

"Walter Mac"

70[™] ANNUAL Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta WAIKIKI BEACH, Wednesday, July 4, 2012

The 4th of July Canoe Races have been an Outrigger Canoe Club tradition since 1910, making it the longest running canoe race in the history of the sport. Walter James Macfarlane – a native Hawaiian business man, legislator and sportsman – was a long time supporter of canoe racing and valued member of the Outrigger Canoe Club. While on a trip to California in 1943, Walter Macfarlane died suddenly. The 4th of July canoe race that year was dedicated to his memory inaugurating a tradition that has been renewed every year since. It is the only surf race of the year for the competing clubs, where paddlers' skills, combined with luck and the steersman's ability to catch a wave, give any crew the chance to capture a gold medal.

"Walter Mac" became president of the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1939, a year before Outrigger was due to lose its long-time Waikiki beach front. With a small group of club enthusiasts he successfully acquired a new site next door and built a new club, completed in 1941 where the present Outrigger Hotel now stands. The Club remains dedicated to the purpose for which it was founded in 1908..."to the promotion and perpetuation of Hawaii water sports."

The Outrigger Canoe Club provides twelve perpetual trophies for the Macfarlane Regatta. Three of these trophies will be on display during the regatta at the OHCRA Official's tent and presented to the winning crews for photos throughout the day.

Mahalo nui to all of the people whose kokua make this day possible. Among them, Les Ceballos, Manu Boyd, Leina'ala Heine Kalama and Chloe Caraccos for the opening ceremonies. Thanks also to our emcees and officials for overseeing today's competition. A special thanks to the Macfarlane Family for their continued support of canoe racing. We are also thankful for Kenny Rust and crew who provide water safety for the day. A special mahalo to Duke's restaurant, Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and the Sheraton Waikiki for their continued support.

BOYS AND GIRLS 12 TROPHY

For the 50TH ANNUAL Macfarlane Regatta in 1992, Mrs. Mural Flanders, Walter Macfarlane's sister, donated a trophy to recognize the youngest competitors in the race – the winning 12s Boys and Girls Crews.

BOB FISCHER MEMORIAL TROPHY

A silver cup, donated by the Hawaii Brewing Co. for the original 1943 regatta, was returned to perpetual competition in 1991 in memory of Bob Fischer, a strong supporter and coach of women's paddling. Bob steered the OCC women to victory in the first Macfarlane Regatta. It is given to the first place Women's Novice B Crew.

ALBERT "TOOTS" MINVIELLE MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy, honoring the founder of the Moloka'i Hoe, was donated in 1943 by the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. It is awarded to the winning Men's Novice B Crew.

GIRLS 18 CUP

In 1990, a new silver cup was introduced to recognize the winner of the Girls 18 Crew.

MURIEL FLANDERS TROPHY

In 1980, Walter Guild, the grand-nephew of Walter Macfarlane, dedicated a magnificent koa racing canoe model he made as a trophy honoring his grandmother, Muriel Flanders. It is awarded to the winning Boys 18 Crew.

WOMEN'S 60 & 40 MILO BOWLS

In 1984, Mrs. Flanders also donated two lovely hand carved milo bowls for the winning Women's 60 and Women's 40 Crews.

KE KA WA'A KAHIKO TROPHY

First presented in 1995, this trophy is based on an ancient Polynesian canoe bailer. It is awarded to the winning Men's 60 Crew.

PRIMO CUP

In 1991, the Primo Cup, donated by the Hawaii Brewing Co. in 1945 and retired in 1947, was returned to competition for the winning Men's 40 Crew.

SENIOR WOMEN'S BOWL

In 1984, Mrs. Flanders donated a sterling silver bowl for the winner of the Senior Women's race.

The winning women's crew is invited to the terrace for a champagne toast from the bowl.

WALTER MACFARLANE MEMORIAL TROPHY

In honor of the first Walter Macfarlane Regatta in 1943, the Matson Navigation Co. donated this beautiful silver trophy. It is awarded annually to the winner of the Senior Men's race.

Traditionally, the winning crew drinks a toast from the cup and invites the second place crew to join them.

MACFARLANE REGATTA TROPHY

In 1972, Mrs. Flanders donated the graceful koa wave trophy which goes to the club scoring the most points in the regatta.

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Outrigger Canoe Club President's Message

service they provide with a special Military race. Please cheer them on as they join us in the last race On behalf of the Outrigger Canoe Club we welcome you to one of our beloved annual events- the 70th Annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta. This year we honor our country's armed forces and the on this special day.

Enjoy the camaraderie that this unique event brings to the sport of canoe paddling. Best of luck to you all.

Aloha, Marc Haine PRESIDENT, OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB