

Dad Center Race Won by Waikiki Beach Boys

By Guy Wilding, Photos by Harry Newhart



OCC Red

Front: Anella Borges. Back: Britta Bourne, Tammie Picklesimer, Karin Hansen Del Ray, Caryn Davies, Amy Lawson Woodward, Melissa Bittanga, Coach Guy Wilding. Not pictured: Blair Grant, Jane McKee, Jen Raams.



OCC White

Front: Napua Lum, Katya Newton. Back: Coach Mark Cluney, Hilary Denison, Jamie Emberson, Kristin Crabb, Natasha Haine, Dianne Vichreinrut, Jenn Fratzke, Jennifer Kilpatrick. Not pictured: Verena Snively.



Women 40

Maggie Parks, Erika Lee Eberhart, Colleen Hall, Possie Badham, Marie Lawrence Martel, Shannon Dudgeon Piper, Pam Davis, Melissa Tothorow, Janna Arakaki. Not pictured: Tina Larson.

The day did not look to be starting off too well for the Outrigger Canoe Club 40's women at the start of the 40th annual Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race on August 24. Their escort boat ran aground on Kaneohe reef while on their way to the race start at Kailua.

Numerous phone calls ensued and Dave Dunham from Lanikai CC was the first to volunteer his boat as an escort (thanks Dave). At the same time Andrew Glatzel quickly got a boat into the water at Hawaii Kai and pushed full throttle to the start line.

The girls in the starting lineup of the 40's were in the canoe for a little longer than first planned, but it was all good training for the E Lau Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai. Thanks Andrew; the girls were very happy to see you come to their rescue!

In fact it actually turned out to be a good day for Outrigger women. The open program is in a re-building phase this year and the comradery right now could not be better.

Our numbers have grown steadily and with the influx of the paddlers from the novice program (including the mighty novice B State Champion crew) we now have a lot of paddlers genuinely competing for seats and everyone is improving through the healthy competition. Consequently the program is going from strength to strength and the atmosphere is great.

On race day we entered two open women's crews, a 40's crew and a 50's crew.

The 50's battled with a strong Kailua crew all the way but OCC emerged victorious claiming the gold medal in their division and 10th canoe over the finish line in 3.29.54.

After the initial drama the 40's crew recovered well and placed 4th in their division and 33rd overall in a time of 3.49.57

Outrigger White (open) actually crossed the line in 20th position (15th in their division) in a time of 3.41.55 but was penalized five minutes for "jumping the start". Still a great hit out for these girls and a good learning experience for many of the newer paddlers.

Outrigger Red (open) had a great race and finished in 5th place overall (4th in their division) in 3.19.51. This crew contained a blend of youth, experience and real novice paddlers in their first changes race. They were only 1.29 behind the crew who placed 3rd overall in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai last year, so this result speaks for itself.

A total of 41 crews entered the Dad Center this year. However, this was the first year that no koa canoes were entered. We intended to race the *Leilani* BUT the tide was VERY low at the start and there were coral heads everywhere so we erred on the side of caution and went with a fiberglass canoe.

Still lots of work to be done before the E Lau Hoe and Na Wahine o Ke Kai but all our crews are working well and with the prevailing attitude and approach anything is possible.

A big MAHALO to Liz Perry, Tom McTigue and Mark Cluney for escorting the 40's, 50's and OCC White crew!

Congratulations to the Waikiki Beach Girls who won the Dad Center race in 3:10:46.58 with Hui Nalu finishing second in 3:12:23.79 and Team Bradley in third in 3:18:22.69.

Dad Center Pareau's

Members interested in obtaining a pareau that was given to each of the paddlers in the Dad Center Race may contact Paula Crabb. They're for sale for \$15.



ABOVE:

Women 50

Front: Paula Crabb, Lisa Livingston. Back: Wendy Wichman, Katy Bourne, Kisi Haine, Linda Fernandez, Mary Quinn, Kim Darling, Marcie Nowack, Anna Grune, Deb Deshais, Laurie Lawson.

LEFT: Mother-Daughter paddlers: Britta and Katy Bourne, Laurie Lawson and Amy Lawson Woodward.



Enjoying the post-race party were, front, Katya Newton, Jane McKee, Britta Bourne, Amy Lawson, Jen Raams, Blair Grant, Jenn Fratzke. Back: Melissa Totherow, Natasha Haine, Melissa Bitanga, Pam Davis and Maggie Parks.

40th Annual Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race August 24, 1914 Kailua to Outrigger CC Results

