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PADDLERS CELEBRATE 4TH OF JULY AT MACFARLANE REGATTA

More than 1,200 paddlers from 15 Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing
Association clubs will gather at Waikiki Beach on the 4th of July
for the 48th annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta.

Host Outrigger Canoe Club, undefeated in the first four regattas of the 1990 season, will be favored to continue its dominance in OHCRA's only wave race. Competition starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Moana Hotel.

OCC has won the last six Macfarlane Regattas, and 13 of the last 16 Macfarlanes. Hui Nalu is the only club to upset Outrigger during that period with wins in 1979, 1980 and 1983.

The Macfarlane Regatta is considered the most fun race of the regatta season with clubs pitting their most experienced steersmen against each other in the race to the beach through the famous Waikiki surf.

Because the surf can be unpredictable, clubs are given the option of using fiberglass canoes in the Macfarlane, to protect their prized koa canoes from damage in the surf.

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Competition will be held in 31 events, with age ranges from boys and girls 12 through senior masters. A makule race (over 50) is a special addition to the race schedule.

The senior men's race is the highlight of the day with crews from Outrigger, Healani, Hui Nalu, Kailua, Lanikai, Anuenue and Surfsports competing for the Matson Navigation trophy.

The event is also the longest of the day, with the crews paddling 2 1/2 miles, in and out through the surf twice, before finishing at the beach.

The late Duke Kahanamoku, whose 100th birthday is being celebrated this year, steered the first winning senior men's crew for Outrigger in the inaugural race in 1943. In those days, the race was 4 1/2 miles. Members of Duke's crew, some of whom still paddle, included Thad Ekstrand, John Beaumont, Tom Arnott, Jim Fernie and Bob Bush.

Outrigger is the defending champion in the senior men's race and holds the course record of 15:08.9 set in 1981.

Clubs qualify their crews in the Macfarlane by their finishes during the first four regattas of the season. Outrigger led the qualifying with 30 crews, followed by Kailua with 26, Hui Nalu 25, Healani 20, Lanikai 18, Hui Lanakila 14, Surfsports 11, Leeward Kai and Waikiki Surf Club 9, Makaha 7, Waimanalo 6, Anuenue and Honolulu 5, and Haleakala and Kai Oni 2.

There are only seven lanes in the Macfarlane race, as opposed to the usual 15 in other regattas, due to the reefs and shallow areas.

Canoes that are able to catch a wave can ride the wave to the beach. When two or more canoes catch the same wave, the excitement rises and the sprint to the finish line is on.

Results of the Macfarlane Regatta do not count towards qualifying for the Oahu championships so everyone comes to Waikiki for the fun of the wave races.

OHCRA's undefeated crews this season include the Makaha boy's 13s, Kailua's women's novice A, Healani's sophomore women, and Outrigger's girl's 16s, sophomore men, senior women and senior masters women.

The Macfarlane Regatta is named for Walter J. Macfarlane, president of Outrigger Canoe Club at the time of his death in 1943. His family is still active in the race today. His sister Muriel Flanders and her daughter, Alice Guild, will award the perpetual trophies.

Walter's grand nephew, Walter Guild coaches the OCC women's freshmen, sophomore, junior and undefeated senior crews. He paddles on the senior men's crew.

Grand niece Di Guild coaches the Outrigger masters and undefeated senior masters women's crews and steers the mixed crew.

All of the races finish on the beach, giving beach goers a day of excitement and fun. Everyone is invited to watch this traditional way of celebrating the 4th of July in Hawaii.

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MACFARLANE REGATTA TRIVIA

WINNING CLUBS

Outrigger has won the Macfarlane Regatta 25 times, followed by Waikiki Surf Club 12, Hui Nalu 4, Nanakuli 1, Healani 1 and Kailua 1. There were three ties.

WINNING STREAKS

Outrigger won 1987, 1988 and 1989 Healani won 1987, 1988 and 1989 Outrigger won 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989 Outrigger won 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988 and 1989 Girls 12 Boys 14 Boys 16 Boys 18 Hui Nalu won 1988 and 1989 Men's Novice A Anuenue won 1988 and 1989 Freshmen Men Outrigger won 1988, 1989 Outrigger won 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 Freshmen Women Senior Men Outrigger won every other year, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989 (Hui Nalu won 1982, 1984, 1988; Kailua 1986)
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ers Men Outrigger won 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, Men's Open 4 Senior Masters Men 1987 and 1989 Senior Masters Women Outrigger won 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989

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- There was high summer surf and in the senior women's race, the winning canoe, paddled by Waikiki Surf Club, finished stern first. The canoe had swamped about 100 yards from the finish line, and instead of giving up and bailing, the girls kept paddling with only the ama above water until they crossed the finish line.
- 1956 Races were postponed because of really high surf and held four days later when the ocean calmed down.
- It was First Break and at times the entire Waikiki Beach closed out. At least 30 canoes swamped during the day's races. For those who got out through the surf, caught a wave and stayed dry, there were some spectacular rides to shore. However, few did. The junior men caught the biggest wave of the day, an 8-footer, which wiped them out.
- Twelve canoes swamped or capsized, or both, in the heavy surf and two of the koa boats suffered structural damage as well. Bailing buckets replaced paddlers in some events.
- Fred Hemmings Jr. was steering the Outrigger Boys 18 crew when he yelled at them to jump out of the boat just before they hit a big wave. The canoe, suddenly some 1,000 pounds lighter without its crew, eased over the wave. The boys scrambled back in and won the race.

