HAWAII CALIFORNIANS WIN PADDLEBOARD HONORS

Honors were Hawaii's at the recent 1956 annual California International Catalina Island to Manhattan Beach paddleboard race.

Winner of the stock division of the 32-mile race was Tom Zahn, former Californian who is now a resident of

Honolulu.

The two other members of the Hawaii team, Joe Quigg—who finished third—and Joe Sokolich, are Californians who have recently been living in Hawaii.

Presenting the men with the traditional Hawaiian lei at the finish of the race was Miss Hawaii, Jere Wright.

Zahn finished the race in six hours,

42 minutes, 10 seconds.

Mike Bright, Hermosa Beach lifeguard who was here last winter, finished first in the racing board division.

Zahn, who has competed and triumphed in a number of races and paddled the 36-mile Molokai-Oahu Channel several years ago, said this last race was his toughest.

The water was 15 degrees colder than Hawaii's, and paddlers fought a current on their beams "at least half way across."

Zahn said he developed cramps and nearly had to quit opposite the Palos Verdes cliffs