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Club Captain's Corner

By Bill Danford

The regatta and long distance canoe racing season are a thing of the past. The goal of the Canoe Racing Committee was to increase participation and participation they got. In the first long distance race of the season, the Kaena Challenge, the OCC had a combined 16-18 boys, novice men, and a senior masters men. The young men finished first followed by the senior masters, and the novice men.

The following week two open men's crews were added to the OCC roster and everyone experienced the Waimanalo surf and the great surfing conditions after Makapuu. Three women's crews participated earlier that day in the iron challenge at Kailua with the first crew taking first over all. The women won the koa iron in Kona and placed second over all. The OCC had three other women's teams in the glass division and the men entered one open iron koa and two open iron glass crews.

The following weekend, September 8, both the women and men competed in the Catalina nine-person marathon with the women coming in second and the men taking fourth in the open division.

Back on Oahu, the women's program was racing two open women's crews from Magic Island to Pokai Bay, Waianae.

That Wednesday we blessed the newly renovated *Kakina*. Joe Quigg and Domie Gose were the honorees. During the ceremony the Reverend Tom Van Cullen conducted the invocation and our own Ray Suganuma gave the Hawaiian blessing. Chicken skin to the max!

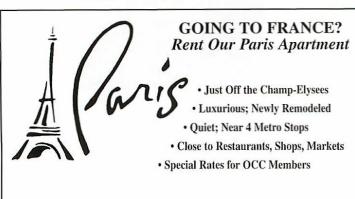
Saturday the novice men, senior masters, and two open men competed in the Skippy venue. The *Kakina* was entered in the Koa and proudly won the division and was tenth over all. Walter Guild and Rhino Productions did a great job of putting on a first class venue.

By now all of the voting members and associates have received the yellow cards in the October billing. If you are interested in serving on an Athletic Subcommittee please send it in to the Executive Office or drop it off at the Club. The Subcommittee Chair/Co-chairs will contact you prior to the beginning of the 2002 athletic season.

John Goody and his O1 and Kayak Subcommittee will be working with the Paddleboard Subcommittee to put together an ocean competition in the first week of December. Get involved! The week following the ocean competition is the Honolulu Marathon. Good luck to all our members.



Photo by Connie Carr
The Boys 18 and under finished first of the
three OCC boats in the Waimea Bay to
Makaha Beach Long Distance Race. From
left, Will Egesdal, Gary Johnson, Billy
Lawson, Kapono Brown, Makena Carr,
Kyle Morgan, Robby Field, Darragh
O'Carroll, Cutter Rolles and Mark
Egesdal. Front, Coach Scott Rolles.



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Outrigger Senior Masters crew finished the Catalina to Newport Canoe race in second place in their division. Front, Jeff Metzger, Brant Ackerman. Back, Roger Cundall, John Finney, Pokii Vaughan, Glenn Perry, Doug Bechert, Tom Arnott, Henry Ayau, Chris Crabb.