



Top: Grant Kenney still looks fresh at the end of his record-breaking race.

Above: It's Mark Buck in the Hayden Surf Ski which he and his brother manufacture locally under license from the Australian company.



Top: Sue Oldt welcomed husband Bob to the world of paddling competition when he finished 3rd in his first race, the alternate Maunalua Bay to Waikiki kayak race. A week later, Dr. Oldt again finished third in the Molokai-to-Oahu race. Sue, of course, is an OCC paddler, a member of the winning crew in the Dad Center race.

Above: Winner Grant Kenney and Anne Hogan, who placed 12th, congratulate each other at the completion of the alternate kayak race.

OCC Paddlers Participate in Kayak Races

On two consecutive Sundays, OCC paddlers took to their kayaks and one-man canoes for exciting races that undoubtedly will increase interest in the already-popular sport.

The first race, of course, was an alternate for the Kanaka 'I Kai Ka Molokai-Oahu kayak race, which was postponed because of extremely heavy seas. The alternate smooth-water race from Maunalua Bay to Waikiki proved a blessing in disguise for less-experienced paddlers, giving them a much-needed shakedown. The 20-mile race drew 18 boats and proved to be a good course that may be used again next season.

The Molokai-Oahu contest a week later found 17 kayaks plus two one-person canoes competing. The race began at Molokai's Laau Point and finished at Hawaii Kai's Maunalua Bay Beach Park. Winner of both races was Australian Grant Kenney, the 17-year-old who also won last year's cross-channel race. His time for the alternate race was 2 hours, 21 minutes; for the Molokai-Oahu contest, 4:46:30—44 minutes faster than his record pace of last year.

Club paddlers Bob Twogood and Bob Oldt placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in both races, a personal victory for Oldt, who began paddling only six

months earlier and was in competition for the first time. The two battled throughout the Molokai-Oahu race for second place, which would have been Oldt's had he not been penalized five minutes for not carrying safety equipment. "My safety gear was aboard my escort boat, which I believed to be legal," Oldt explained.

Anne Hogan and Eve Anderson upheld distaff honors in the two races. Both competed in the alternate race, and Eve was the only woman in the Molokai contest, interrupting her triathlon training to become the first woman to paddle a kayak across the Molokai Channel, finishing strong.