

Team Bradley Wins Dad Center Memorial Race

Forty-seven outrigger canoes entered the 39th annual Dad Center Memorial Canoe Race on August 25. The race began at Kailua Beach Park, rounded Makapuu, past the Diamond Head Buoy and finished at the Club, a distance of 22 miles.

The first crew to finish was the Hawaiian Team Bradley in 3 hours 13 minutes and 13.58 seconds. The Waikiki Beach Boys finished second, six minutes behind the winner. The Koa division was won by Kukuiula in a time of 4:05.32.60. Hui Nalu won the 40s division and OCC won the 50s division.

OCC entered four teams. Here are stories by crew members:



OCC White

Co-Coach Michelle St. John, Jenna Sheeley, Mary Quinn, Shannon Piper, Marcie Nowack, Pam Davis, Marie Martel, Ann Marie Mizuno, Jen Kilpatrick (alternate), Anna Grune, Dianne Vicheinrut, Colleen Hall, Coach Liz Perry.

Place: 24th Open Women. Time: 4:18.08.74

Canoe: *Henry Keawe Ayau*

By Mary Quinn

We met at daylight, chatting nervously, most of us clutching paddles and sunscreen, and bags with our various supplements and drinks. We piled into the van and headed to Kailua. On the beach there was more nervous chatter, we all checked the rigging, we all scrambled for more tape. A more experienced hand arrived to check our work, and apply more tape.

Now we had to choose paddles, what the heck does that mean? Oh, right, we will paddle with 10 people but only six paddles, oh, right. We bugged our coach; who's in the starting lineup? What seat? Where do I go? What do we do now? Nerves, butterflies, and big smiles.

Then we were in the boat, heading for the lineup. What a lineup, so many canoes starting at once! And we were off, right away we wanted to start picking off canoes, finding our spot. We could see a lineup of boats, all the escorts just waiting to find us. In no time we did our first change, it worked like a charm. Paddle, paddle, pass those guys, now these next guys, now another change. The water got a little sloppy with waves hitting us from the side; who cares, next change, uh, uh, over, we huli'd!

We were dumped into the water, with the boat upside down. We scrambled madly, not knowing exactly what to do. Coach Liz was there in a moment, fighting with us to get the canoe over. We jury rigged a system to get the boat right side up and we scrambled back in, with seats three and four bailing like crazy and the rest of us trying to move the boat forward.

We finally settled down. Now we had work to do. We paddled, the water got bigger and the waves get rougher than anything we have ever seen; everyone was talking to each other, encouraging each other, the escort boat and our coaches cheered us on.

We got by the wall at Makapu'u. Oh my god how beautiful was that! We came around Hanauma Bay, what a beautiful sight, and we paddled, paddled, paddled. Our crew was wonderful, our steersman a champ. We passed China Walls and learned about waves, again. We paddled. It seems only moments before we approached Diamond Head, we got a ride or two now and we were taking her home. We paddled, we cheered, we dug that water, go!

Who cares what other crews finished before us, we just paddled from Kailua to Waikiki, we are a TEAM, we are awesome, we are paddlers!



OCC Red

Jessie Kaawa, Julie Aio, Donna Kahakui, Rachel Ross, Krista Galaida, Nikki Queyrel, Anella Borges, Sarah van de Vanter, Mary Smolenski, Seraphina Eames.

Finish: 6th Open Women. Time: 3:32.56.27

Canoe: *Mana'ula*

By Rachel Ross

The OCC Open Women got off to a solid start at Kailua Beach, and were in a tight pack of canoes fighting for position across Lanikai. Once into the rough water off of Waimanalo, we found ourselves battling with a few other canoes for 4th, 5th and even 6th place.

It was a windy day, and just before Makapuu Beach, the ama popped up. Everyone threw their weight left, and for a second, it seemed like it might drop back down, then another little bump tossed us over. The crew calmly and speedily righted the canoe, so quickly that the water inside was barely ankle-deep when we climbed back in. The huli had been fast, but still, quite a few boats had paddled right past.