WALTER J. MACFARLANE REGATTA WINNING CREWS

| 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 | Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Hui Nalu & Outrigger Canoe Club (tie) Outrigger Canoe Club Hui Nalu Canoe Club Waikiki Surf Club Outrigger Canoe Club Hui Nalu & Waikiki Surf Club (tie) Outrigger Canoe Club |
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| 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 | Waikiki Surf Club Outrigger Canoe Club Waikiki Surf Club Waikiki Surf Club Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club |
| 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 | Results Not available Kailua Canoe Club Waikiki Surf Club Waikiki Surf Club & Lanikai (tie) Outrigger Canoe Club Waikiki Surf Club Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Waikiki Surf Club Waikiki Surf Club Waikiki Surf Club |
| 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 | Healani Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Hui Nalu Canoe Club Hui Nalu Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club |
| 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 | Hui Nalu Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Club |

WALTER J. MACFARLANE 4TH OF JULY REGATTA

MEN'S RECORDS

| Race | Record Holder | <u>Distance</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 12 | <u>Hui Lanakila</u> (Mike Shizuru, Paisley I Rodney Alama, Jason Cale | Kamahoahoa, Domi | nic Quiacus | 1988 san, |
| 13 | Waikiki Surf Club (James Limahai, Randy Ka Cortez Jr., Wayson Waniy | alauli, Jeffrey ! | | |
| 14 | Waikiki Surf Club (J. Engle, R. Mamizuka, Mann, J. Napoleon) | 1/4 Mile G. Davis, R. Mat | 1:27.8 sumoto, V. | 1969 |
| 16 | Outrigger Canoe Club (Mark Sandvold, Alan Pfl Klemmer, Mark Norfleet, | lueger, Todd Sand | dvold, Howi | 1983 e |
| 18 | Outrigger Canoe Club (Wyatt Jones, Hunter Egg Guy Hicks, Heath Hemming | gers, Jon Glaser, | | |
| Nov. B | Kailua Canoe Club (Todd Cauley, Sherman Wi Maddon, Chris Fairbarn, | lliams, Major Ca | 2:48.06 abral, Mitc | 1984 hell |
| Nov. A | Hui Nalu Canoe Club (David Wee, Kurt Fey, Bi Kono, Kainoa Thompson) | 3/4 Mile 11 Namba, Steve | 5:10.24 Gillyat, C | 1988 asey |
| Freshman | <u>Lanikai Canoe Club</u> (David Prosser, Kalani I Carson, John Foti, Kalei | | | |
| Sophomore | Outrigger Canoe Club (Keone Downing, Marc Hai Greg Rudin, Keoni Kino) | 1 1/2 Miles ne, Scott Rolles | 10:48.62 , Kala Jud | 1988 d, |
| Junior | Outrigger Canoe Club (Karl Heyer IV, Keahi Ro Scott Rolles, Todd Bradl | bins, Mark Rigg, | 14:34.28 Mike Fox, | |
| Senior | Outrigger Canoe Club (Keahi Farden, Tim Kelle | y, Donny Mailer, | | |

- Masters Hawaiian Warriors 1 Mile 7:05.40 1982 (Babe Bell, Stan Tobias, Bernie Ching, Jim Sands, Dennis Ho, Nappy Napoleon)
- Sr. Mas. Outrigger Canoe Club 1/2 Mile 3:40.04 1987 (Chris McKenzie, Tom Merrill, Jim Peterson, Ken Stehouwer, Mike Town, Charles Martin)
- Open 4 Outrigger Canoe Club 1/2 Mile 3:37.36 1986 (Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Marc Haine)

WOMEN'S RECORDS

- Outrigger Canoe Club 1/4 Mile 1:36.4 1982 (Leslie Ayau, Pam Davis, Kehau Kali, Adrienna Richard, Anne Corboy, Fred Hemmings Jr.)
- Healani Canoe Club 1/4 Mile 1:42.16 1988 (Candelaria Reyes, Carina Tagupa, Traci Wong-Leong, Elena Savaiinaea, Malia O'Hara, Gary Murakami)
- 14 <u>Healani Canoe Club</u> 1/4 Mile 1:34.0 1983 (Tyana Yamamoto, Bellerina Kaheakii, Raynette Reyes, Erica Fontain, Janine Shimamoto, Gary Murakami)
- Hui Lanakila Canoe Club 1/2 Mile 4:07.96 1985 (Kelly Joy, Kathy Nakano, Aulii Heine, Shanlynn Souza, Blythe Gascon, Leighton Look)
- 18 <u>Kailua Canoe Club</u> 1/2 Mile 4:02.10 1984 (Gayle Uchman, Lianne Supe, Sonja Yanovich, Cammie Gomand, Tammy Heu, Kamoa Ohalama)
- Nov. B Koolau Canoe Club 1/4 Mile 1:34.2 1979 (Heather Harris, Laurie Marcellus, Susan Chapman, Pat Pechea, Debra Mustain, David Kalama)
- Nov. A <u>Lanikai Canoe Club</u> 1/2 Mile 3:54.86 1988 (Marie Kramer, Pam Kuehl, Lynn Abraham, Jane Bassett, Michele Varin, Denis Yap)
- Freshman Outrigger Canoe Club 3/4 Mile 5:33.21 1985 (Malia Snyder, Cathleen Ho, Colleen Quinn-Keene, Jill Andersen, Colleen Kelley, Aka Hemmings)
- Sophomore <u>Hui Nalu Canoe Club</u> 1 Mile 7:56.30 1987 (Richline Fong, Sharon Bourke, Sandy Combis, Diane Darval, Barbara Jensen, Kala Kukea)
- Junior <u>Hui Nalu Canoe Club</u> 1 1/4 Miles 10:01.20 1988 (Sandy Combis, Becky Hara, Sharon Bourke, Sue Erickson, Lindsey Styan, Kala Kukea)