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Outrigger's Proud Role in CANOE RACING HISTORY

By Marilyn Kali

As canoe racing season rolls around it's time for all of us to be reminded of the Outrigger Canoe Club's great legacy and the important role the Club has played in making the sport what it is today.

While we all know that the Outrigger Canoe Club was formed in 1908 to make sure that "the sports of old Hawaii would always have a home," it is not as well known that the Club and its members took a leading role in reintroducing modern canoe racing in Hawaii in the 1930s and again in the 1940s and sponsored and officiated at most of the early races.

So as we pick up our paddles for another canoe racing season, let's review how OCC has helped the sport of outrigger canoe racing grow from our small canoe club on the beach in Waikiki to an international phenomenon with races now taking place around the world.

IN THE BEGINNING

OCC fielded its first outrigger canoe racing crew in 1908 in a race in Honolulu Harbor. In the early days, it was the custom for winners of outrigger canoe races to receive cash prizes. OCC paddlers were among the first to refuse cash in favor of medals, cups or other non-monetary prizes. The OCC policy was: "The Club has a duty to protect the amateur standing of its young members and no person should be allowed to represent the Club in any contest where cash is involved."

There were a few canoe races in the 1910s and 1920s, most often held in Waikiki, in conjunction with surfing contests. OCC entered and won many. Outrigger's first 4th of July race held in 1910, was just such a dual surfing and canoeing competition.

RACING REVIVED IN NAPO'OPO'O



Lorrin Thurston

In 1933, the first attempt to organize six-man canoe racing was made.

Former Outrigger President Lorrin Thurston, related in his oral history, that E. E. Black, a contractor, came to him and said he has just finished building the road from Kailua-Kona to just beyond Pu'uwa'aw'aa Ranch. He asked Thurston what he

could do to show his appreciation to his employees and the people of Kona for their patience during the road work.

Thurston, who had his own canoe, the *Kakina I*, loved to canoe surf and race others at Waikiki.

"I talked with Dad Center and suggested that perhaps we might start canoe racing again. And he encouraged me. To make a long story short, I raised enough money to buy medals for all the races. Princess



Dad Center

Kawananakoa was one of the principal donors. I went to Kona and interested Julian Yates, Louis Macfarlane and Eugene Kaupiko in holding a canoe race.

"They organized canoe crews from Kailua, Honaunau and Milolii to compete against crews from Oahu: Hui Nalu, Outrigger and Queen's Surf. There were five races and OCC

won three. The crews raced in Napo'opo'o. This was the first race that featured canoe racing only."

Races were also held in 1934 and 1935 in Kona.

One of the problems involved in holding the race in Kona was how to get the many paddlers from Oahu to Kona.

"I didn't have the money to pay for their steamship fares and there were no planes," Thurston explained. "We finally worked out a proposition with the U.S. Coast Guard who were able to bring the paddlers over in daylight hours—not spending any night on board—and we were able to get facilities to house the boys at the home of the Reverend Shannon Walker and a pavilion of the YMCA at Keauhou. The local boys stayed in their own homes.

"The Inter Island Steamship Company ran a special excursion of the *Waialeale* for spectators to view the races. There were four or five official boats of the U.S. Navy, two from Australia, and probably 15 yachts.

"After the races, everyone gathered at the Kona Inn for dancing and a luau."

MORE THAN JUST AN 'EXCURSIONIST'



Mariechen Wehseleau Jackson

It was also the start of modern canoe racing for Outrigger women.

Mariechen Wehseleau Jackson, Hawaii's first female Olympic Gold Medalist (1924 in swimming), sailed on the *Waialeale* as an "excursionist" to see the races along with Ruth Scudder Gillmar, Oma Haley, and Ann Barkey Cook. On other boats were Ginger Joyce and Dot Ruttman Lambert.

"Prior to going up," Mariechen relates, "Dad Center had said to me, 'Now, Squeaky, why don't you get a crew together because then you can race against the women up in Kona.' I thought he was joking. We were watching from the *Waialeale* and all of a sudden Lorrin Thurston came out with a megaphone and he yells, 'Squeaky, Dad wants you to get your crew together. So we decided to go have some fun. Then Dad tells us we're going to race in the *Hanakeoki*. The *Hanakeoki* was huge and I had only steered a 10-foot canoe before.

