

Outrigger

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

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Winning Girls Crew, Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race.
Front row, l to r: Stephany Sofos; Laurie Cundall; Heidi Hemmings; Tracy Haworth; Rear row: Moira Scully; Kristy Muller; Lynn Mason; Maile Morgan; Coach Tom Connor; Jill Maguire. Tsuzuki photo

Outrigger Crews Win Two Out of Three Long-distance Paddles

OCC crews copped first and set new records in both the Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race for Women, on Sunday, August 18, and the Duke Kahanamoku Race on August 25th. In the Queen Liliuokalani event September 1st, the OCC, expected to be a strong contender, placed fourth.

Dad Center Race

Sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club and held under HCRA auspices, the Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race is the only open ocean, long-distance koa canoe event of its kind for women. 1974 marks the inauguration of the race as an annual event.

The late George "Dad" Center, for whom the race is named, was a long-time OCC member and local and international sports figure. He is credited with being the father of Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing in the early 1900's and did much to develop an all-around athletic sports program for our Club. (See the Club History, pg. 62 and beyond).

The victorious OCC crew, now the record holders, paddled the 10 miles

from the exit of Hawaii Kai Marina to Outrigger Beach in one hour and 21 minutes, finishing just 6 seconds ahead of Healani. Healani's close second was followed by Waikiki Surf in third. Kailua came in fourth; Lanikai took fifth, and Hui Nalu placed sixth.

Stroking the *Kakina* to first place were: Kristy Muller, Stephany Sofos, Moira Scully, Maile Morgan, Laurie Cundall, Tracy Haworth, Heidi Hemmings, Jill Maguire, and Lynn Mason.

The opening of the race was auspicious. Eva Mauaeikakaluaolonoikahiki Pomroy, OCC receptionist for 29 years, blessed the crews with a prayer written especially for the occasion. Eva's blessing, given in both Hawaiian and English, follows:

E kou makou makualani
ke noi aku nei makou aloha
e malama mai i ka holo ana o
ko makou, i kaale nui
ka ali iki na ohuku ale
na ale popolohua o oka moana
e ola makou, makou aloha.

Our heavenly Father,
We ask for your love and guidance,
With the sailing of our canoe,

Over the big waves, the little waves,
The swelling waves of the deep blue ocean.