

Marshall Rosa, Mark Rigg Win OCC Winter Race

By Genie Kincaid

Overcast skies and flat conditions couldn't keep more than 200 kayakers and one-man canoe paddlers from racing eight miles from Hawaii Kai to the Club on January 17. So far, record numbers of participants, including scores of paddlers from Outrigger, have been registering in this season's Kanaka Ikaika events, and the popular downhill run to the Club was no exception.

South and west swells made surf conditions in the channel in front of the Club treacherous for these light ocean crafts. Getting into the Club was harrowing, but fortunately, there were no casualties.

In the open kayak division, Marshall Rosa is still teaching the kids how it's done, capturing top honors in a time of 1:07:29. Third place finisher Wyatt Jones was nearly a minute behind. Jim Beaton's 1:09:52 was good enough to win the 30-39 division, while David Buck's 1:10:28 got him first place in the 18-29 division.

The women's open kayak division had a very tight finish with Kelly Fey winning in a time of 1:16:52. Mary Smolenski came in just 12 seconds later and was third behind Fey.

The men's one-man canoe event looked like an exclusive Club affair. Defending Molokai champion Mark Rigg finished first in 1:13:38, while Courtney Seto was third overall in 1:14:50. Tom Connor won the 50-over division. Chris Kincaid took second in the 40-49 division. Andrew Glatzel took the 30-39 division. And Victor Sherman finished first among the 18-29 age group.

Among the women paddlers, Donna Kahakui took first place with a time of 1:27:45, while Paula Crabb finished fourth overall in 1:30:15, good enough to take the 40-49 division.

The Kanaka Ikaika season runs through May, so between now and then, there will be lots of other races for Outrigger paddlers to show their stuff. Ø