

Na Wahine O Ke Kai

By Tiare Richert-Finney

Molokai 1987 was long, hot and the seas were flat. OCC was first to Laau Point and held ground in what became the hardest-fought canoe race in Na Wahine O Ke Kai history.

For about four hours, OCC and Off Shore Canoe Club traded leads a dozen times, each hoping the other would fold.

NO SUCH LUCK.

We pushed, they pushed and with five official boats hovering over just the two of us, with no other boats in sight, the battle went on and on.

When it was all over, Off Shore had a 4 1/2 minute lead.

The best part of the Na Wahine O

Ke Kai 1987 is that it's behind us. WHEW.

P.S. Although, OCC placed second to Off Shore in the canoe race, we are the undisputed winners of the FIRST and hopefully last MOLOKAI MUD BOG. Special thanks to Budget Rent A Car and Jody D'Enbeau. 🍹



Photos by Di Guild and Marilyn Kai

Outrigger's valiant women paddlers in the 9th annual Na Wahine O Ke Kai race from Molokai to Oahu on September 20 were Kaiulu Downing, Jeanne Jenkins, Traci Phillips, Norma Santiago, Pii Schneider, Muffer Scully, Paula Carbone, Nina Fox, Mary Franco-Lemes, Tiare Richert Finney, Katy Bourne, Sandra Haine and Coach Keoni Kino.



A drenching downpour temporarily stranded Jody D'Enbeau, Sandra Haine, Tiare Richert-Finney, Muffer Scully, Katy Bourne and Traci Phillips on road from Hale O Lono Harbor to Kaunakakai on day before race.



First-time coach Keoni Kino gets a thank you kiss from Jeanne Jenkins.



Sandra Haine has a hug for husband Marc.



Kaiulu Downing shared her leis with niece Kira Downing.



Escort boat helper Hank Lass has a kiss for Norma Santiago.



Comparing notes after the race were Mary Franco-Lemes and Muffer Scully.



Traci Phillips took time off from kayaking to compete on OCC team.

Na Wahine O Ke Kai Results

1. Off Shore Canoe Club	6:26:25
2. Outrigger Canoe Club	6:31:01
3. Healani Canoe Club	6:55:00
4. Hui Nalu Canoe Club	6:59:00
5. Hanalei Canoe Club	7:05:00
6. Hui Lanakila Canoe Club	7:09:00
7. Lahaina Canoe Club	7:17:09
8. Kai Opua Canoe Club	7:21:55
9. Waikiki Yacht Club	7:28:29
10. Waikiki Beach Boys	7:32:32
11. Manae Canoe Club	7:35:11
12. Kailua Canoe Club Masters	7:35:46
13. Lokahi Canoe Club	7:37:56
14. Surf Sports	7:42:23
15. Keaukaha Canoe Club	7:45:13
16. Manu O Ke Kai	7:47:37
17. Hawaiian Masters	7:49:36
18. Lanikai Masters	7:51:18
19. Waikiki Surf Club	8:19:56



Paula Carbone treats Tiare Richert-Finney to a taste of champagne following the grueling 19 canoe race.



Nina Fox relaxes with husband, Mike, after 40.8 mile race.



Pii Schneider is interviewed by TV reporter after second place finish in 6:31:01. Off Shore's winning time was 6:26:25.



Waiting on the Ft. DeRussy Beach for the Kilakila to finish were Genie Kincaid, Peg Danford, Paige Vitousek, Michele St. John and Gerri Pedesky.