

First Annual Waikiki Ocean Paddleboard Race Sponsored by Outrigger Canoe Club December 30, 1978

This new event was open to the entire community and was the first held under new rules: only one division of boards, no longer than 12 feet and no lighter than 20 pounds. The course was over 10,000 meters, starting at OCC-Colony Surf Beach; hence to a flag one half mile seaward; to the Diamond Head buoy; to the wreck buoy at Hilton Hawaiian Village; return to flag and finish at starting point.

The weather was clear and sunny with a brisk north wind about 10 to 15 knots. The seas were flat except for wind chop.

25 contestants started and 23 finished. First was Chuck Kelly, establishing a record time of 1 hour, 17 minutes, 2 seconds. He was followed by Dale Hope and Mike Fox.

Gay Austin was the lone wahine paddler, and first wahine ever to finish the race. Her time was 2 hours, 15 minutes, 25 seconds, establishing a record. Chuck Kelly, first place winner, is remembered as the runner up in the 1977 race in the surfboard division in a virtual dead heat with Grady Howe. Hope was the champion in the 1974 race in the stockboard division (now obsolete). Fox was first in surfboard in 1974. All four are OCC members.

Most noteworthy is the fact that Kelly bettered his 1977 time, even though the 1978 course was longer by 0.36 miles. He was the only paddler to accomplish this feat.

Refreshments at the Club followed the race

Race Director was Donny Miller, assisted by Cline Mann and Marjory Moore on the beach, and Wayne Faulkner, Kimo Dowsett, Mike Holmes, and Peter Balding as motor boat escorts.

See page 2 for list of winners.



They led the pack: (l/r) Dale Hope; Gay Austin; Chuck Kelley; Mike Fox.

The list of contestants follow: (*) Identifies
OCC member

Place	Name	Time
1	Chuck Kelly*	1:17:02
2	Dale Hope*	1:22:28
3	Mike Fox*	1:22:23
4	Ed Pestana	1:24:26
5	Grady Howe*	1:26:33
6	Pan Scully*	1:28:04
7	Paul Manaut*	1:31:01
8	Pat Caldwell*	1:31:15
9	Ian Emberson*	1:32:03
10	Kimo Austin*	1:33:58
11	Tom Henke*	1:41:17
12	Mark Cunningham	1:42:02
13	Francis Burgess	1:50:00
14	Charles Bodgshan	1:50:01
15	Tom Davidson*	1:53:05
15	Steve Ennis	1:53:51
17	Kamuela Aeea	1:54:24
17	Norm Dummire*	1:57:27
19	Jim Caldwell*	1:57:27
20	Jim Peterson*	2:14:16
21	Gay Austin*	2:15:25
22	Gary Burgess	2:20:37
23	Michael Kimi	