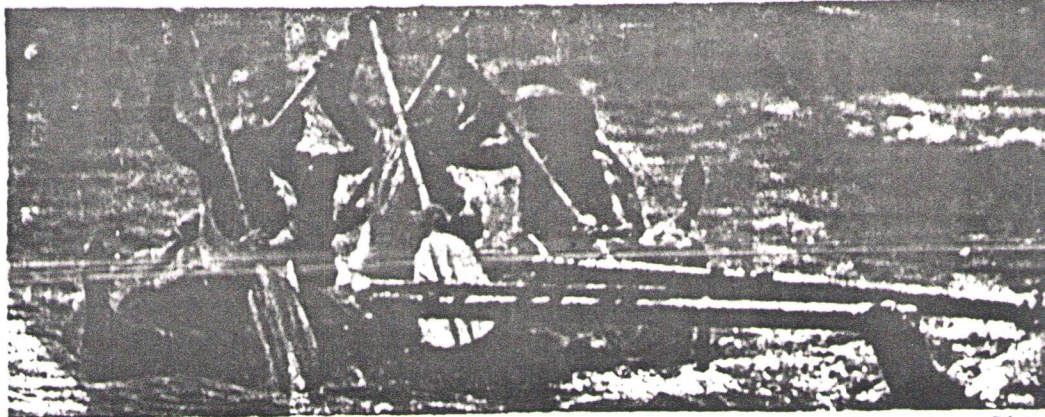


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Outrigger Wins Women's Race



WINNING CREW—Outrigger Canoe Club women win the 25-mile Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race from Kailua to Waikiki Beach.

"At times we came so close to the Makapuu Point cliffs," said a happy Outrigger Canoe Club steersman, Anne Hogan, between sips of victory champagne, "that my crew could have plexed off this from the rocks. But by taking Makapuu close may have won the race for us."

Outrigger Canoe Club's women, by gambling on the inshore course from Kailua Beach to Waikiki, came from behind and won their own OCC-sponsored regatta—the 25-mile Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race for Women, yesterday.

"By hugging the Makapuu cliffs and by staying close to shore to Koko Head, Anne played it right," explained Mark Buck, Outrigger's coach for women.

"The inside course has always been the way to go. And I wasn't even afraid that my women's crew would break up our priceless koa Kakina. It was a tough race and they worked hard. Now I have to get them training for next month's Molokai-to-Oahu race. My women's crew is dynamite."

Ten Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association clubs entered yesterday's all-women competition and all but one—the Hawaiian Warriors crew, which withdrew from the race near Waimanalo Beach Park finished.

The annual contest began at Kailua Beach and finished at Outrigger Canoe Club. Race results and elapsed times—1. Outrigger 3:44:45; 2. Healani 3:46:12; 3. Hui Nalu 3:51:55; 4. Kailua 3:53:17; 5. Waikiki Surf Club 4:00:24; 6. Lanikai 4:04:14; 7. Koolau 4:24:56; 8. Honolulu 4:29:08; 9. Makaha 4:48:30; 10. Hawaiian Warriors withdrew.

Outrigger played catch-up from the Kailua start all the way to Hanauma Bay. "By staying inshore—closer than any other crew—we may of gambled but it paid off," said the 24-year-old Hogan, who steered with so much intensity that varnish peeled from her paddle.

"We were in third place, behind Healani and Kailua on rounding Makapuu Point," she explained, "and we just rode the swells and kept eating up their leads."

"I passed Kailua shortly after Makapuu and Healani near Hanauma Bay," Hogan continued, "and we were never headed after that. My crew paddled one hell of a race, I think we deserved to win."

Hui Nalu, the event's defending champion and who placed third yesterday, capsized near Bellows Beach. "We probably lost five-to-seven minutes righting the canoe and bailing it dry," Denise Darval, Hui Nalu's disappointed steersman, explained.

Gary Murakami, Healani's likeable coach, knew that the inside course was the route to take but he felt that Healani's koa canoe was too long to hug the cliffs.

"Outrigger's Kakina is a few feet shorter and is much better designed to surf," he explained. "But just wait until the Molokai-to-Oahu race for women on Oct. 12. That's when Healani's women will shine."

Outrigger's winning crew included Anita Minner, Sue Oldt, Kalulu Downing, Taire Richert, Diana Smart, Tracy Phillips, Suzie Johnston, Robin Smith, Michelle St. John, Muffer Scully, Sharon Bintliff and Anne Hogan.