



HAPPY VICTORS (seen above): From left: Coralee Powell, Paula Carbone, Connie Young, Donna Kahaku, Jeanne Jenkins, Mary Franco, Anne Hogan, Anita Minter, Tiare Finney, Lesline Conner.

Women Win 2nd Molokai Race

Despite choppy conditions that prevented them from breaking their own record, OCC's 12-woman crew won its second Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race, covering the 40-mile course in 6 hours, 47 minutes, 11 seconds. Hui Nalu was second in 6:51:37, and Kailua third in 7:05:56.

A forecast by the Coast Guard predicting 18 to 20-foot seas momentarily concerned the paddlers, who recalled the cancellation of last year's race because of 22-foot seas. However, said coach Tom Conner, "When it was put to a vote to the crews whether to race or wait a day, we voted to go. Everybody was ready to race." As it turned out, the forecast was wrong. Conditions were moderate with 4 to 6-foot swells.

"The key was us getting out in the lead early," said Anne Hogan, who shared steering duties with Evie Black. "We were neck and neck with Hui Nalu at the start, but a big bump came up

behind us and we really dug in and surfed, while Hui Nalu did not surf well at all. I think that was the difference right there."

Outrigger maintained a lead the rest of the race, and was looking to break its '79 record of 6:35:14. Tides and choppy water off Koko Head, however, slowed the paddlers. Conner estimated that the koa canoe got to Koko Head in 4½ hours but then took an hour to reach Kahala.

Other members of the OCC crew were Paula Carbone, Lesline Conner, Kaiulu Downing, Tiare Finney, Mary Franco, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Kahaku, Anita Minter, Muffer Scully and Connie Young.

RIGHT & FAR RIGHT: Paddlers enjoyed themselves before, during and after the Molokai race.
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