

Dad Center Race

Outrigger Canoe Club's women paddlers, by gambling on the inshore course from Kailua Beach to Waikiki, came from behind to win the OCC sponsored 25-mile Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race for Women on Sunday, September 14.

"By hugging the Makapuu cliffs and by staying close to shore at Koko Head, Anne played it right," explained Mark Buck, coach for the OCC women, referring to Anne Hogan, steersman.

"The inside course has always been the way to go," Buck continued. "It was a tough race and they worked hard. The crew is dynamite."

Ten Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association clubs entered the all-women competition and all finished but one, the Hawaiian Warriors' crew, which withdrew from the race near Waimanalo Beach Park.

The annual contest began at Kailua Beach Park and finished at the Club. Race results and elapsed times—1. Outrigger 3:44:45; 2. Healani 3:46:12; 3. Hui Nalu 3:51:55; 4. Kailua

3:53:17; 5. Waikiki Surf Club 4:00:24; 6. Lanikai 4:04:14; 7. Koolau 4:24:56; 8. Honolulu 4:29:08; 9. Makaha 4:46:36; Hawaiian Warriors withdrew.

Outrigger played catch-up all the way from the Kailua start to Hanauma Bay. "By staying inshore—closer than any other crew—we may have gambled but it paid off," said Hogan, who paddled with so much intensity that varnish peeled from her paddle.

"We were in third place, behind Healani and Kailua on rounding Makapuu Point," she explained, "and we just rode the swells and kept eating up their leads."

"I passed Kailua shortly after Makapuu and Healani near Haunama Bay," Hogan continued, "and we were never headed after that."

Outrigger's winning crew included Anita Minteer; Sue Oldt; Kaiulu Downing; Taire Richert; Diana Smart; Tracy Phillips; Suzie Johnston; Robin Smith; Michelle St. John; Muffer Scully; Sharon Bintliff and Anne Hogan, steersman.