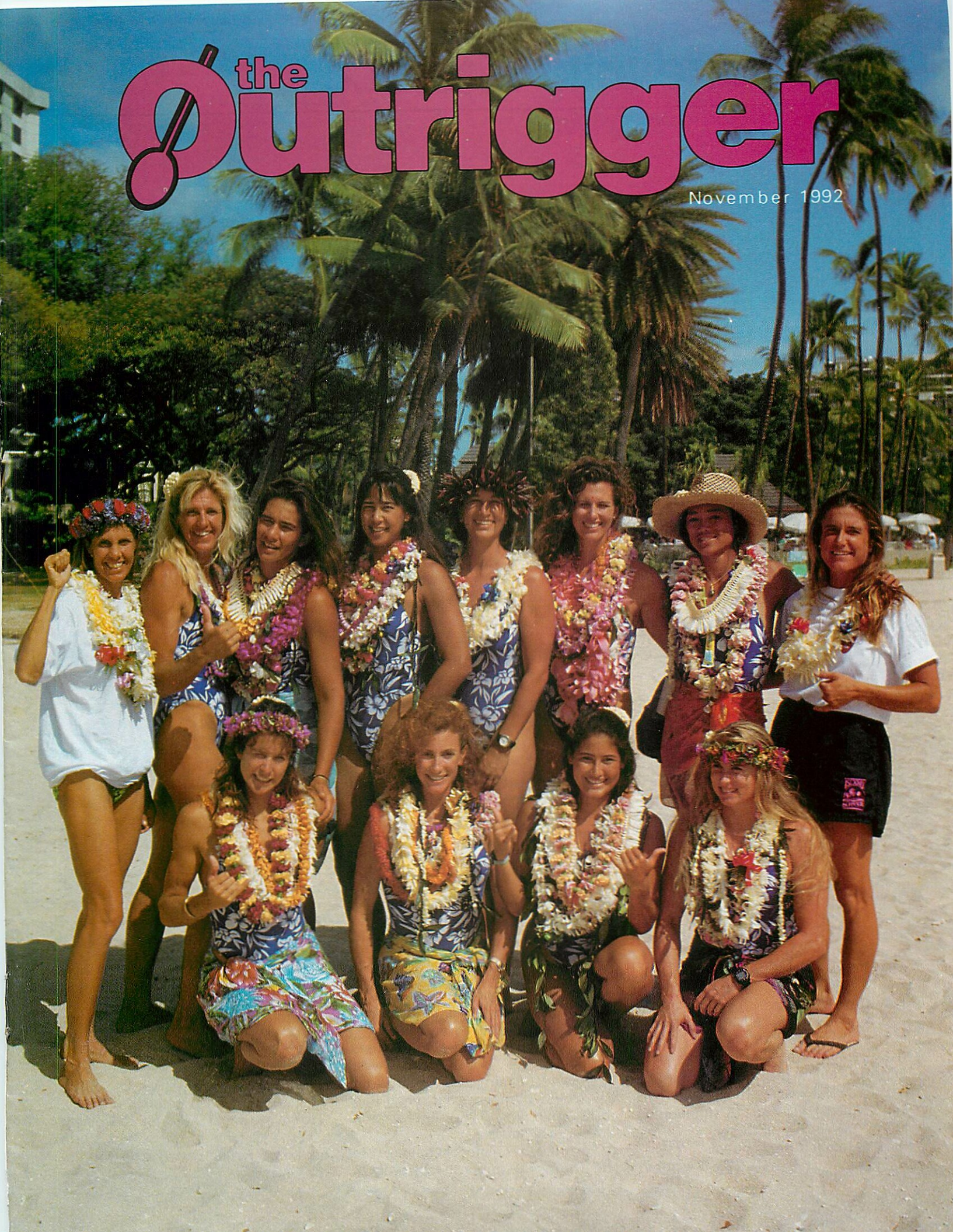


the Outrigger

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Outrigger Women Conquer Offshore Win 14th Annual Na Wahine O Ke Kai

By Sara Ackerman



Photos by Marilyn Kai

Outrigger crosses the finish line first to win the Na Wahine O Ke Kai.

