

2005 DISTANCE RACING BEGINS

By Genie Kincaid



Competing for Outrigger in the Dad Center race were, front: Liz Perry, Kelsey Chuckovich, Tiare Finney, Malia Kamisugi, Kanesa Duncan, Jen Thayer Binney, Nicole Pedersen, Vaima Philpotts, Annmarie Mizuno. Second Row: Nicole Libbey, Pam Davis, Lisa Livingston, Jane Stevens, Jen Bossert, Genie Kincaid, Kristen Lee, Mary Smolenski, Megan Clark, Paula Crabb. Back Row: Mona Abadir, Keala Kilcoyne, Wendy Wichman, Kisi Haine, Anne Rosa, Erika Eberhart, Lisa Irish. Not pictured: Meleana Carr, Kendra Epstein, Nani Loui, Traci Phillips, Tiare Salassa.

Other than the race course, Outrigger's men didn't know exactly what to expect in the Duke Kahanamoku Long Distance Race on August 21.

Last year, the men appeared to have won the race only to find out they and runner-up, Lanikai Canoe Club, were both disqualified for failing to turn around an uncertain buoy. This year the crew made sure of the course route.

However, a change in coach at the end of the sprint season left the men's program unsettled. John Puakea, who had coached the women's program for the past two years, was recruited to take over, and he wasted no time getting down to business. Outrigger won the first major men's canoe race of the long-distance season, completing the 24-mile course from Kailua Beach to Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Waikiki in 2:55:05. Forty-eight crews completed the race.

Puakea began coaching the men just a week before the race and didn't even know the names of all the crew members. But who cares about details when you can pull off a win. "We did do better than I expected," said Puakea.

The winning crew included Kevin Allen, Jimmy Austin, Kapono Brown, Bret Chuckovich, Rob Harrison, Byron Ho, Mike Kane, Ben Komer, and Karel Tresnak Jr. Lanikai was second in 2:56:59, and Team Tui Tonga was third in 2:57:05.

The race started in heats with Outrigger in the second heat. The crew steadily picked off all but one of the canoes that started 15 minutes before them.

Outrigger II finished 17th overall in a time of 3:17:51, and included a number of paddlers from a solid novice crew. Members of the crew included Dave Fan, Bobby Hastings, Scott Gamble, Mike Nakano, Zach Payne, Evan Rhodes, Bob Dewitz, Matt Kresser, Joey Nakaya.

Dad Center Long Distance Race

One week later, 44 women's crews raced the same course for the Dad Center Long Distance Race. Hawaiian Canoe Club powered to a new course record

of 2:55:48, two minutes faster than the previous best time set by Outrigger in 1996. This race is held in honor of Outrigger's own George "Dad" Center, a legendary swimming coach and waterman in Hawai'i during the 1920s and '30s.

Lanakila Outrigger of Redondo Beach, CA was second in 2:57:33, followed by Waikiki Beach Boys in 2:58:02, and 2004 winner, Hui Lanakila, was fourth in 2:58:30. Although conditions were malia with little wind and no surf, times were fast due to a favorable tide and current.

Outrigger's women were philosophical about their fifth place finish of 2:59:54, noting that the competition has raised the bar, and the crew needed to work on little mistakes committed during the race.

Not worried about the final results and keeping an eye fixed on the real prize, the Na Wahine race, were the Red crew of Kisi Haine, Mary Smolenski, Traci Philips, Megan Clark, Jen Thayer, Malia Kamisugi, Kanesa Duncan, Kelsey Chuckovich, Paula Crabb, and Nicole Pedersen.

Outrigger's second crew had the wonderful privilege of racing the *Kakina* in the koa division, winning by default in a time of 3:21:36. It had been eight years since any koa canoe had graced the Dad Center race. The Blue crew included Kristin Lee, Meleana Carr, Genie Kincaid, Lisa Livingston, Jane Stevens, Jennifer Bossert, Erika Eberhart, Annie Rosa, Tiare Finney, and Vaima Philpotts.

Coach Ian Forester entered a third crew that included a few novices who did an outstanding job considering their lack of experience. The White crew finished in a time of 3:34:52, and included Nani Loui, Tiare Salassa, Marina Ho, Lisa Irish, Mona Abadir, Nicole Libbey, Keala Kilcoyne, Kendra Epstein, Wendy Wichman, and Pam Davis.

Outrigger's men and women also sent three crews to race in the 18 mile Queen Liliu'okalani Canoe Races at Kailua, Kona during the Labor Day weekend.

Dad Center Women's Long Distance Canoe Race

August 28, 2005 Results



Finishing first in koa were, front: Tiare Finney, Vaima Philpotts.
Back: Lisa Livingston, Genie Kincaid, Jane Stevens, Jen Bossert,
Anne Rosa, Kristin Lee, Erika Eberhart.

