



New Winner for

Cline Mann Ko'olaupoko Paddleboard Race

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Girls Relay Teams

Front: Emi Ericksen, Skye Eversole, Norissa Goodman, Malia Sandvold, Teja Laird, Novell Goodman, Nanea Philpotts. Back: Elyse Ericksen, Ava Kilpatrick, Nicole Yarbrough, Mahina Akaka, Ariana Hunt, Maia Knox, Ellie Orr.

The 15th Annual Cline Mann Ko'olaupoko Paddleboard Race went off on July 12 in challenging conditions but offered sunny beautiful skies. Both the long (Makapuu) and short (Hawai'i Kai) race courses provided each competitor with a challenging and memorable day on the ocean.

With steady trade winds, the declining tide provided its usual antics that forced each paddler to decide which line they should take to get to the end of the race fastest.

The Outrigger-sponsored race honors the late John Cline Mann who loved the ocean and the sport of traditional prone paddleboarding and largely kept the sport alive in Hawai'i through the 1980s and 1990s. The former 10,000 meter Waikiki race course was altered in 2000 to the current Ko'olaupoko downwind course favored by many paddlers.

The long course of the Cline Mann race is the second longest race of the paddleboard racing season; second only to the Molokai to Oahu race. The competitors in this division often use this race as a barometer to gauge their ability and stamina to enter the Molokai 2 Oahu finale which occurs two weeks later.

The always challenging long course which is for prone paddleboards only, starts at Makai Pier and ends at OCC beach. It forces paddlers through a myriad of grueling conditions with a total distance of approximately 17 miles. Clark Abbey gave a wonderful blessing under the pier before the start of the race.

As paddlers jumped in the ocean and lined up to begin the race (holding hands to deliver a fair start), Kalani Schrader poured the ceremonial tribute Budweiser (Cline's beer of choice) into the water signaling the start of the race.

From the Makapuu Lighthouse all the way to Black Point, Keoni Watson lead the unlimited class division only to be edged out by Bert Charlton in the last leg of the race. Bert took first place with Keoni coming in a close second.

Third place went to one of Australia's founding fathers of paddleboarding, Mick DiBetta who is no stranger to Hawaiian waters and is one of the original paddleboarders who participated in the inaugural Molokai 2 Oahu race.

In the stock class division Mitch Allen took top honors, with Nick Fox and Kai Hall rounding out the top three.

The short course also began with a blessing by Clark, with paddlers hitting the water on stand up paddleboards (SUP's) and traditional prone boards. With the tide still pulling towards



Boys Relay Teams

Front Row: Sebastian Ako, Lars Andersen, Luke Biondi, Hobey Moss, Max Pflueger, Riley Haine, Mica Pedersen, Zack Orr, Jack Lyons. Back Row: Alex Dudgeon, Tyler Dudgeon, Brody Badham, Elijah Smith, Keawe Pedersen, Noa Haine, Kailoa Akaka, Grant Hogan, Jack Kilpatrick, Hunter Ericksen, Ford Lyons.

Koko Head, paddlers were also faced with the choice of going outside of Black Point with hopes of catching larger bumps, or taking an inside line to avoid the current and possibly drawing the fastest line from point A to point B.

Perennial powerhouse Scott Gamble led the charge from start to finish on his SUP and was chased by the multi-talented and very experienced young Riggs Napoleon. Scott was able to keep Riggs at bay, and was the first to the beach with Riggs taking second and Marshall Rosa third.

In the unlimited class prone division Troe Herlong was first, Stephen Valentin took down second, and the legendary Clark Abbey took third.

In the stock class prone division Kurt Lager took top honors followed by Hunter Pflueger and Ethan Siegfried.

Back at the Outrigger, at the start of the long course race, OCC Paddleboard Committee member, Dolan Eversole conducted a free Keiki paddleboard relay race. This free race is in its third year as part of the Cline Mann race.

The relay format pitted two-person teams with one 500 yard lap each out to the windsock and back. This year featured the largest turn out to date with 32 kids total. Taking the boys division were Hobey Moss and Luke Biondi and winning the Girls division were Mahina Akaka and Nicole Yarbrough. See the full results for the Keiki relay on page 5.

