



WALTER JAMES MACFARLANE

1907 - 1943

"Out of Dreams and Dust Rise Man's Great Monuments"

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A Tribute by Wilford D. Godbold

Each year on July 4, the Outrigger Canoe Club holds the Walter Macfarlane Memorial Canoe races in memory of a past president of the club and one of its most beloved members. Walter "Mac," as he was familiarly called, was elected president of the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1939. It was a position of great responsibility as the club was confronted with a number of problems. The Treasury was practically non-existent, the lease on the grounds owned by the Queen Emma Estate was about to expire; the buildings were obsolete and unfit to continue in. and must be rebuilt. With this discouraging future, Walter "Mac" took over. His was an indomitable and courageous outlook with a determination and an optimism that a plan to finance new building and build a new club on modern lines could be carried out.

A committee was formed with the directors and other members, and a formula for the successful continuation of the Club was blueprinted. Many members with the memory of the lean years of financial strain and of losing membership dropped out. However, Walter "Mac," with a small group who stayed by him, and by devoting every ounce of his energy and most of his time, finally succeeded in selling bonds and raising the capital to erect the present club at Waikiki beach which our members now enjoy.

Though the club was erected, there were still many problems of furnishings, the stocking of food and liquor, eventually paying off the bonds, increasing the membership and other problems, but these did not deter Walter "Mac." The new club opened with a gala party in 1941 and was well on its way to success. In May, 1943, Walter "Mac" was called to the mainland on business and was struck suddenly ill in Oakland, California. On June 4, 1943, news was received that our beloved president had died. The directors and the members of the club were shocked and in memorium, on Sunday, June 6, 9:00 a.m., impressive services were held at the club with the Rev. Henry P. Judd, one of our kamazina members, officiating.

Walter "Mac" was born in Honolulu on September 5, 1907, the son of a kamaaina family. He attended Punahou school where he was prominent in athletics; later prep school at Palo Alto, graduating at the University of Hawaii where he was again active in athletics. He was vice-president of the advertising firm Bowman, Holst, Macfarlane and Richardson, and a member of the Territorial Legislature during 1935, '37, and '39. He took particular interest in those problems concerning Hawaiians and served on committees of the Legislature whose object was to improve their condition.

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

JULY 5, 1948 - 10:00 A. M.

WALTER MACFARLANE MEMORIAL CANOE RACES

- 1. JUNIOR MEN, 6-1 turn around outside flag.
- 2. JUNIOR GIRLS, 6-1 turn around inside flag.
- 3. SENIOR MEN, 4-1 turn around outside flag.
- 4. KIDS, 6-1 turn around outside
- 5. JUNIOR MEN, 4-1 turn around outside flag.
- 6. SENIOR GIRLS, 6-1 rurn around inside flag.

- 7. BOYS 14 and Under-From Waikiki Tavern to finish line.
- 8. SENIOR MEN, 6-3 times around outside flag.
- 9. FRESHMEN MEN, 6 1 turn around outside flag.
- 10. MEN OVER 40-1 turn around inside flag.
- 11. RELAY (2 Canoes) 1 turn around inside flag (each canoe).

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES-Wilford D. Godbold, President, Outrigger Canoe Club, 3 p.m.

CANOE COMMITTEE: Harold Yap, chairman; John Hollinger, Cline Mann, A. E. Minvielle Jr., Bill Morris.

IUDGES - Wilford Godbold, Victor Kahn, Fred Paoa, Richard Guard, Palmer Parker, Sam Poepoe, Herman Schultz.

REFEREES-Sam Fuller, Jimmy Hakuole, Bill Morris.

STARTER: Robert Fischer.

TIMER-Cecil Benny.

ANNOUNCER-Carlos Rivas.

CLERKS OF THE COURSE-William Barnhart, Tommy Thomas, Carl Lyman, Cline Mann, Lorraine MacDonald, Babe Carter, Paul Parker.

RECORDERS - Ernest W. Stenberg, George Emmert.

TROPHIES & ENTERTAINMENT-Herbert Taylor, Robert Fischer, Tom Mullahey.

DECORATIONS — Henry Thompson, John Gomez.

ENTRIES

HUI NALU - Coach: John D. Kaupiko.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPART-MENT-Coaches: Herbert Oliviera, Max Kamaiopili, Blue Makua.

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB-Coach-

es: "Toots" Minvielle, Duke Kahanamoku.

McCABE, HAMILTON AND RENNY Coaches: Charles A. Guard, Joe Akana.



"Club Soda"

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Also Available White Rock (Q-9)

WALTER MACFARLANE-A TRIBUTE

(Continued from Page 3) A bronze plaque has been placed in the foyer of the club in his memory and it is most fitting that the Memorial races are held in memoriam to him each year in the waters off the beach at Waikiki which

knew him so well and which he loved.