

Club Captain's Corner

By Bill Danford

Thanks to Billy and Vaima Philpotts, our junior sports program has now available a 45-foot customized Tanaka sailing canoe, the *Holo Kou Makani*, with all the equipment to start a sailing program. Billy steered our Open Men in this year's Hinano Bankoh Molokai and showed great leadership throughout the season.

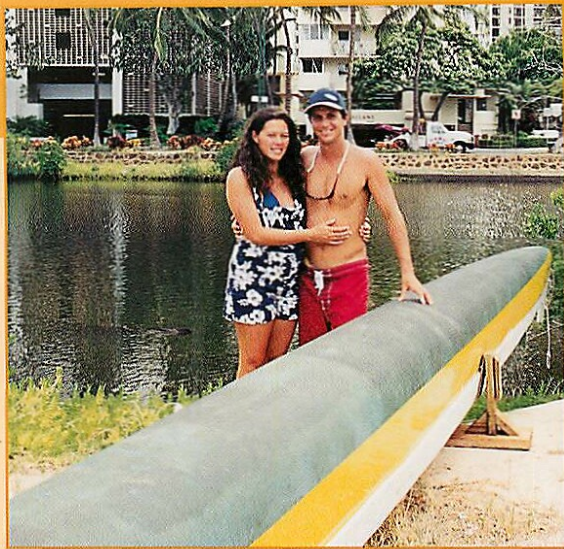
Billy and Vaima hope that all members will take interest in the program which will be open to all who want to learn about Hawaiian sailing canoes and our ocean. A developmental subcommittee will be organized to get the program going after the hull is coated with bottom paint to protect it at its new mooring.

I am still optimistic that those of you who do not use your O-1 canoes will donate them to our junior program. It's a great cause!

Our entire men's canoe racing effort during the season culminated with four crews successfully crossing the Molokai Channel on October 7. Our open koa won first koa and placed a respectable 12th out of a 107 entries. Our open glass entry placed 32nd and our novice men were approximately nine to ten minutes behind them. The Senior Masters placed fourth in their division and crossed the finish line in a respectable 65th position. All in all it was a very good crossing for all with some minor accidents.

To the entire paddling family: you will all enjoy racing and competing in two of the best regatta canoes in the 50th State next season. With the renovation of the *Kakina* completed and the canoe being established as a canoe completely sea worthy you should all look forward to the 2002 racing season. The energy which the *Kaoloa* and *Kakina* retain will be felt by all.

My best wishes to all during the holidays and a happy 2002.



Billy and Vaima Philpotts with the sailing canoe they donated to the new canoe sailing program.