

# OCC Wins Hong Kong Canoe Race

By Guy Wilding

Members of the Outrigger Canoe Club raced in the 30-mile long annual Around the Island Race in Hong Kong Harbor, on November 13, winning in 3 hours, 32 minutes.

Patrick Dolan, Jake Hamstra, Karel Tresnak, Griffin Bolan, Byron Ho, Kamoia "Corbert" Kalama and Guy Wilding were joined in Hong Kong by former OCC member Robert Kaiwai and Shawn Bruins, who both reside in Hong Kong.

A record number 30 canoes lined up at the start and the field was competitive. The OCC boys won the race and had the fastest time of the day in an unlimited canoe graciously loaned to them through Hong Kong paddler Elita Seow.

With the loss of the Hamilton Island event in Australia from the paddling calendar, the potential is there for Hong Kong to become the replacement venue for those wanting an international paddling adventure. The venue is awesome and could accommodate the Hamilton Island style multi day events combining regatta sprints, distance racing and the longer changes race.



Enjoying refreshments after the Hong Kong race were Shawn Bruins, Kamoia Kalama, Byron Ho, Rob Kaiwai, Jake Hamstra, Griffin Bolan, Karel Tresnak Jr., Guy Wilding and Pat Dolan.

Racing in Hong Kong Harbor were Karel Tresnak Jr., Shawn Bruins, Guy Wilding, Jake Hamstra, Griffin Bolan and Pat Dolan.

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By Gerry DeBenedetti

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