

Paddling Season Begins—Again!

By Kris Smith

Temperatures are rising as summer approaches—the heat is on for the 1986 regatta season. Paddlers have been preparing to meet or beat their spectacular record of last summer for over a month.

Head coach this year is Walter Guild with Marc Haine serving as his assistant coach. The head coach for the men's division is Steve Scott. Mary Franco will head the women's division.

April 5th was the kick-off date for this year's season. Registration was during the day and was followed by the first party of the season. The theme for this year's bash was TACKY ALOHA. Any paddler that did not come appropriately attired was "dressed" by the paddling committee. During the evening a ceremony was held to present last year's state champions with their awards. Immediately following the ceremony, music filled the Club and paddlers partied until closing.

May 3rd was this year's Club Day—the first opportunity for the paddlers

to compete this year. The day began with speeches from our coaching staff. Then members split into teams, and the competition began. Club Day is an especially fun day as members who participate in particular sports get a sampling of the many activities available at OCC.

This year's Lokahi/OCC Scrimmage will be held May 10th at the beautiful Ala Wai. OCC hopes to carry home the coveted "Scrimmage Trophy" again this year. Then it's the beginning of the race season on June 8th as Kailua hosts the Kamehameha Regatta.

Auntie Eva Pomroy blessed the Club's new 40-foot Hawaiian class fiberglass racing canoes on April 5. She named one the Hokuwelowelo (Comet) and the other Leahy (Diamond Head). She also blessed the new surfing canoe, Eleu (Smart, Clever). The canoes were built by the Fiberglass Shop and will be used during the 1986 season.



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OHCRA Schedule

REGATTAS

June

- 8 King Kamehameha Regatta
- 15 Leeward Regatta
- 22 Waimanalo Regatta
- 29 Healan Regatta

Kailua Beach Park
Nanakuli Beach Park
Waimanalo Beach Park
Keehi Lagoon Park

July

- 4 Walter Macfarlane Regatta
- 5 "Blue Hawaiian Moonlight Concert"
- 13 John D. Kaupiko Regatta
- 20 Oahu Championship

Waikiki
Waikiki Shell

KMCAS Bay
Keehi Lagoon Park

August

- 2 HCRA State Championship

Hilo Bay

LONG DISTANCE RACES

May

- 24/25 Honolulu Regatta

Pearl Harbor

August

- 10
- 17 Duke Kahanamoku Race

Pearl Harbor
Magic Island to
Kailua Beach Park
Kailua Beach Park to Outrigger

- 23 Dad Center Race

September

- 7 Skippy Kamakawiwaole Memorial Race
- 14 Kaena Challenge
- 28 Na Wahine O Ke Kai

Sans Souci
to Pokai Bay
Haleiwa to Pokai Bay
Hale O Lono to Ft. DeRussy

October

- 12 Molokai Hoe

Hale O Lono to Ft. DeRussy