Duke Kahanamoku Long Distance Race

August 21, 2005 Kailua Beach to Duke
Kahanamoku Beach
Results

1. Outrigger Canoe Club I (Kevin Allen, Jimmy Austin, Kapono Brown, Bret Chuckovich, Rob Harrison, Byron Ho, Mike Kane, Ben Komer and Karel Tresnak Jr.), 2:55:05.
17. Outrigger Canoe Club II (Dave Fan, Bobby Hastings, Scott Gamble, Mike Nakano, Zach Payne, Evan Rhodes, Bob Dewitz, Matt Kresser, Joey Nakaya), 3:17:51.

Queen Liliuokalani Long Distance Races

Women: Kailua Bay to Honaunau
Men: Honaunau to Kailua Bay
September 3, 2005 18 miles

Men

2. OCC#2, iron non koa, 1:57:10
9. OCC#1, iron non-koa, 2:00:11
- 38 OCC #3, koa, 2:12:12

Women

- 8 OCC#4, koa, 2:16:45
9. OCC#5, masters, 2:17:48
27. OCC#6, iron nonkoa, 2:24:16

Overall	Club	Time
1.	Hawaiian II Iolani	2:55:48.5
<i>(Lauren Spalding, Dane Ward, Kelly Fey, Cherisse Kelii, Noelani Auger, Jenni Horner, Theresa Felgate, Margie Kawaiaaea, Darcie Gray, Alesa Kneubuhl)</i>		
2.	Lanakila CA	2:57:33.5
3.	Waikiki Beach Boys	2:58:02.7
4.	Hui Lanakila Blue	2:58:30.6
5.	Outrigger Red	2:59:54.4
6.	Hui Nalu I	3:07:56.5
7.	Kailua I Makaala	3:09:42.2
8.	Laeula O Kai Mehana	3:10:30.7
9.	Hui Lanakila White	3:12:50.8
10.	Lokahi I Keauhou	3:13:23.6
11.	Waikiki Beachboys	3:13:44.0
12.	Hawaiian I Ke Ehukai	3:15:34.7
13.	Niumalu Eleu U O	3:15:43.1
14.	Kailua 4 Hooulu	3:16:23.7
15.	Healani I Kaponolani	3:16:28.7
16.	Lanikai I Huihui A	3:16:28.7
17.	Niumalu Kamakani O	3:20:04.1*
<i>(Laola Lake, Cindy Grover, Katy Bourne, Deb Robison, Jill Dawns, Margie Goodno, Laurie Denton, Mary Jo Gumbert, Mary Jo Bye, Vanessa Weiss)</i>		
18.	Hui Lanakila YL	3:21:06.7
19.	Healani II Kukini	3:21:08.9
20.	Kailua Alika	3:23:58.8
21.	Outrigger Blue	3:21:36.0***
<i>(Kristin Lee, Meleana Carr, Genie Kincaid, Lisa Livingston, Jane Stevens, Jennifer Bossert, Erika Eberhart, Anne Rosa, Tiare Finney, Vaima Philpotts)</i>		
22.	Kailua II Hinahina	3:23:58.8
23.	Anuenue Anona	3:24:19.7
24.	Kamehameha Hilo	3:26:28.9
25.	Hui Nalu Makana O	3:26:28.9
26.	Waikiki Surf Club	3:28:28.8
27.	Koa Kai	3:28:36.4
28.	Waikiki Yacht Club	3:29:17.8
29.	Lanikai II Kualii	3:32:49.0
30.	Lokahi II Ho'Okela	3:32:49.0
31.	Outrigger White	3:34:52.5
32.	New Hope III Ku	3:35:27.1
33.	Na Keiki O Kamo	3:35:43.3
34.	Kamamalahoe Paauiio	3:36:43.6
35.	Hui Lanakila Rd Ele	3:37:15.3
36.	Kailua III Malama	3:37:51.6
37.	Healani III Kealoha	3:38:35.4
38.	Imua Paiea	3:39:41.6
39.	Waikiki Yacht Club II Ka	3:40:29.2
40.	New Hope II	3:40:42.6
41.	New Hope I	3:40:59.3
42.	Lanikai Eo Lili'u	3:46:40.8**
<i>(Judy Allen, Mauiola Aspelund, Renee Conner, Libby Dingeldein, Darrylynn Ferreira, Sue Garner, Kristine Giannasio, Margaret Lefton, Pam Monahan, Gail Quitevis, Joy Schoenecker, Lani Twomey)</i>		
43.	Lanikai III Ka Olelo	3:47:07.2
44.	Kamamalahoe	3:48:42.9

*1st, Masters 40-49

**1st, Masters 50+

***1st, Koa