

# Club Captain's Report

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**T**hank you for the opportunity to serve as your Club Captain and Chairman of the Athletic Committee for 1997.

This year we had 11 athletic subcommittees with over 80 members volunteering their time and efforts as committee members and by best guess approximately 1,000 junior, intermediate and regular members participating in OCC athletics.

It was another successful year for Outrigger Canoe Club athletics and I'd like to take the time now to highlight some of their successes.

## Canoe Racing

Outrigger took a giant step forward by reclaiming the Hawaii State Canoe Racing Championship which was held last year in Hilo Bay. In

addition, Outrigger paddlers successfully defended our championship status in the Oahu Championship and the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta, our Club sponsored event.

In the long distance program our men came home victorious in the Catalina Race with our women placing second in what has become the premier distance race in California. Closer to home, Outrigger was able to field three crews in the women's Molokai race and two crews for the men's race.

As competition and participation in this race becomes greater, Outrigger paddlers, coaches and committee members seem ready to make the commitment to bring a Molokai Championship back to Outrigger a reality.

## Volleyball

1997 was a defining year for the volleyball program which has seen a dramatic increase in participation especially in the junior program. While competing in all the local tournaments, the committee was able to send four

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adult teams to the Haili tournament in Hilo as well as three junior teams and five adult teams to their respective national tournaments in the mainland.

We are looking forward to 1998 and with the popularity and participation levels of both the junior and adult programs increasing we are happy to see the adult players and several parents taking a more active role in the coaching and development of the junior players and program.

#### **One-Man Canoe/Kayak**

Of all ocean related sports that the Club sponsors and members participate in, One-Man Canoe and Kayaking has had the greatest growth over the last couple of years and the Club has done an excellent job allocating monies to Club participants based on an expanded budget.

Outrigger paddlers consistently placed in the top five for all divisions over the course of the season with OCC members taking first place respectively in the state championship race for both the men's and women's one-man and kayak divisions.

#### **Paddleboard**

Last year marked the first time the annual Cline Mann Paddleboard Race was held since the passing of Cline whom we all know had a dramatic impact on the popularity of the sport. With this in mind, the Paddleboard Committee and Board of Directors wanted to do something special for this event.

A grant in Cline's name from the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation allowed us to design and establish a beautiful koa wood perpetual junior boy and girl winner's trophy which can now be seen on display in the Lobby trophy case.

#### **Running**

In 1997, approximately 40 OCC members participated in six team and individual events while representing Outrigger Canoe Club. Events included the Hana Relays on Maui and of course the Honolulu Marathon of which we had 34 members who entered and finished. The Running Committee also is responsible for the annual Non-Run Fun Festival which seems to increase in popularity every year and raises money for the running program and the Fitness Center.

#### **Softball**

With a lot of hard work, practice and contributions by everyone, the OCC softball team finished up with their best year ever by winning the Leahi League championship. Hopefully with a few equipment upgrades and the return of last year's players, this will be the springboard for more championships to come.

#### **Surfing**

The annual Summer Surf contest was a big success this year. Held in three to five foot surf at Old Man's, the event included men's, women's and a junior division as well as a canoe surfing expression session which was won by no other than our president Brant Ackerman and his crew. I guess being Club President, as well as having the spot wired, has its benefits.

#### **Fitness Center**

This year, in addition to expanding the hours of the Fitness Center, the committee has also been able to upgrade and purchase a new stair master, new dumbbells and racks, as well as refurbish existing equipment as needed with the help and cooperation of management and staff.

It was a pleasure to serve as Club Captain for 1997 and I am happy with the overall participation and results of all athletic programs.

I would like to thank everyone involved with the athletics from the Board of Directors to individual committee chairpersons and members to the coaches, parents and finally the participants who have given their time and energies to make the various programs as successful as possible.

I would also like to thank John Rader, Gordon Smith, the management staff and all Outrigger Canoe Club employees who have helped over the year to pull all the events together and make them a success.

Marc Haine will serve as Club Captain for 1998 and I hope that you will all give him the support he needs in accomplishing the goals and objectives he hopes to establish. ♪