"We started out to the starting line and I steered the canoe just as straight as could be, very nicely. We flirted with the Coast Guard who were the officials, at the starting line. We waited and waited and finally the other crew came along. And they were elderly women, all white long hair, and they were wearing muumuu and the top of the canoe was just about three or four inches from the water. They were large women. They came out paddling very steadily and when they got out there the Coast Guard explained the rules and regulations to them and we lined up.

"We went out fast, and when I looked again, I had to shake my head. I couldn't believe it. We were going around in a circle. Then we headed right for the judges' boat and we had to yell to the judges to get out of our way. I couldn't handle that canoe. We mowed down a couple of flags. We went all over the place. And the other crew won, but by just a very, very little. If we had gone straight we would have won. The Hawaiian women won the gold medals from Princess Kawananakoa fair and square."

In 1936 interisland paddling moved to Honolulu Harbor with the Honaunau crews sweeping the events. The interisland races ceased at the onset of World War II. However, Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Waikiki Surf Club and several other clubs raced occasionally in Waikiki.

MACFARLANE REGATTA FOUNDED



Bill Capp

Robert (Bob) Fischer recalled in his oral history in 1985 that he thought a lot about canoe racing after the war started, and he got together with John D. Kaupiko (founder of Hui Nalu) in 1943 and asked him to put together a crew for a summer race. Bill Capp was on the Board of Directors and he got OCC to sponsor the race.

After OCC President Walter J. Macfarlane's untimely death in April 1943, the Board decided to name the already planned race after him. That race is now the Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Regatta and has been held on the 4th of July every year since. The Macfarlane Regatta is the oldest continual six-man outrigger canoe race in the world, celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. There were 13 events in the 1943 Macfarlane and original participants were OCC, Hui Nalu, Royal Hawaiian, Halekai, Beach Patrol, and Queens Surfers.

Starting the Macfarlane relaunched six-man outrigger canoe racing for the second time in modern history, and earned Fischer the title "father of present day canoe racing." This time canoe racing was here to stay.

After World War II, other races were organized to commemorate special events, such as Maritime Day and

Kamehameha Day, and races were held in Honolulu Harbor, the Ala Wai Canal, Keehi Lagoon and various places on the Windward side.

FORMALIZING & ORGANIZING



OHCRA dedicated its 1988 championship regatta to Bob Fischer who led the formation of the association, and served as its race starter for many years. Bob is shown with Anita Brightman. He also steered the first women's crew in the Macfarlane Regatta in 1943.

Over the next few years Outrigger's William Capp, Dad Center, Duke Kahanamoku and Bob Fischer, who were often called on to organize and officiate at the races, became increasingly alarmed at what was happening. Each race was different. There was haphazard measuring of the race courses, different race rules for each race, and basically no consistency from race to race or year to year.

"You had to get Dad and Duke, all the old gang, and they said this and that and we raced here one time and there another, and when can you pass, when can you cut over, how much clearance?" explained Capp at a Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association (HCRSA) meeting a few years later.

"There was nothing in writing. We thought it was time to establish some kind of an association if canoe paddling was to be perpetuated," Capp said.

"Being on the Board of Directors of the Outrigger, I got together with Duke and we talked it over and he thought it was a good idea to see if the Board would put up some money and try to get the ball rolling," he added.

On February 24, 1950, Bob Fischer appeared before the OCC Board of Directors and recommended the formation of a Hawaiian surfing and canoe racing association to standardize the rules for all water sports events. The committee was to be composed of members chosen from the Outrigger Canoe Club, Hui Nalu and the Waikiki Surf Club.

"The Board agreed to have a cocktail party and dinner at the Outrigger and we outlined to them that we were going to invite three members from each of the existing clubs, plus any that might be forming or had any idea of forming.

"Before we actually had the meeting we got some bylaws from various clubs, like the Racing Association, and started fitting them together, trying to write some bylaws that would be applicable or appropriate for canoe racing," Capp added.

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OCC's first canoe racing champions, 1908-1909, front: Kenneth Brown, Ted Malanphy and Dad Center. Back: Knute Cotrell, V. Zen Genoves, Harry Steiner.

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"That's when I started bothering people like Johnny Lind and Duke. I'd take these things and triple space them and hand them copies and let them look them over and write in their suggestions, and the same with the rules for the various races and also

the events that you have. I'd collect them and maybe next time double space them. That went on for quite a while and then finally we got together at the OCC and had a few drinks and some steaks and that was the starting of the canoe racing association.

"We started out with four clubs (Outrigger, Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf Club and Koolaupoko). What I tried to do was get the thing rolling because I realized it was a necessity to keep participation and outrigger canoe races alive."

