

Annual Macfarlane Regatta

JULY 4

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Your outrigger canoe crews turned in an outstanding performance on the 4th of July at the Annual Macfarlane Day Regatta. This annual event, held in the surf off the Moana Hotel, is hosted by the Outrigger Canoe Club and is the best spectator event of the canoe racing season. This year our crews turned in six first places, three second places and one third. They captured the Open Men's Four Race, a special one mile event for four men rather than the regular six.

With this impressive performance one would think they would have won the regatta with comparative ease but alas, they were second to Waikiki Surf Club with a comparative team score of 44 to 41. As the Star-Bulletin termed it, "WSC in slim win." Slim, indeed.

Just how did we loose a regatta in which we took the majority of first and second places? For the answer, we go to that august body, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. This hard-working group of men made up of members of the various participating clubs and those who have a personal interest in the sport, spend much of their valuable time throughout the year making the rules by which the regattas are run. On race day, however, all this hard work seems to be put aside, for the committee in charge of the running of the races takes things in their own hands and make the rules to suit the occasion. The occasion seldom seems to be in favor of the Outrigger Canoe Club. Sour Grapes? Not so, just facts. Our Novice crew, following an excellent second place showing, was disqualified for breaking a non-existent rule thereby depriving us of three valuable team points. And, do officials have eyes? I suppose it's the same in all sports when the other fellow does something wrong the officials just happen to be looking the other way. There are about 40 officials to watch the various crews yet just by chance not one of them saw the Surf Club Senior Men's crew touch the inside flag on the completion of their first mile. The occasion brought a loud exclamation from the spectators who could see it, but for some reason the officials were all looking the other way. Perhaps they were out to lunch.

Well, that's how you win the races and loose the regatta.

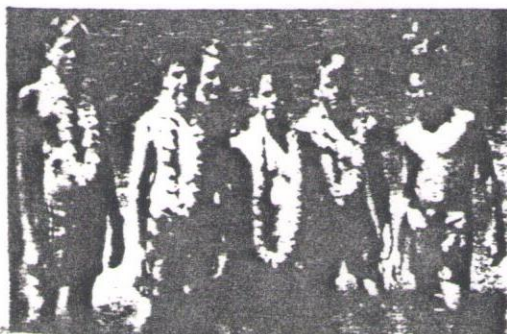
In spite of the curious ways of officials, the regatta was an outstanding success, with Coach **Mark Buck's** crew excelling in all areas of canoemanship and sportsmanship. The day's events lined up in this order: The Boys' 13 crew

took a close second in their 1/4-mile race. They were followed by the inspired Boys' 14 who took their third win of the season in a very handy first place showing, thus retaining the Poepoe Trophy. Our Novice Girls turned in a splendid performance and took another second place in their 1/4-mile event. Our Novice Men paddled a fine race and came through with a second place, but were disqualified. The Boys' 16 set things right with a win in their 1/2-mile event. The 16's were followed by the Freshmen Women with another first place in their 1/2-mile race. Not to be outdone, the Junior Women came up with yet another first in their 1/2-mile event. Our fortunes turned to third place with the Junior Men who paddled a fine race but couldn't quite get that needed speed to get in first. The Blue Ribbon Event, as it is called when any club other than Outrigger wins it, was beautifully won by our vastly improved and spirited Senior Men's crew. Their win was an easy one, not to say they didn't work; indeed they did, like a polished machine. With this most important win came the Macfarlane Trophy and much champagne. Following the triumphant Senior win came the Boys' 18 who not to be outdone performed a beautiful race and won a first place. The final event was the Freshmen Men which had to be the closest race of the day, and but for four-tenths of a second, the outcome of the regatta. The Freshmen took the closest second place that has possibly ever been recorded and thus went the regatta.

A special four-man race is held at the Macfarlane regatta. Its stakes are high—a case of beer. Well, that Outrigger beer stayed right with the Outrigger Canoe Club this year. Our four-man crew consisted of **Mark Buck, Fred Hemmings, Gary Blaich and Glenn Perry**. Their win was so clear they had the Kakina out of the water before the others reached shore.

We ran the entire regatta with the Kakina. She continued to show her versatility as a boat for all occasions, being very much at home in the surf as well as on the flat water. This year's regatta was held in rather mild surf; as a result there were few if any swappings. Our only crew to suffer at the hands of the surf was the Junior Men as they were going out on the start. They took on a lot of water but kept going.

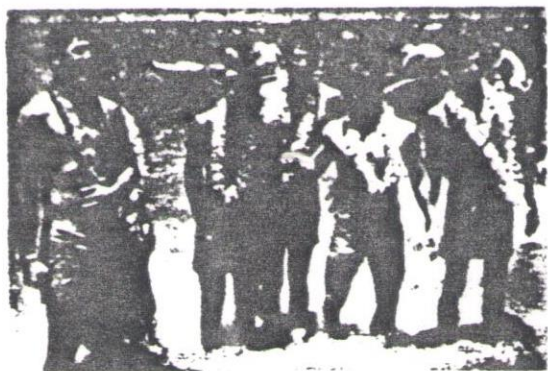
Mark Buck and all of his crews thank the membership for their splendid turn-out for this, the Outrigger Canoe Club's regatta.



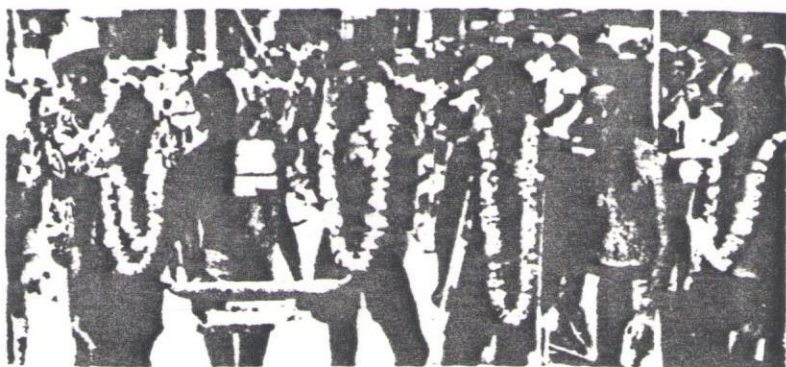
Boys' 13 2nd—L-R: J. Beaumont, J. McIver, F. Haines, B. Sheehan, C. Guard, M. Rochlen.



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Boys' 16 1st—L-R: S. Haneberg, G. Sheehan, A. Hemmings, B. Schneider, D. Strahley, B. Hall.



Boys' 14 winner of Poepoe Trophy presented by Bill Bowman—L-R: C. Haneberg, K. Downing, D. Hope, S. Barnes, M. Teale, R. Blackburn.



Novice Women 2nd—L-R: S. Petit, M. Buck, B. Goss, M. A. Alexander, H. Hemmings.



Freshman Women 1st—L-R: P. Parker, G. Reiner, B. Godbold, J. Maguire, N. D'Enbeau.



Junior Women 1st—L-R: K. Rochlen, S. Chote, M. Rochlen, P. Baker, T. Kekoolani.



Men 18 1st—L-R: M. Wilson, D. Alexander, J. Mounts, J. Pietsch, T. Arnott.



Senior Men start from stern—F. Hemmings, M. Buck, P. MacLaughlin, G. Perry, G. Blaiich, G. Avery.



Men's Open Four 1st place.