

Members Compete in Molokai-2-Oahu Paddleboard Race

Outrigger members were among 300 participants in the 16th annual Molokai-2-Oahu Paddleboard World Championships (M2O) on July 29. The grueling 32-mile crossing of the Ka'iwi Channel was conducted in wind-whipped waves that reached eight feet in the channel.

The race was open to both prone and stand up paddleboarders.

In the Prone Division, OCC's Brian Rocheleau, the winner of the recent Cline Mann Paddleboard Race, finished third overall, and was the first Hawaii resident to complete the course in 5:01:49. He was followed closely by Keoni Watson in 5:05:23, Mikey Cote in 5:23:48 and Marc Rocheleau in 5:34:22.

Kanesa Duncan Seraphin finished second overall for women in 5:45:00.

Others who competed in the prone paddleboard: Marc Haine/Patrick Wong 5:59:26; Peter Balding Jr./Trey Balding 6:10:07; and Hunter Pflueger, Nathaniel Yee, Aukai Manson 6:22:21. Austin Kino finished in 6:33:40.

In the Standup Division, OCC was represented by Christian and Brendan Bradley who finished 17th overall in 4:54:00.



Keoni Watson rounds Portlock. Photo courtesy M2O/H. Gentry



Kanesa Seraphin was second woman to finish. Photo courtesy Marta Czajkowska/Painted Cave Studios.



Mike Cote congratulates Hunter Pflueger, Aukai Manson and Nat Yee at the race finish. Photo courtesy M2O/B.Baker.



Christian and Brendan Bradley. Photo courtesy M2O/B.Baker.