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Waikiki Beach Boys I	1st Open	3:10.46.58
(Alanna Bender, Laura Birse, Chelsea Bizik, Rachel Bruntsch, Dana Gorecki, Jessica Kaawa, Eko Lapp, Frances Lichowski, Natalie Lopez, Jennifer Polcer)			
2.	Hui Nalu Coconuts	2nd, Open	3:12.23.79
3.	Hawaiian-Team Bradley	3rd, Open	3:18.22.69
4.	Hui Nalu 40s	1st, 40s	3:18.22.94
(Traci Phillips, Margie Kawailea, Teresa Felgate, Michelle Arnold, Donna Kahakui, Denise Darval-Chang, Katie Stephens, Pauahi Ioane, Julie Aio, Joanna Bozo Vierna)			
5.	Outrigger Red	4th, Open	3:19.51.10
6.	Kailua 40s	2nd, 40s	3:25.16.19
7.	Hawaiian Canoe Club	5th, Open	3:26.37.18
8.	Hui Nalu Bananas	6th, Open	3:26.50.62
9.	Waikiki Beach Boys 2	7th, Open	3:28.44.89
10.	Outrigger 50s	1st, 50s	3:29.54.09
(Paula Crabb, Kim Darling, Lisa Livingston, Katy Bourne, Marcie Nowack, Kisi Haine, Mary Quinn, Linda Fernandez, Anna Grune, Laurie Lawson, Deb Deshais, Wendy Wichman)			
11.	Kailua 50s	2nd, 50s	3:30.51.67
12.	Hui Lanakila Chee Hoo	8th, Open	3:31.04.77
13.	Lanikai Pohako	9th, Open	3:34.11.56
14.	Leeward Kai	10th, Open	3:34.42.54
15.	Kailua Team Ohana	11th, Open	3:36.35.38
16.	Manu O Ke Kai 1	12th, Open	3:39.08.40
17.	Keola O Ke Kai Team Ray	13th, Open	3:39.35.86

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
18.	North Shore	3rd, 50s	3:40.35.90
19.	Waikiki Surf Club	14th, Open	3:41.43.01
20.	Kailua	15th, Open	3:42.16.24
21.	Kailua	16th, Open	3:42.16.84
22.	Imua	17th, Open	3:42.27.58
23.	Keahiakahoe	18th, Open	3:42.33.05
24.	Lanikai Ikaika	19th, Open	3:42.40.33
25.	Lanikai 40s	3rd, 40s	3:42.52.36
26.	Hui Nalu 55s	1st, 55s	3:46.03.69
(Terry Malterre, Ponolani Tuinei, Lesline Connor, Brigitta Osterholt, Christine Gibson, Jonna Wickesser, Linda Nishimura, Marcia Omura, Mary Jo Gumbert, Teresa Lathrop, Lurline McGregor, Linda Cody)			
27.	Hui Lanikila Red Yellow Blue	20th, Open	3:46.27.45
28.	Outrigger White	21st, Open	3:46.55.45
29.	Waikiki Beach Boys 3	22nd, Open	3:47.13.05
30.	Hui Nalu Black Sheep	23rd, Open	3:47.57.89
31.	New Hope 50s	4th, 50s	3:48.50.44
32.	Kailua	24th, Open	3:49.53.51
33.	Outrigger 40s	4th, 40s	3:49.57.86
34.	Na Keiki O Ka Moi	25th, Open	3:51.46.24
35.	Manu O Ke Kai 2	26th, Open	3:52.54.15
36.	Koa Kai	27th, Open	3:53.52.89
37.	Waikiki Yacht Club	28th, Open	3:55.28.27
38.	New Hope 55s	2nd, 55s	3:56.08.55
39.	Lanikai Mokulua	29th, Open	3:56.26.30
40.	Kamamalahoe	30th, Open	3:58.11.79
41.	Kailua 60s	3rd, 55s	4:01.52.83

A Newbie Does Dad Center

By Tina Larson

When I woke up August 24, the morning of my first long distance race ever, I was full of anxiety and questions: What do I eat? What extra clothing should I bring? What parts of my body do I lube up? Should I drink coffee? What if, mid-race, I have to go #2, what do I do? I was apprehensive and wondered what I was about to get myself into.

That apprehensiveness turned into sheer excitement when I got to the OCC and got in the van with my fellow teammates. The chatter along the way to Kailua was comforting to this newbie. When we arrived at Kailua Beach Park, I just followed orders and did what I was told.

As we lined up our canoe before the start, it became pretty clear that SOMETHING unusual was going on. And that's when we were told we didn't have a support boat; ours hit a reef and wasn't going to make it.

We all trust the coaches so much and when they said not to worry, we all had the mindset that we would have iron manned that race if that's what it came down to!

Liz Perry was in charge of the 40's boat. As a Novice B paddler in regatta season, I was used to Liz's pre-race coaching talks that quite frankly, scared the crap out of me; which really was quite effective in a two-minute sprint.

But on race day, Liz's demeanor seemed different. Her talk was about relationships, and how important they are. The relationship is not just with the boat, but also with our teammates. Her advice was to leave each relationship better than you found it.

It was profoundly heartfelt. I found myself with chicken skin and teary eyes. It also was inspiring food for thought during the entire race and even still today.

Andrew Glatzel truly saved the day by offering his support boat. Andrew's knowledge of the ocean was truly awe inspiring, especially when he instructed us to shoot the gap between the rocks, while our competitors all went around. Watching my team paddle alongside Makapu'u wall was breathtaking. As Andrew instructed, our expert steerswoman let the boat dance and she did it so gracefully.

I couldn't have asked for a better boat of women. I learned something from every single teammate. The positivity, encouragement, and support were truly amazing. The last portion of the race summed up our spirit.

I learned so much during my first race. I learned that paddle choice is important. I learned that changes are not really all that bad when you have confidence. I also learned that when told to look for Alan Davis, I should be looking for a beach, not a man in another boat. (I seriously wondered who he was and why we were all looking for him.) But most importantly, I learned what an amazing group of people comprise the Outrigger Canoe Club paddling team.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive and making this a great first experience. A special thanks to Liz Perry and Michele St. John. Having you two in the boat really made this an epic adventure. I look forward to many more adventures to come!