With clear skies, strong trades and a steady swell, the Outrigger Canoe Club women finally beat Offshore Canoe Club of California and brought the gold medal back to Hawaii--with a winning time of 5:49:03, less than five minutes off the record in the 14th Annual Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai.

Offshore finished in second with a time of 5:53:48, followed by Wisconsin in 6:10:31.

This 40.8-mile race, held Sunday, September 27, included teams from Hawaii, the U.S. Mainland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Tahiti.

Despite the threat of Hurricane Roslyn, the weather over the weekend was nearly perfect for a channel crossing and the race times were close to an hour faster than last year.

Outrigger's crew looked good, with a strong season in both regatta and long distance. The women had won Dad Center and Kona and finished a strong second behind Offshore in Catalina--a 28-mile race from Newport Beach to Catalina. This year's Pokai Bay race was canceled due to Hurricane Iniki.

It was after the Catalina race that winning Molokai seemed within reach for the Outrigger women. Offshore had been untouchable up

until then, having won Molokai for the last six years in a row.

The 12-woman crew was made up of Sara Ackerman, Nicole Wilcox, Malia Kamisugi, Katy Bourne, Kisi Haine, Kaili Chun, Paula Crabb, Lesline Conner, Mary Smolenski, Cathy Ho, Traci Phillips and Donna Kahakui.

Traci had just returned from kayaking in the Olympics in August. The women were carried across the channel in the Iwalani, a fiberglass Hawaiian Class Racer.

The day before the race, with all the women rigging canoes down at Hale O Lono, there was an unmistakable excitement in the air as all the crews had a chance to size up their competition. It was then that a lot of the crews from Hawaii were saying that it was Outrigger's year to win.

Everybody wanted to see a Hawaiian crew beat Offshore and Outrigger was Hawaii's best chance.

After dinner Saturday night, Coach Steve Scott and the crew sat



Receiving their winning trophy were Nicole Wilcox, Paula Crabb, Malia Kamisugi, Kaili Chun, Pauline Worsham, Bank of Hawaii, Traci Phillips, Cathy Ho, Sara Ackerman, Donna Kahakui, Mary Smolenski, Lesline Conner, Kisi Haine and Katy Bourne.



Coach Steve Scott and the winning crew prepare to greet the Aloha Week Royal Court.

out by the beach--with the lights of Oahu in the background and a blessing of light rain--and went over the whole race, visualizing what had to be done in order to win.

No room for mistakes. When paddling against a crew like Offshore, with at least three Olympic level kayakers, one mistake could cost the race.

Beginning at 4:30 Sunday morning, the women donned their blue and white flowered suits and their good luck black pearls given to them by Tiare Finney, a fellow paddler. There was a sense of calm and purpose among the team.

As a team they were ready and they each knew what had to be done to win. After the prayer and the singing of Hawaii Aloha, the start of the race came quickly. The canoes lined up outside Hale O Lono Harbor and they were off at 7:13 a.m.

Outrigger jumped to the front right from the beginning of the race. Malia Kamisugi, who sat in five seat at the start, said the crew clicked immediately--two fast changes and then they settled in to a hard but comfortable stroke.

Offshore and Wisconsin were not far behind, but by La'au Point, where the first change is made, Outrigger had about a five boat lead. Being in front of Offshore at the start gave Outrigger a mental advantage, along with the ability to stay on the course that had been charted out the day before, which was basically a straight line to Diamond Head.

With Wisconsin trailing farther back, it soon became a two boat race. Once into the channel, Outrigger was able to surf a lot of swells. "I hope it's like this for us

in two weeks," said Walter Guild, who drove the women's escort boat.

Offshore started heading slightly north and went inside of Outrigger by Koko Head. And although they were looking at our backs--for a change--they were still hanging on.

As the two crews neared Diamond Head, it seemed like Offshore was closing the gap, but once Outrigger passed the lighthouse they were in their own waters. As boats full of friends came out to cheer, the crew got a second wind and pulled ahead--never looking back.

As the escort boat went by Old Man's, Steve took off his hat and the crew bowed to the Club. Everybody had goose bumps. The dream was now only minutes away from being reality and the women now knew they were going to pull it off.

Turning in at the Hilton and paddling first to the beach, Outrig-

ger had done it--and it felt good.

