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President, Directors, and fellow members:

The Athletic Committee in its effort to fulfill the basic principles on which the club was founded 58 years ago has completed a successful year indeed. The various sport sub-committees have labored long and diligently in the promotion of waterfront and other activities and recreation for a large segment of the membership, both young and old.

In volleyball our teams swept all tournaments in both doubles and six-man and won the State Championship. At the Nationals in Omaha conducted by the U. S. Volleyball Association our team captured a 4th place out of 40 teams, was pictured prominently in Sports Illustrated, and had one of its members designated as the tournament's outstanding player. Our members formed the nucleus of the Hawaii All-Star Team which competed against the Japanese Olympic Team. Here at the club's sand courts eleven lively tournaments were conducted.

Sailing, which has been a spectacular added dimension to the club, has showed a continuous expansion. Four regattas were held involving Sunfish and Pacific Catamarans including one for Junior members only. One of our members won the P-Cat trophy in the exciting Annual Duke Kahanamoku Regatta conducted by Waikiki Yacht Club. For the first time our club was invited to be represented in the annual State Sailing Championship. Finally, the addition of the now familiar Capri in the lagoon has provided our membership with additional recreational opportunities under sail.

For the first time in many years all five of our surfing canoes have been maintained in good condition and available for use in the surf, for cruising, or skin diving.

Perhaps the activity having the greatest potential for long range benefit to the club was the institution of an organized summer program involving development of six junior leaders and instruction of 50 Junior members in all the club's sports. Work is already underway in designing and organizing an even better program for this coming summer.

For the first time the club has been represented by a team in several surfing contests, the most important being the Makaha International Surfing Championship. The inspirational leader of our surf team captured a very creditable 5th place in the men's division after originally tying for 3rd; and at this very moment he is representing the Outrigger Canoe Club in the Peruvian International Surf Championships in Lima.

In the annual 6-mile surfboard paddling race around the Diamond Head buoy, members of our club captured 1st and 2nd in the stock board division.

Canoe racing has brought added glory to our club. For the second consecutive year our Senior Men captured 1st place in the annual Walter Macfarlane regatta and retained possession of the beautiful Matson Trophy. In the State Championships in Hilo our 14-year-old crew set a new record, and our team was involved in an unprecedented 3-way tie for the team championship. Probably no event in the last ten or twenty years has enhanced the image of our club more than the last Molokai to Oahu canoe race in which an inspired Outrigger Canoe Club crew, excellently coached and conditioned, defeated thirteen other clubs over the grueling 40-mile distance. Not soon to be forgotten were the cheers of encouragement from the club as our crew stroked by to victory and the standing ovation by our members a short time later when our proud paddlers entered the club with the winners' trophies.

Athletic Committee Report continued:

Much credit should go to the many members who have been involved in conducting our athletic program:

Assistant Club Captains - Wallace Young and Paul MacLaughlin, Nat Norfleet, Jr., Ronald Sorrell, Charles Ackerman, Ah Kin Yee, John Hollinger, Nick Beck, Albert Lemes, Robert Johnson, Douglas Kilpatrick, Thomas Reiner, Robert Casey, Peter George and Mark Hemmings.

We wish to thank Mr. Van Dorn and Mr. Hee for their assistance and to Thomas Arnott the co-ordinating director.

Last, but not least Mr. President, on behalf of the Athletic Committee, I wish to express our appreciation to you and all the officers and directors who have worked long and hard in solving the many problems relating to the club's operation in all areas.

Respectfully submitted,


John Cline Mann, Club Captain