. He was followed by **Cline Mann, Mike Holmes, Doug Jocylin, Jere Smith, Jim Grownney, and Fred Swartz**.

The following morning, one look from the hotel window forecasted the day. Nothing was stirring, not even the smallest palm frond. The harbor waters were glassy under a soft rain. The first event of the day and the last, as it turned out, was set for 1:00 p.m. and shortly thereafter it got underway even though it took some of the contestants about half an hour to clear the starting line and hours to finish the course. It was frustration for the contestants and frustration for the onlookers in a seemingly endless race (drift?). It was in this race

that one of the sailing fundamentals was put to test, a boat can be sailed directly into the wind if the current is stronger than the wind. This final event produced another dismal defeat for the Outrigger sailors as once again they were out-drifted by their hosts.

The weekend will, of course, be remembered by all those who attended as a great one because of the unparalleled hospitality of all those members of the host, Kauai Yacht Club.

There were a few records changed also in this regatta. Former high point man, **Cline Mann** of Outrigger, was bested by **Walt Briant** of Kauai, who in the process won two of the weekend's races.



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OCC SURFING CONTEST

The Outrigger Surfing Committee is working on plans for the annual Outrigger Canoe Club Surfing Contest, which will be held this year on the weekend of August 7, 8 and 9. Depending upon surfing conditions, the contest will be continued on the following weekend, August 14, 15 and 16, if necessary.

The contest, as in past years, is for all age classifications. These classifications are as follows: 9 to 11, 14 and under, junior, women's, senior men 35 and over, and senior-seniors.

MOUNTAINBALL

The Outrigger Mountainball team has won two out of the first four games of season.

Our team plays in the Surveyors' League and has defeated the Kamehameha Staff team and the Kamehameha Faculty team. The team lost the first two games to R. M. Towill and Park Engineering.

With 10 more games to go in the eight-team league, Outrigger is hoping to overcome those first two losses.

The next game is with undefeated Aina Haina (on Thursday, May 28) at Kapiolani Park.

Members of the Outrigger Mountainball team are: **Peter Balding, Colin Chock, Johnny Mounts, Bob Rediske, Pat Spencer, Henry Ayau, Bernie Eilerts, Bill Baird, and Tony Crabb**.