Although the organization started in 1950, it wasn't formally incorporated until 1963.

HCRSA

The first elected president of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association was Outrigger's Samuel Fuller, who a couple of years later became president of the OCC.

The stated purpose of the HCRSA: "The Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association was organized in 1950 with the encouragement and advancement of canoe racing and surfing in the territory as its main objective."

The first Territorial Championships were held in 1951 in Honolulu Harbor. Participants were the four charter members of HCRSA. Waikiki Surf Club won.

"As the sport grew we had to have some officials. I couldn't paddle and coach and do everything else so I became the official starter," Fischer related. "At the time we didn't have walkie-talkies and the other fancy radio communication facilities we have now. I had a big bull horn on the beach and a simple amplifying system. I talked into that, looked out across the lanes and tried to get the canoes lined up. I'd call them back and forth to get them even. It was a real challenge. I was the official HCRA race starter for nearly 20 years. I was the arbitrator of disputes, race director, starter, you name it, for a long time."

GROWING PAINS

"The canoe association began to grow, more clubs,

joined with different types of canoes. Some canoes were longer and some were shorter than others," Fischer explained. "Some weighed more, some less. It was soon obvious that the longer and lighter canoes had a great advantage. It boiled down after long discussions and measurements to getting a canoe that conformed in general shape to the *Malia* owned by the Waikiki Surf Club.

"The standard we made was that the canoe had to be "Hawaiian" in design. No "V" at the bow or stern. More like a typical Hawaiian surfing or fishing canoe. Slight variations were permitted in length and breadth but weight could not be less than 400 pounds. These were the first specifications for the koa canoes," Fischer continued.

"When the fiberglass canoes entered the picture it was funny. A big argument developed as to which was faster, a 400 pound koa or a 400 pound fiberglass canoe. Really, it was humorous for anybody with any engineering at all. These original standards were subsequently refined, approved, adopted and observed by HCRA until the Tahitian canoes entered the picture."

By 1953, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association had expanded to eight clubs: adding Kai Opuu and Honaunau from the Big Island, and Healani from Oahu.

The racing season included six regattas: Maritime Day in Honolulu Harbor; Kamehameha Day in Keehi Lagoon; the Windward Oahu Championships in Kailua; the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta, Waikiki Beach; the Oahu Championships in Keehi Lagoon; and the Julian Yates Hawaiian Canoe Racing Championships (Territorial Championship), Kailua Kona.

Race day included 11 events: Boys under 13, Boys 17 & Under, Junior Men, Novice Men, Junior Women, Freshman Men, Women Novice, Senior Men, Junior Men, Senior Women, Senior Men 4. Races ranged from quarter-mile (Boys under 13) to three miles for the Senior Men.

RACING FROM LAAU POINT TO WAIKIKI BEACH

On April 26, 1949 a meeting was held at the OCC to discuss a plan for holding the longest canoe race in the world. This race was the dream of Outrigger's Toots Minvielle, and would begin at La'au Point in Molokai and finish at the old Club on Waikiki Beach.

The Molokai Hoe became a reality in 1953. Outrigger declined to enter the first race citing safety and liability concerns. OCC finally entered its first crew in the Molokai in 1956, after making them sign liability waivers. OCC won.

THE SPORT GROWS

By the late 1950s the association dropped surfing

from its name and became the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association.

During the next two decades, organized canoe racing continued with new clubs forming throughout the state. As interest grew, additional events were added to regattas to reflect more youth races and women's events and the number of regattas increased. Although the HCRA operated with Bylaws and Racing Rules, these were constantly changing to reflect the growth of the sport.

In 1973 the Hui Wa'a Surfing and Racing Association was formed on Oahu with six members. They were the first association to not require traditional koa canoes for racing. This opened up canoe racing to many new clubs that didn't have access to a koa canoe and began racing in fiberglass canoes.

Paddling on the Neighbor Islands had also grown, with each island having formed its own association of member clubs, many with the help of Bill Capp and Bob Fischer. Oahu became the only island whose canoe clubs were individual members of HCRA.

"Complications arose when Moku O Hawaii formed," Fischer recalled, "and had the Tahitians make two koa canoes out of one log for them. Unfortunately the canoes did not meet HCRA specifications. There was a big hassle and Oahu clubs refused to participate in events which allowed the Tahitian canoes to race.

