

Canoe Racing

By Darcy Ames

A big, warm ALOHA from the Canoe Racing Committee. This year was the most successful year *ever* the Outrigger Canoe Club has enjoyed. Pages could be written to tell of every victory in 1985 of *every* regatta. History was made. In excess of 250 registered paddlers, determined in a Club effort, amassed over 100 points at every regatta. Every crew during the season placed either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Such a spectacular showing as this can only be attributed to the dedicated athletes competing in canoe racing (who deserve a big hand), the excellent coaching staff (who deserve a big thanks), the Canoe Racing Committee, other helpers and the Outrigger Canoe Club management. Without these people the show would not go on.

To give you all a better understanding of the paddling program and its enormous size and expansive responsibilities, here's a "typical" week of canoe paddling during regatta season from a committee member's reflections.

Monday: Recover from yesterday's races. Continue to "rehash" yesterday's victories. Paddling practice observed at either Ala Wai Canal or OCC.

Tuesday: Looking forward to next

regatta and competition.

Wednesday: Prepare for canoe racing committee meeting. At the meeting: Where's the next race? When? Do all coaches know? Have we paid our entry fees? How do our lanes look? Order lunch and condiments for the next race. When will we load canoes on trailer? When do we leave Sunday morning? Who will be there?

Thursday: Did we forget anything last night at meeting? Paddlers continue to work out in trainer, weight room, run around park and stay in top shape for next race.

Friday: Lanes have been posted in show case and paddlers are buzzing about their good fortune.

Saturday: Some crews practice turns in preparation for tomorrow. Load canoes on trailer. Try to sleep—tomorrow's a long day.

Sunday: Get up at 4:30 a.m. Wake up at approximately 5 a.m. Arrive OCC 5:30 a.m. Load food and beverage in truck, load tent in van, don't forget rigging bag or buckets you lolos. Hey, where is everyone this morning? Sleeping? Leave club at approximately 6 a.m. Make pass by Leonard's Bakery—oh joy! Drive to race site. Get a good location for tent. Unload canoe.

Erect tent. Rig canoe. Set up tables for food and beverage. Coaches meeting 8 a.m. Are all crew entries in? Where is that darn coach? There you are—what do you mean *change* your crew entry?!? Oh good, here's your alternate's OHCRA I.D. card. LUNCH! (Occasionally catch a glimpse of race.) Begin to unwind. Races end at 4:30 p.m. We won regatta HOORAY! Over 100 points! FABULOUS! Pick up medals and trophy. Clean area. Unrig canoe, tent, tables, etc. Load in vehicles. Drive back to OCC. Unload. Advance to Hau Terrace for "rehash" and libations. Fast food for dinner. Shower, solarcaine and to bed.

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Moral to this story (however, this is no fable . . .): "Many hands make light work."

The enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, and dedication exhibited this year by all paddlers, coaches, and helpers toward canoe racing was heartfelt.

A big warm ALOHA again from the Canoe Racing Committee, and cheers—here's to 1986! May we all be the best where we are.



Hawaii Canoe Racing Association 1985 State Champions

Girl's 13

Dione Wilbur, Malia Kamisugi,
Cynthia Sheehan, Malia Buck, Shandy
Danford, Jackie Muller.

Girl's 14

Heidi Brissette, Farel Bischoff, Alexis
Brinck, Megan Clarkin, Paige Pryor,
Jackie Muller.

Girl's 18

Mia Kresser, Shannon Boyd, Melissa
Wheless, Katie McCrary, Sara
Ackerman, Kim Merrill.

Women's Novice B

Jill Cheever, Dede Sheffield, Terry
Pynchon, Kim McKenzie, Janis
McPheeters, Barbara Baird.

Freshmen Men

Kendall Bintliff, Kala Judd, Dana
Rupey, Greg Rudin, Scott Rolles, Billy
Eggers IV.

Freshmen Women

Malia Snyder, Cathy Ho, Colleen
Keane-Quinn, Jill Andersen, Cindy
White, Jonna Lemes.

Sophomore Men

Billy Foytich, Keahi Farden, Chris
Kincaid, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Mike
Turner, Aka Hemmings.

Junior Men

Mike Fox, Henry Ayau, Tom Conner,
Kevin Olds, Karl Heyer IV, Todd
Bradley.

Senior Men

Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering,
Marc Haine, Walter Guild, Mike
Lemes.

Senior Women

Lesline Conner, Muffer Scully, Tiare
Finney, Tracy Phillips, Sandra Stanley,
Mary Franco.

Masters Men

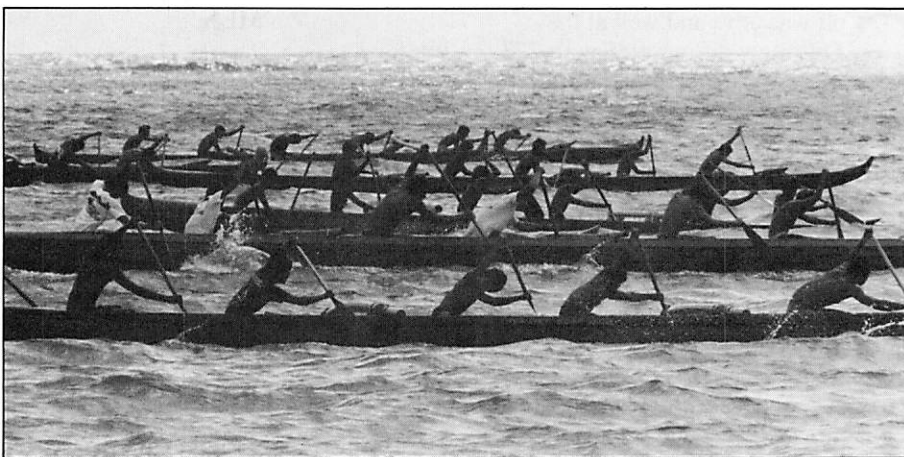
Mike Clifford, Mark Buck, John
Finney, Tim Guard, Steve Quinn,
Bruce Ames.

Senior Masters Women

Ululani Davis, Gerri Pedesky, Marilyn
Haine, Ruby Ifversen, Diane Stowell,
Keanuenue Rochlen.

Mixed Men/Women

Vik Watumull, Aaron Kekoolani, Pat
Pray, Pokii Vaughan, Debbie Peck,
Colleen Kelley.



OHCRA Regatta Results

Outrigger Won:

George 'Pop' Waialeale Regatta
Kamehameha Regatta
Leeward Regatta
Healani Regatta
Walter J. Macfarlane 4th of July
Regatta
John D. Kaupiko Regatta
Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing
Association Championship Regatta
State Hawaiian Canoe Racing
Association Championship Regatta

OHCRA Long Distance Season

Outrigger Won:

Duke Kahanamoku Race
Dad Center Race
Queen Liliuokalani Race
Skippy Kamakawiwoole Long Distance
Race
Kaena Challenge
Na Wahine O Ke Kai

Paddlers of the Year

Chris Kincaid

Chris made the greatest advances of
any paddler during the season. During
the 1984 season he was a member of
the novice team and in 1985 moved to
the state championship Sophomore
Men's Crew. He was also a leader of
his crew in the Moloka'i Hoe.

Mia Kresser

Mia put a tremendous amount of energy
into paddling this season. She stroked
the undefeated state championship
Girl's 18 crew, and also coached the
Girl's 14 crew which won the state
championship and all but one regatta
during the summer.