

Heading toward their 41st season as racing canoes for the OCC are the **Kakina** and the **Leilani**. Club Archivist **Kehau Stowell** recently learned the history of the two canoes from **Wally Froiseth**. Back in 1935 **Dad Center** was given the task of going to Hawaii to find a racing canoe for the Club. He found three beautiful canoes — the **Kakina**, **Leilani**, and the **Malia** — which he purchased for \$200 each and had shipped to Oahu so that the Board of Directors could decide which one to buy. After much haggling the **Kakina** and **Leilani** were bought for the Club. The **Malia**, purchased by **Dad Center** for himself, is now the property of **Waikiki Surf Club** and gives the OCC some of its stiffest competition during the canoe racing season. The **Kakina** and one of the other canoes — it is not known which one — were built by **Yamasaki**, one of two racing canoe builders of that time. It is interesting to speculate how many miles have been logged by OCC paddlers in these two canoes over four decades of racing . . . The OCC will be of-