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# CANOE RACING NA WAHINE RACE 2009

By Genie Kincaid



Debi Ing, Kisi Haine, and Genie Kincaid check out the trophy for the winners of the Koa Division. Marilyn Haine was at the finish to greet daughter, Kisi, who steered the Masters to first in Koa, second in Masters.



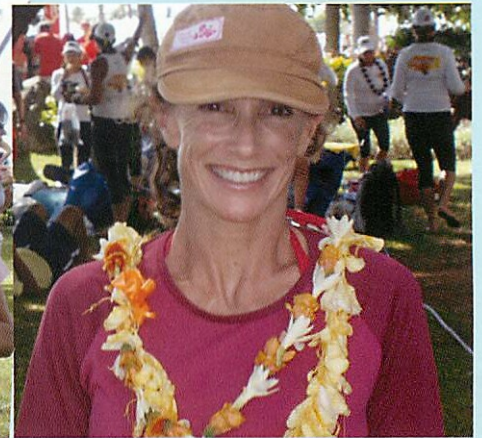
Rachel Ross, Cathi Goldsmith, Monica Salter, Julia Fiedler, Jane Stevens, Angie Giancaterino, Karin Del Rey



Angie Giancaterino, Jane Stevens, and Monica Salter, the night before the race - first time showing, knowing, and going. Angie had never done a Molo. Jane had and is becoming a standout veteran. And Monica had too but not with Outrigger.



Tana Feeley and Diane Esecon.



Veteran paddler Mary Smolenski.



Lindsay Chang, Hilary Denison, Cathi Goldsmith



Vien Schwinn, Genie Kincaid, Kaili Chun.



Linda Fernandez, Kim Darling, Debi Ing, Wendy Wichman

Throughout this summer's canoe racing season, Coaches John Puakea and Liz Perry spread Outrigger's veteran wahine paddlers among three crews of relative novices and younger talent. The carefully crafted formula kept Outrigger in the top five slots of the open, masters, and koa divisions of racing.

The annual Na Wahine O Ke Kai race from Molokai to Oahu was held September 28, with some of the best conditions in years. Strong trades blowing all weekend and a rising tide made for good surfing conditions.

Last year, OCC Masters finished fourth overall. This year, three members of the 2008 crew returned to lead new (two had never raced Molokai before) and younger crewmates, and still Outrigger finished an impressive fifth of the 84 crews that entered. Since the inception of the

Na Wahine race more than 30 years ago, Outrigger's women have consistently placed in the top five every year.

A masters crew, including seven women in their 50s, proudly raced *Kakina*, and won the koa division. Although there were only two koa racing this year, the crew's focus was competing against other local and international masters crews. They finished 19th overall, placing them second in the Masters over 40 division. "There was no pressure, no target on our backs, we took care of each other, and just had fun. *Kakina* was solid in the surf. We had a great day out there," said indomitable steersman, Kisi Haine.

Outrigger's wahine wa`a sincerely thank the Board and their fellow Club members for their enduring support of Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing. A big mahalo to all the men paddlers in the open, masters, and senior masters crews for their moral support, and especially to Jimmy Austin, who rigged all the canoes for the channel race.

And last but not least, thanks to Mike Ako and all of the Outrigger Canoe Club staff for their support and patience, heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all your time and efforts.

#### Red Crew

5th Overall, 5:47:51

Karin Del Rey

Julia Fielder

Angie Giancaterino

Cathy Goldsmith

Pa`a Kincaid

Traci Phillips

Rachel Ross

Monica Salter

Mary Smolenski

Jane Stevens

#### Masters Crew

1st Koa, 2nd Masters,

6:03:24

Diana Allen

Paula Crabb

Kim Darling

Linda Fernandez

Kisi Haine

Jenni Horner

Debi Ing

Genie Kincaid

Laurie Lawson

Wendy Wichman

#### White Crew

29th Overall, 6:19:32

Anella Borges

Lindsay Chang

Hilary Denison

Flo Gacutan

Kristin Lee

Lisa Livingston

Jen Lyon

Katherine Nichols

Natalie Sokol

Marisa Wriston

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