

the Outrigger

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Outrigger Wins 15th

On October 11, 1998 Outrigger Canoe Club won the 47th annual Bankoh Molokai Ho'e from Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai to Fort DeRussy Beach Waikiki, Oahu. Crew members Billy Balding, Mark Sandvold, David Horner, Matt Rigg, Walter Guild, Ikaika Kincaid, Andrew Glatzel, Marc Haine, and Bill Pratt completed the 41-mile race in 5 hours 16 minutes and 2 seconds capturing the world championship of men's canoe racing.

No mistakes were made, this crew stuck to the blueprint, stayed on the change chart, and maintained the predetermined line even when all the competition chose a southerly course.

Periodically during the race other canoes would nose ahead on parallel lines, but no other team crossed the bow of Outrigger's canoe at any time during the race.

When the leaders converged off of the Diamond Head Lookout, there was a six second separation between first place Outrigger and Lanikai with New Zealand close behind. Matching Lanikai change for change and scratching for every



Photo by Joss. Outrigger moved to a five-boat lead by the time the crew passed a large cheering crowd at the Club enroute to the finish line. They paddled in the fiberglass canoe, Mamala.



Walter Guild is interviewed by the press after the race.



Photo by Joss. A jubilant Outrigger crossed the finish line first in 5:16:02. Billy Balding, Ikaika Kincaid, Marc Haine, Matt Rigg, David Horner and Bill Pratt.

Molokai Hoe Championship

BY COACH KALA JUDD



Bill Pratt and Marc Haine pose for a photo.

small swell, the team stretched the lead to five canoe lengths in front of the Outrigger Clubhouse, and eventually won the race by a minute and a half.

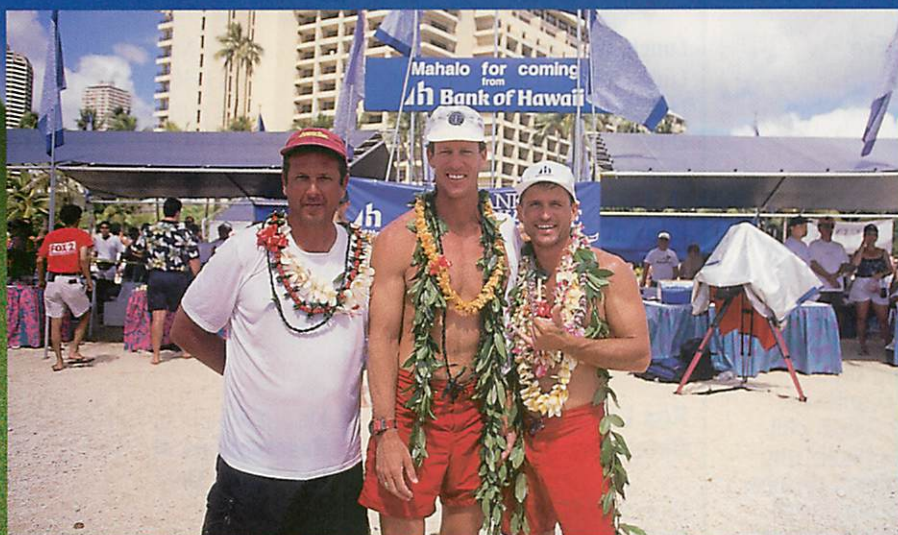
Lanikai finished second in 5:17:25 and Team New Zealand was third in 5:19:42.

Diligence, selflessness, and enthusiasm enabled this young nucleus to succeed against formidable competition. There is an intangible factor that enables a crew to win. It cannot be bought or taught. Total trust and commitment to each other is imperative. Every member of this winning crew knew that he had reached his maximum personal ability and he would sacrifice himself mentally and physically before he would let down his fellow paddlers.

Veteran Molokai champions Mark, Walter, and Marc brought knowledge, patience and instilled confidence in an inexperienced crew. Billy combined composure and maturity with refined steering ability to maximize the prevailing wind swell on race day.

Andrew and Bill shared the duties in the first seat alternating 20 minute pieces with a cadence that you could set your watch by. Ikaika, above and beyond his strong performance on the 45 minute starting combination, brought spiritual leadership to the crew. Matt and David quietly exhibited extreme determination, power, and discipline that fractured the competition.

The dedication of every Outrigger Canoe Club paddler, Club manager John Rader and management team, beach staff, maintenance personnel, Canoe Racing Committee, Board of Directors, reception, purchasing department, Terrace, Bar, and Dining Room staff, public relations, locker room and parking attendants, and general membership all contributed to this win. It is essential that we recognize that this success is facilitated by Club spirit and that we all share equally in victory.



Coach Kala Judd, Walter Guild and Andrew Gatzel.



Photo by Joss. Crew members congratulate each other after reaching the beach.

Senior Masters Win in Molokai

BY BILL BRIGHT



Jimmy Kincaid, left, with trophy at awards banquet.

Photo by Joss

At the State Championships last August, we put together a Senior Masters Men's crew that came through with a convincing victory over favored competition, and we decided to form a competitive crew in this division for the long distance season.

We ended up with 12 paddlers from both our state champion senior and golden masters men's crews—Brant Ackerman, Henry Ayau, Bill Bright, Mark Buck, Chris Crabb, Bill Danford, John Finney,

Jimmy Kincaid, Jeff Metzger, John Mounts, Bill Mowat and Mike Schwinn. We trained hard, using two canoes and developed effective combinations separately from the men's open program.

We entered six long distance races starting with the Lanikai race and culminating in the Bankoh Molokai Hoe, and every paddler participated in at least four races. Our final Molokai crew was very experienced with more than 20 Molokai wins between the crew

members.

In the Molokai race, we were anticipating a showdown with a strong and younger Senior Masters crew from Kona Athletic Club that had beaten us in the Kona and Catalina races.

Immediately prior to the start of the race, we were involved in an unfortunate collision with another crew. We seemed a little unfocused for the first three miles to Laau Point and the Kona team got a lead on us. However, as soon as we started getting into the sloppy channel, we managed to get back on track and caught right up to them and started to paddle our race.

We tried to stay on a straight line to Diamond Head while Kona surfed a half to one mile south of us. Yet we were able to keep them in sight and never let them gain much of an advantage.

As we muscled our way past Koko Head into Maunalua Bay, Kona headed north towards us hoping to cut us off before we could get into better water and the opportunity to use our surfing experience, and they ended up getting close off Hawaii Loa Ridge.

At this point, we were in

familiar waters and started to surf well and within a couple of changes had put several hundred yards on them. In the stretch to the finish, we caught and passed Lanikai's Junior Masters and Koa crews and ended up first in our division, more than six minutes in front of Kona. In fact, once we left Laau Point, not one crew passed us.

The Senior Masters' winning time was 6:11:44, and 36th overall. Kona finished second in 6:18:11 and Kawaihae was third in 6:28:01.

Many thanks to Courtney Seto who volunteered his time and experience to run our change chart and keep us on a winning course in the Molokai race; Kimo Brown who helped us become competitive by running our chart and escorting us in other races; Kala Judd, who despite his efforts in running the winning men's open program, made sure we had competitive equipment and an opportunity to train effectively and represent the Club in our division, as well as the Canoe Racing Committee and Club management and staff for their support of our program.



The winning Senior Masters crew was, front, Mike Schwinn and Henry Ayau. Standing, Mark Buck, Bill Mowat, Bill Bright, John Finney, Brant Ackerman, John Mounts.

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