Once all competitors were in from the water, they were greeted with ono food provided by the OCC staff, a terrific raffle with amazing product donated by our generous supporting companies, and the incredible music of OCC's own (and past Cline Mann champ) Mikey Cote.

Many thanks goes out to all of the volunteers, competitors, OCC staff, donating companies, and the OCC Paddleboard Committee for making this year's race such a success.

It should be noted that although many competitors have their eyes on winning (or placing) in their respective divisions, this race is all about comradery, having fun, enjoying the ocean, and being grateful that we live in a place which allows us to participate in such great events.

Kimo Akaka who completed the short course embodies all of these things and continues to amaze and inspire many others as he deserves to be recognized for his great achievement on this day!



Keoni Watson was first OCC finisher.



Halie Harrison is greeted by mom Judi after winning women's SUP title.



Hunter Pflueger won the Junior Champion trophy for the second straight year.



Marshall Rosa races to the finish line.

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July 12, 2014

Results

Long Course - Makai Pier to OCC - 17+ Miles Top 10

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Bert Charlton	1st, Unl M40+	2:36:20
2.	Keoni Watson*	2nd, Unl M40+	2:38:55
3.	Mick Di Betta	3rd, Unl M40+	2:40:10
4.	Brad Gaul	1st, Unl M18-39	2:44:05
5.	Mitchell Allen	1st, Stock M18-39	2:45:57
6.	Nick Fox	2nd, Stock M18-39	2:46:49
7.	Kai Hall	3rd, Stock M18-39	2:52:04
8.	Mark Rocheleau*	4th, Stock M18-39	2:55:44
9.	Patrick Wong	1st, Stock M40+	2:57:56
10.	Greg Quinn	2nd, Stock M40+	2:58:39

Short Course - Hawaii Kai to OCC - 11+ Miles

Stand Up Paddle

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Scott Gamble*	1st, M40+	1:10:10
2.	Riggs Napoleon	1st, BU18	1:12:03
3.	Marshall Rosa*	2nd M40+	1:15:50
4.	Aaron Lui-Kwan	1st, M18-39	1:18:23
5.	Christian Bradley*	2nd, M18-39	1:18:42
6.	Ingo Rademacher	3rd, M40+	1:19:48
7.	Ka'eo Abbey	3rd, M18-39	1:22:44
8.	Alex Look	2nd, BU18	1:23:04
12.	Ke'ea Lum*	3rd, BU18	1:27:30
13.	Tapa Worthington*	3rd, M18-39	1:28:47
15.	Halie Harrison*	1st, Women	1:30:24
31.	Jane McKee*	6th, Women	1:56:52

Prone Paddleboard

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Kurt Lager	1st, Stock M18-39	1:26:08
2.	Hunter Pflueger*	1st, Stock BU18	1:26:42
3.	Ethan Siegfried*	2nd, Stock BU18	1:31:19
4.	Troe Herlong	1st, Unl M40+	1:33:19
5.	Stephen Valentin*	1st, Unl M18-39	1:44:09
6.	Aukai Manson*	3rd, Stock BU18	1:44:15
7.	Asher Robertson	4th, Stock BU18	1:44:25
8.	Clark Abbey	2nd, Unl M40+	1:45:10
9.	Noah Deer*	5th, Stock M18-39	1:47:25

*OCC Member

Cline Mann Keiki Paddleboard Relay Race

Boys Division

Place	Names
1.	Hobey Moss, Luke Biondi
2.	Noa and Riley Haine
3.	Max Pflueger, Kailoa Akaka
4.	Jack Lyons, Jack Kilpatrick
5.	Mica Pedersen, Zack Orr
6.	Tyler Dudgeon, Brody Badham
7.	Hunter Ericksen, Ford Lyons
8.	Sebastian Ako, Grant Hogan
9.	Alex Dudgeon, Elijah Smith

Girls Division

Place	Names
1.	Mahina Akaka, Nicole Yarbrough
2.	Taisia Laird, Malia Sandvold
3.	Elyse Ericksen, Nanea Philpotts
4.	Skye Eversole, Emi Ericksen
5.	Maia Knox, Navell Goodman
6.	Ellie Orr, Ariana Hunt
7.	Ava Kilpatrick, Marissa Goodman

