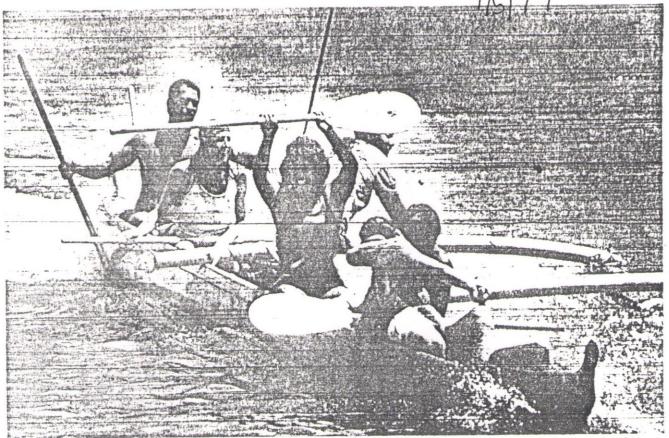
... Plus a Few Little Ones to Celebrate



HAPPINESS 15. . .—Crossing the finish line first as this Waikiki Surf Club crew did in the women's freshman event of yesterday's Mocforland Regards at Waikiki Beach.

## Wins Macfarlane Regatta Again

## OCC a Host with the Most

By Jack Wyatt Star-Bulletin Writer

Outrigger Canoe Club is quite a host It's fine for the OCC to invite friends to a party, but must it paddle off with most of the prizes?

For the sixth consecutive year, Datrigger CC has won its own Walter Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Racing Regatta, which was held off Watkiki Beach yesterday. And the host club won it most convincingly—with 70 points to 50 for runner-up Walkiki Surf Club.

Eight Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association clubs turned out for the day-long event, and by the end of the regatta several of the participants might have wished they'd stayed home.

TWELVE CANOES either swamped, capsized, or both, in the heavy tirf, and two of the koa boats suffered structural damage as well. Bailing buckets replaced paddles in several events.

The regatta's highlight was the 2½-mile Men's Senior race, the last official event of the day. After a good start, the Outrigger, Waikkis Surf and Hui Nalu clubs staged a head-on battle for the first two miles of the race, and then Outrigger caught a wave, broke loose and surfed to the finish for a 26-second win.

Meanwhile, Waikiki Surf and Hui Nalu were catching waves at random, surfing the final quarter-mile sprint to the finish. And when the results were announced, it was Waikiki Surf over Hui Nalu by fourtenths of a second.

OCC's winning crew consisted of Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Tim Guard, Brant Ackerman, Mark Buck and Mike Lemes, steersman. George bowning guided the Waikiki Surf crew and Fred Hemmings led the Hui Nalu club.

OUTRIGGER CC got off to a slow start and after seven bf 20 events, the hosts trailed Waikiki Surf by three points. But, moving from the youthful crews to the adult paddlers. Outrigger poured it on. They went on to win eight of the next 13 events, including both the junior and senior events for men and women. Outrigger had clinched the regatta win with [wo events remaining.

Interestingly, the Hui Nalu club won six events to Waikiki Surf Club's four wins, but could place no better than third in the final standings. This was due to Hui Nalu's inability to field crews in seven races.

"It was an unusually rough day for this time of year," said regatta official Russ Apple. "But the surf gave every team a challenge—an opportunity to see how they could handle the wayes. They really caught some good rides today."

According to Outrigger CC's head coach, Tom Conner, his club's domination of the Macfarlane Regatta is due, in part, to the familiarity with Waikoki's surfing conditions.

"Every time we leave, or enter, our club, our crews must go through the surf." said the 32-year oid cance enthusiast. "Most of our competitors train on canals, or in calm waters. We seem to always be battling the surf. even when we'd rather not."

Conner and his 10-man coaching staff train 140 to 160 paddlers for the 20, six-man crew positions. "We have enough interest where there is keen competition and pride in being selected to a crew spot," said Conner. "I think we have a solid program at Outrigger." Conner was on Outrigger CC's winning Men's Senior and Open-fours crew yesterday.



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