Once on the beach, families and friends filled with excitement and joy showered the crews with leis and aloha. It was great to see such strong support from other clubs and all the local people who kept saying, "It's about time you ladies beat them."

The beach was alive with a sense of pride--pride in Hawaii for finally bringing home the gold.

In one day, the countless hours of practice and personal sacrifices over the past six months finally paid off. It takes talent, desire and an incredible amount of determination just to prepare for a race like this.

But to win takes heart. And each and every woman in this race dug down deep in their hearts and gave everything of themselves. It was well worth it.

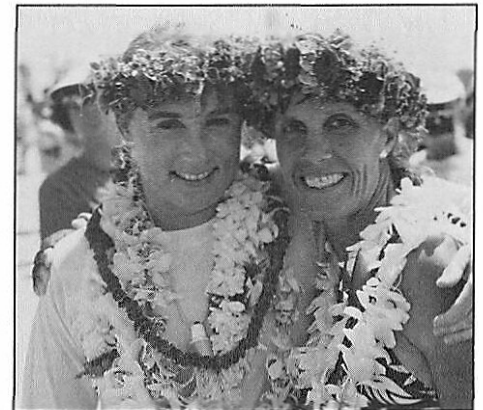
The members of the open women's crew want to thank all the women who put forth their best efforts this year--paddling is a team effort.

Also, our deepest appreciation for Coach Steve "Cherry" Scott for his dedication to making this a reality and bringing the women's program back to number one.

See you all next year! ☺



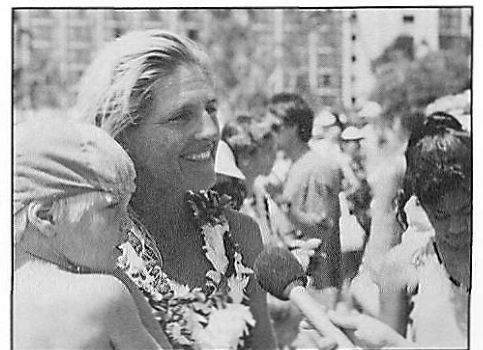
Donna Kahakui and Nicole Wilcox



Traci Phillips and Paula Crabb



Sara Ackerman and Malia Kamisugi



Kathy Bourne is interviewed by Nalani Blaisdell

they don't like their "adventure" they may return to the islands. . .

Chips Woollett and his new bride Birgitta celebrated their marriage in Vancouver, B.C. Birgitta is from Denmark and is a flight attendant with Air Canada. Chips says he'll be bringing Birgitta and her son James to Hawaii soon so they can enjoy a mai tai on the Terrace.

The Casual Corner fashion show on September 25 in the Main Dining Room featured the best in their new fall line at their Kahala store--casual, crossover, career and cocktail clothes. The clothes featured everything from animal tees to full beaded dresses. Casual Corner gave a 20% discount to all those who attended the show.

Contributions to this column are always welcome. Leave items for the Editor at the Front Desk. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is needed. ☺

Princess Kaiulani Fashion Show

By Mahi Riley

The famous Joan Andersen and her fabulous Princess Kaiulani Fashions will be featured on Friday, December 11 in the Main Dining Room at noon.

Joan will be featuring her holiday fashions from casual muumuus to formal wear.

Her beautiful models will display all of her individual and one of a kind fashions. Joan's daughters will be highlighting the ramp of models.

With the holidays upon us, you will no doubt find an outfit just for you. Call 923-1585 and make reservations early. ☺

New Members

Regular: Mark Baldwin, Mark Holmes, George Morris, Robert Rotz.

Intermediate: Clayton Chee, William Pratt, Elise Vall.

Associate: Timothy Hogan.

Junior: Cameron Black, Brady Jencks, Deborah Lambert, Tiffany Lee, Wakefield Mist, Maria-Isabella Prack, Walter Roth. ☺



Padding in a combined Outrigger and Offshore crew in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai were OCC's Norma Santiago, Katie McCrary, Diana Clifford and Pii Basdavanos. They finished ninth in 6:28:03.

Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner

at the Outrigger Canoe Club
Thursday, November 26, 1992

HORS D'OEUVRES & SALADS

*New England Corn and Oyster Chowder ★ Chilled Island Fruit Cup
Sashimi, Wasabi-Shoyu, Sliced Tako with Miso Sauce
Smoked Salmon With Condiments ★ Smoked Mussels
Pate de Champagne ★ Assorted Sushi ★ Hearts of Palm
Herbed Feta Cheese ★ New Potato with Caviar
Guacamole with Nachos ★ Antipasto-Bay Shrimp
Caesar Salad ★ Thai Meat Salad ★ Beef Steak Tomatoes
Avocados ★ Pasta Salad ★ Waldorf Salad ★ Potato Salad
Artichoke Hearts, Vinaigrette ★ Crudite*

ENTREES

*Roast Young Turkey with Cornbread Stuffing, Giblet Gravy
Baked Ham, Bing Cherry Sauce, Kirschwasser
Filets of Mahimahi Saute, OCC
Steamed Alaskan King Crab Legs and Claws, Drawn Butter
Blackened Prime Ribs au jus, Horseradish Cream
Stir-Fried Island Vegetables ★ Puree of Potatoes with Garlic
Glazed Sweet Potatoes*

DESSERTS

*Pumpkin Pie, Chantilly ★ Mincemeat Pie
Apple Pie, Cheddar Cheese ★ Chocolate Mousse
Creme Caramel ★ Cheese Cake, Strawberries
French Pastries ★ Baklava
Selection of Cakes, Brownies and Assorted Cookies
Fresh Seasonal Fruits, Yoghurt
Key Lime Pie ★ Assortment of Cheese*

RESERVATIONS

4:30, 5, 6:30, 7, 8, 8:30 p.m.

ADULTS: \$18.95

CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$10.95

PHONE: 923-1585

DINING ROOM: 921-1444



Outrigger's Masters Women Take on Another Molokai Channel Adventure

By Allene Richardson



Photo by Marilyn Kali

Outrigger's masters crew in Na Wahine was, front, Patsy Sheehan, Randy Nishimoto, Sharon Bintliff, Peggy Danford, Pam Zak and Maureen Kilcoyne. Standing, Diane Stowell, Gerri Pedesky, Allene Richardson, Anne Cundall, Bea Cromwell, Evie Black, Bonnie Smolenski and Coach Di Guild.

With Tropical Storm Roslyn creating a 12-15 foot surge and against a beautiful Hawaiian Sunday, the Outrigger Masters women finished third in masters out of a field of six and 18th out of 28 in the 1992 Na Wahine O Ke Kai race.

Of the 12 women crew, it was the first crossing for Patsy Sheehan and Bea Cromwell, and the second after staying out for over 10 years, for steersman Evie Black.

Other crew members were Pam Zak, Anne Cundall, Sharon Bintliff, Allene Richardson, Maureen Kilcoyne, Peggy Danford, Diane Stowell, Randy Nishimoto and Gerri Pedesky. Bonnie Smolenski was also on the escort boat as alternate and cheerleader.

Early in the race, Outrigger was aware of the shocking pink boat of Big Island's Kai Opua, but it took a southerly course and was out of view.

Across the channel, the race was a continual game of tag with the Healani Masters boat in blue and white as both crews took a northerly direction.

The challenge came outside Portlock when Healani and Outrigger were continually within two boat lengths of each other. At Kahala Beach, Outrigger passed Healani; at Black Point, Healani passed Outrigger.

At the Diamond Head buoy, both boats converged with Lanikai and Hui Nalu who were inside at the shore break while Kai Opua's pink boat came in from the south.

At that point, outside the Club, all boats were in full sprint and it was obvious that all coaches were trying to strategize how to maximize their performance with changes without jeopardizing their position.

Changes made off Waikiki contin-

ued the sprint with Outrigger finishing 42 seconds behind masters winner Kai Opua and two-tenths of a second behind Healani. Kai Opua's winning time was 6:37:51, Healani finished in 6:38:33 and OCC in 6:38:35.

Coaches Di Guild and Scott May commented that the crew, which had an outstanding regatta season this year, worked to blend together as one team and unfortunately did not have the opportunity of the long Pokai race to develop a blend.

At the same time, they both felt that the crew's biggest challenge was mental attitude and maintaining that attitude throughout the race.

Di Guild commented, "It was really close. I'm really happy with our women. They did a great paddling job today." ☺