"The end result was the HCRA became an umbrella organization with all the various canoe racing associations on each island retaining their autonomy as individual members of HCRA. They were free to conduct races on their home islands under their own rules but must conform to HCRA rules and specifications on all HCRA sanctioned events," Fischer said.

FOUNDING OF OH CRA

When HCRA became the umbrella organization in 1979, Oahu clubs, led by Fischer, formed the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and became part of HCRA. As part of the separation from HCRA, OH CRA became the official owner and sponsor of the Molokai Hoe race.

Hui Wa'a finally joined HCRA in 1983.

KEEHI LAGOON CANOE FACILITY

Bob Fischer, who paddled in the 1933 race in Kona, helped form HCRA and OH CRA, coached and steered OCC women's crews, and was a longtime race official, didn't stop there.

He felt that the canoe racing community needed a home, a better place to hold competitions, so in the early 1980s he spearheaded the drive to create a canoe facility in Keehi Lagoon on the Diamond Head side of Honolulu International Airport.

Working with the Department of Transportation, the Legislature, and other canoe clubs, the Keehi Lagoon Master Plan was developed and the improvements were funded by the Legislature. Under this plan, the state dredged Keehi Lagoon, landscaped it and built the canoe racing facilities that we use there today (judges' pavilion, restrooms, showers and canoe halau).

PADDLING TODAY - COME JOIN US!



Today HCRA sponsors the State Championship regatta each year, and has its own race rules for the race. The five associations each hold their own championship regatta prior to the States. In 2012 there were 77 canoe clubs in Hawaii, representing more than 8,000 registered paddlers on five islands, and more than 50 regattas and long distance races sponsored by the various associations. And there are hundreds of canoe clubs around the world following in our footsteps, enjoying a sport founded in Hawaii by kings and supported for more than 100 years by the OCC.

Outrigger's founders loved the ocean and the water sports of the early Hawaiians. Over the years, they stepped in and took the actions that were necessary to preserve and perpetuate the sports and establish the framework that allowed them to grow and thrive.

Through the vision, leadership and hard work of dedicated members like Bill Capp, Bob Fischer and Dad Center, canoe racing as we know it today, exists. We honor Bob Fischer by giving an award each year in his name to the Most Valuable Boy and Girl paddler. We honor Dad Center by naming a women's distance race for him. The perpetual trophies for the winners are in our Lobby Trophy Case.

You will also find all of their names on the prestigious Winged "O" plaque in the Lobby for their leadership and service to the Club.

We are proud that Outrigger members started the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association, were instrumental in forming the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, wrote the first race rules and helped new clubs form and become competitive.

And not only have Outrigger Canoe Club and its' members contributed so much to the sport, we are also the winningest canoe club; we have more Territorial, State, Association, and Molokai championships than any other club.

If you have ever paddled for the Club, then you are part of this heritage and should be proud to be part of this dynasty. If you've never paddled, join us this year and earn your place in Club history.

As the Terrace Turns

Members are invited to submit items for this column. Items should be left at the Front Desk or emailed to occmag@aol.com. Items received by March 25 will appear in the May magazine. Items received after March 25 will appear in June. Be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is necessary.



Ann and Van Corum check out the well being of Patrick O'Connor, Mimi Sugane, and Nani the dog at Jolly Roger Restaurant in Oceanside California during the holidays.



Kainalu Eversole fell asleep during a recent canoe paddle on the *Pu'eone*. When dad Dolan brought the canoe back to the beach Kainalu slept on the manu for another 15 minutes. Talk about comfortable in the ocean.



The Gentry-Balding family enjoyed a Down Hill Whistler adventure. Front row, from left, Nautica, Sirena and Corin Gentry Balding. Middle: Billy Balding, Kaimana Gentry Balding. Back: Tasia Gentry Balding, Nora Meijde-Gentry, Candes Meijde Gentry, and Poet Gentry Hauge.



LEFT: Davis Bell placed second in the Sub Masters Raw division of the U. S. Powerlifting Association Camp Pendleton Open held on January 12. This was his first powerlifting event.

BELOW: Tommy Conner, his wife Renee and son Capt. Vaimana Conner at Vaimana's graduation from F-22 Weapon School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.



Todd Dickie, Jon Whittington, and Erik Elgren recently hosted PGA golfer Tim Herron in the Ka Mo'i Boathouse. Tim was in Hawaii to play in the Sony Open at Waialae CC.





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At the OCC

Summer Water Recreation Programs

Surf Canoe Rides & Steering Clinics

The monthly canoe rides and steering clinics will continue through the summer. These programs are free to OCC members. