

Outrigger Women Dominated Dad Center Race

By George Wessberg

On Sunday, August 24, the expression, "They won by a mile" came to everyone's mind. Following a near collision just beyond the start at Flat Island, the Outrigger Red women passed Hui Nalu outside Waimanalo Beach and won their second consecutive Dad Center Race by more than four minutes.

Steersman Kisi Haine praised her crew for their outstanding performance. Outrigger Red crew included: Paula Crabb, Jen Horner, Mary Smolenski, Malia Kamisugi, Donna Kahakui, Traci Phillips, Megan Jones, Diana Allen, and Mahealani Batlik.

Equally impressive, Outrigger White was a strong contender until the tumultuous run outside Makapu'u when Hui Nalu and Hawaiian pulled away from the pack. Missy Mowat's powerful crew finished in fifth place.

"We actually had a bad start and Hui Nalu got way ahead of us," said John Puakea the women's head coach. "But then we put it together and had a really good race. No big mistakes."

Outrigger Canoe Club, host of the 24-mile race to commemorate the late waterman George "Dad" Center, entered four crews including a combination of the successful Girls 16s and 18s regatta crews coached by Steve Van Lier Ribbink and Katy Bourne.

The kids were very excited to have participated. It was nice that they were recognized at the awards ceremony as being the youngest crew to have completed the race and one to watch out for. They finished in 18th place out of 39 canoes with a time of 3:48.



The combined Girls 16/18 crew included, front, Kawi Rebello, Dena Cassella and Avery Cavanah. Standing: Coach Katy Bourne, Jojo Chapman, Mele Carr, Kellen Fletcher, Angie Giancaterino, Laura Atwater, Halli Van Lier Ribbink, Kai Bourne and Coach Steve Van Lier Ribbink.



The winning OCC Red crew included, front, Megan Jones, Kisi Haine, Malia Kamisugi, Mary Smolenski. Back, Paula Crabb, Jen Horner, Traci Phillips, Diana Allen, Mahealani Batlik, Donna Kahakui.



Finishing fifth were the OCC White crew. Coach Kala Judd, Mele Blaich, Kelsey Buell, Missy Mowat, Jen Thayer, Annie Rosa, Lisa Livingston, Kristin Lee, Linda Fernandez, Laurie Lawson, Ine Miller.



Padding on the OCC Blue crew were Rina Pan, Kaili Chun, Lindsay Wessberg, Vaima Philpotts, Susan Heitzman, Wendy Wichman, Pam Davis, Ann Bowen, Konane Jennings, and Genie Kincaid.

Dad Center Women's Long Distance Canoe Race August 24, 2003 Kailua Beach to OCC, 24 miles Results

Open Division

1. Outrigger Red (Kisi Haine, Traci Phillips, Paula Crabb, Donna Kahakui, Jen Horner, Mary Smolenski, Diana Allen, Mehealani Batlik, Malia Kamisugi, Megan Jones), 3:16:25
2. Hui Nalu 1, 3:20:49
3. Hawaiian, 3:21:04
4. Hui Lanakila 1, 3:24:20
5. Outrigger White, 3:24:56
6. Kailua 1, 3:26:14
7. Waikiki Beach Boys 1, 3:27:00
8. Lokahi 1, 3:28:32
9. Kaiola, 3:30:59
10. Laeula O Kai, 3:31:58
18. Outrigger 16/18, 3:48

Masters 35

1. Kailua (Tara Goodman, Jane McKee, Cindy Razga, Shen Board, Kalai Javellana, Carleen Ornellas, Viv Griffin, Dani Gay, Noha Pacewitz, Donna Meyer, 3:30:12
2. Lanikai, 4:04:22

Masters 45

1. Lanikai (Connie Sizemore, Larry Twoney, Lynn Woehrl, Elise Jadmiek, Paula Harris, Joy Schoenecker, Judy Allen, Dee Sawyer, Roberta Daly, Suzy Meckler, 4:12:37