

Na Wahine o ke kai

by Connie Maguire

As paddlers, the story behind our actual crossing will always be remembered and retold, but the whole story has to include our thanks to those who made it easier for us.

Among them are: Tom Conner, the best women's distance coach; Aaron Young and Wayne Faulkner, Tommy's mellow Molokai team; Jack Maguire and the Na Alii Kai crew; Robin Smith, the alternate who was truly a part of the team; Kimo and Gay Austin, true Molokai

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Thank you - from the OCC Women (Ed. note: This nice thank-you note for the OCC Women who conquered the channel did not reach the Editor until this issue had been put together and it was too late to position it next to the story of the race. Sorry.)