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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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The year 1977 was a great year for OCC athletes. As in past years, our goals were to produce winning teams in our chosen sports and to gain membership participation in our events.

A brief rundown of our 1977 activities starts with OCC domination of most local volleyball tournaments followed by a second place in both the open and masters divisions of the OCC-sponsored National AAU Championships and finally 5th and 4th places respectively in the USVBA Championships held in Hilo. Outrigger Canoe Club was both host and sponsor of the '77 AAU Championships and, from all reports, did an outstanding job. Several hundred OCC members came out to support the tournament. One of my greatest sources of pride was seeing my fellow members "doing their thing" in all phases of the tournament, thereby making it a great success. Our future in volleyball looks very bright in that we have a large crop of young players to support our open team as well as a large group of outstanding players who recently broke the 35-year age barrier and are now eligible to play on the masters team.

Our club sailors did well in local regattas this past year and sponsored a local yachting regatta for the first time. Next year we expect to host several regattas and put our own fleet of boats to even better use.

Our mountain ball teams again won the Surveyors League and are now looking for greater conquests. Hopefully the OCC can enter league play that will produce an Island or State champion.

In surfing, the club continues to produce champion surfers. Our surfers start out in club meets and then go on to do well in amateur and professional events.

Our swimming program is oriented toward open ocean distance swimming. The club provides swimming clinics for training and conditioning and then enters swimmers in the Waikiki Rough Water Swim, the Castle Swim and the 9-mile Lanai to Maui Channel Swim.

In tennis, the club entered a Public Parks "C" League and took second place. The program also sponsored club tournaments that produced club champions in all categories.

Club golfers participated in two great tournaments this past year with fun and great companionship for all.

Running continues to gain popularity at an astounding rate, as evidenced by the turnout for the annual 26-mile Honolulu Marathon. Last year entries from the club numbered 38. This year, 61 entered and finished.

Canoe racing 1977 was probably our greatest single success. During the regatta season, the club started slowly, winning several individual regattas including the OCC-sponsored Macfarlane Day Memorial Regatta and then peaking and winning both the Oahu and State Championships. In distance racing club crews won all but one of the races entered. Of particular note, our senior womens crew won every race it entered — both regatta and distance.

Probably our most noteworthy triumph this year was our first overall win in the Molokai race and attainment of our goal to "beat the Tahitians." This was a hard-earned win and the crews and all of the support people should be proud of this one. Now that we are "number one," our task will be to stay there.

In closing a successful year, we must recognize the hard work, planning and persistence of our committee chairmen, coaches and committee members. Without their dedication, we would get nowhere.
