## CHAPTER TWO

Kamehameha Day Regatta

Writing this is a pleasure. The kids came through in grand style by winning the canoe regatta held June 12 at Keehi Lagoon in celebration of Kam Day.

To those members who follow the sport only through the pages of the "Forecast" it should be said that the victory was even greater than the final score indicates. Out of a total of 10 events OCC had only sufficient club strength to enter seven of the ten, however the individual crew strength was right there "easily."

OCC was able to garner 26 points in seven events against second place Kai Oni's 23 points out of nine events, and Waikiki Surf's 21 points out of nine events. Outrigger came first four times in seven starts, placed second once, third once, and fourth once. Following is the rundown in each event:

The "Mighty Mites" repeated their

Maritime Day finish by taking a second place to give OCC a start of three points. Kai Oni zero, WSC zero.

The Boys 17 and Under dropped back a notch taking third versus a second on Maritime Day, however, they added two for OCC's sixteen, Kai Oni six and WSC Nine.

The Freshman stalwarts were just that, bettering their Maritime second by crossing ine line first for a fat five. OCC now 21, Kai Ono 9, WSC 10.

Event seven-the Blue Ribbon Special-Senior Men, revealed nothing but weakness in most clubs. Outrigger was out along with four other clubs. This gave Kai Oni the chance to recoup since the other point leader WSC was scratched. Kai Oni added five, OCC still 21. Kai Oni 14. WSC still 10.

Event eight had the Junior Girls grab a strong hold on the last Outrigger chance for points. In fact they grabbed hold so good they bettered their Maritime Day showing of second and came in a glorious first.

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A chapter Two commentary on the Girls Novice could run like this. On June 15th a boat named Leilani pulled away from the shores of Keehi, she's 40 feet long and won her race "going away" due to the excellent support given her able steersman by the other five non-talking crew members. Add five for OCC now totalling 8 points, Kai Oni zero, WSC zero.

Event three, Boys Novice saw OCC do one better than Maritime Day, when they were fifth, by crossing the finish in the fourth slot for one point. OCC now nine, Kai Oni zero and WSC four. This race revealed the only "Iron Man" of the day for Outrigger, Small Fred who also steered the "Mighty Mites"

Outrigger's Maritime Day winners, Boys 15 and Under, did a repeat by adding a big five to shove OCC into a lead of 14 to Kai Oni three and WSC 4.

Coach Downing gave them added strength by putting two strokes in the boat, Maritime Day's Erna Lemon sat in the number two seat, and last year's Dynamic Diana Damon lead off in seat one.

Diana coming out of retirement set a blistering pace on the upwind leg to the turning buoys. Erna steadied the stroke and after OCC rounded the turn first Diana levelled off and the two strokes beat in unison to lead the gang into the barn first.

Thus Outrigger reached its zenith with a final total of 26, Kai Oni 16 and WSC 13.

Now comes the drama and the squeeze of the day. Two events to go and OCC in neither of them. If Kai Oni with 16 points wins both remaining events they tie OCC 26 all. It should be obvious to the reader that WSC's cheering section was increased by a chorus of sturdy Outrigger voices.

Ninth event, Boys Junior, and Kai Oni takes it. OCC still 26. Kai Oni 21 and within striking distance, WSC

Tenth event, Women Senior, and if Kai Oni wins she gains a tie for first with Outrigger. What a sigh of relief from the OCC group when WSC's veteran steersman, Ethel Kakea boots 'em across first. Healani joins in to halt the Kai Oni campaign by taking second. Kai Oni third closing out the regatta with OCC winner 26 points, Kai Oni 23 and WSC 21.

Three cheers for the kids and three cheers for the best sandwich makers in Waikiki-Dora and Nancy, both proteges of Richard the Exotic.

For another revealing story on the regatta see this month's column "Messages for the Masses." Thank you 'til Walter MacFarlane Day Memorial Regatta sponsored by OCC on the beach at Waikiki.

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