We paddled through the washing machine waters between Makapuu and Sandys, extra-conscious of our ama, and saw quite a few other boats huli. After a quick hello to the sneaky OCC 50s, who came up out of nowhere off of Sandys, we started reeling the other clubs back in. From Portlock to Black Point, it was one ride after another, as we connected bump after bump and had some fun little drops. We surfed right on by quite a few competitors in Maunaloa Bay.

With Coach Jimmy Kincaid running the changes and combos, Sean Kaawa assisting Jimmy and giving us all a lift out of the water, and Ikaika Harbottle on his boat calling bumps and cheering us on, we were certainly well-supported by some world-class paddlers.

In the end, we had worked our way back up to 6th place by the time we got home to the Club, and finished fresh off some great surfing, smiling, and ready for the Dad Center post-race celebration.



Masters 50

Kneeling: Paula Crabb, Lisa Livingston, Jane McKee, Kisi Haine.
Standing: Wendy Wichman, Debbie Deshais, Lisa Stringer, Katy Bourne, Linda Fernandez, Kim Darling, Brigitte Osterholt, Laurie Lawson

Place: 1st, Masters 50. Time: 3:37.05.10.

Canoe: *Loli'i*.

By Kim Darling

Being 50 ++ and a "Master Paddler" is a wonderful thing. Our group is in shape, we respect each other and we have the experience to rock the Dad Center Canoe Race.

Sunday began with a last check of our boat, a safety/motivational speech from our coach Kala Judd and a group Pule with all the OCC women paddlers, which always gives me chicken skin. After that it was game face on and all about racing.

We got a great start, had fun water and because of our experienced (some say it is age and treachery) steerswomen (Kisi Haine and Wendy Wichman) and our confidence in them we hugged the walls, surfed the back wash and had more fun than one should in a competitive canoe race.

And the cherry on top, we won the 50 Masters Division and came in 11th overall.



OCC Koa

Hilary Denison, Donna Glatzel, Jen Raams, Maggie Parks, Melissa Totherow, Tracy Bradley, Jen Bossert, Alyssa Basdavanos, Napua Lum, Linda Nelson.

Place: 3rd, Koa. Time: 4:10.16.24.

Canoe: *Leilani*

By Napua Lum

The Dad Center race was the most memorable canoe racing experience I've ever had. Everyone there made the race day smooth and enjoyable. All the ladies were pushing each other and pushing their hardest through the conditions.

It was my first time going by the wall at Hanauma Bay all the

way to Portlock and it was the best by far. Tom McTigue kept telling us to stay close to the wall. Since I was steering I kept hoping I wouldn't crash into the wall.

The scariest part of the race was doing a water change right before the Makapu'u lighthouse because the sets were huge and when you got in the boat you had to be very ama conscious. When we passed the lighthouse it felt like we were in a washing machine as sets were coming from the left side and there was backwash from the wall.

As we passed Portlock and finally saw Diamond Head it was a relief; it meant that Outrigger was near. It was nice to catch some bumps to give us a boost.

The *Leilani* was difficult to steer so when we caught the bumps it ran away a lot. I was frustrated but everyone in my crew and on the escort boat encouraged me and told me "don't worry you're doing fine, just keep anticipating the boat." When we got the boat on the beach we all got out and sank into the water. What a relief.

Being able to paddle in the Dad Center Race at age 16 felt like a great accomplishment as most of the women in my crew were in their 30's. Also being in the koa canoe was good because we got to share the Hawaiian spirit and culture.

My crew got third in the Koa Division. I want to thank my dad (Mike Lum) and my grandma (Rose Lum) for giving me the best pre-race pep talk ever. Also thanks to everyone in my crew and Tom McTigue and Vic Watumull for being amazing escort boat drivers and for pushing us.

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August 25, 2013 - Kailua Beach Park to Outrigger Canoe Club Results

Overall	Canoe Club	Division	Time
1.	Hawaiian Team Bradley (Dane Ward, Mahealani Botelho, Lori Nakamura, Noelani Sawyer-Auger, Alana Good, Kristin Foster, Nicole Pederson, Andrea Moller, Claire Townsend, Arlene Holzman)	1st, Open	3:13.13.58
2.	Waikiki Beach Boys	2nd, Open	3:19.16.04
3.	Hui Nalu	3rd, Open	3:23.00.98
4.	Hui Nalu 40s (Michele Arnold, Jeane Barrett, Michelle Bradley, Denise Darval-Ching, Kelly Fey, Puaahi Ioane, Margie Kawaiaaea, Jill Schooler, Katie Stephens, Shien-Lu Stokesbary)	1st, W40	3:26.54.69
5.	Kawaihae	4th, Open	3:29.18.97
6.	Outrigger Red	5th, Open	3:32.56.27
7.	Na Molokama	6th, Open	3:34.14.29
8.	Hawaiian	7th, Open	3:34.40.83
9.	Waikiki Beach Boys 2	8th, Open	3:35.13.92
10.	Kailua 40s	2nd, W40	3:36.53.78
11.	Outrigger 50s (Linda Fernandez, Laurie Lawson, Kim Darling, Lisa Livingston, Debbie Deshais, Kisi Haine, Paula Crabb, Katy Bourne, Jane McKee, Lisa Stringer, Brigitta Osterholt, Wendy Wichman)	1st, W50	3:37.05.10
12.	Healani	9th, Open	3:37.25.10
13.	Kailua	10th, Open	3:37.37.22
14.	Keahiakahoe	11th, Open	3:39.30.11
15.	False Creek	12th, Open	3:44.15.50
16.	Hui Lanakila	13th, Open	3:46.25.64
17.	Keaukaha	14th, Open	3:46.28.38
18.	Lanikai 50s	2nd, W50	3:46.39.65
19.	Kalihi Kai	15th, Open	3:49.09.09
20.	Kailua 50s	3rd, W50	3:54.25.38
21.	Manu O Ke Kai	16th, Open	3:56.25.41

Overall	Canoe Club	Division	Time
22.	Waikiki Yacht Club	17th, Open	4:04.19.40
23.	Waikiki Surf Club	18th, Open	4:04.47.74
24.	Imua Outrigger	19th, Open	4:04.53.54
25.	Kuku'i'ula (Tasha Aipa, Tammy Aipa-Napoleon, Ajia Gabriel, Debbie Green, Anuhea Herrod, Laola Lake Aea, Dana Miyake, Kristy Nagahisa, Patti Pacanas-Huff)	1st, Koa	4:05.32.60
26.	Lanikai	2nd, Koa	4:06.49.77
27.	North Shore	4th, W50	4:08.43.46
28.	Outrigger 2	3rd, Koa	4:10.16.24
29.	Waikiki Beach Boys 4	20th, Open	4:10.48.42
30.	Keahiakahoe	3rd, W40	4:10.51.88
31.	North Shore	21st, Open	4:13.15.21
32.	New Hope 40s	4th, W40	4:13.50.00
33.	Kailua Open 2	22nd, Open	4:15.21.40
34.	Lanikai	23rd, Open	4:15.50.98
35.	Outrigger 3	24th, Open	4:18.08.74
36.	New Hope 50s	5th, W50	4:20.52.27
37.	Imua One Blade	25th, Open	4:23.18.75
38.	Manu O Ke Kai	6th, W50	4:23.22.05
39.	Anuenue	26th, Open	4:24.46.51
40.	New Hope	27th, Open	4:29.48.33
41.	Honolulu Pearl	28th, Open	4:32.28.63
42.	Anuenue	7th, W50	4:32.29.28
43.	Kailua 40s	5th, W40	4:33.32.58
44.	Imua Outrigger	29th, Open	4:37.13.14
45.	Kahakai Long Beach	30th, Open	4:45.42.59
DNF	Lanikai		
DNF	Waikiki Beach Boys 3		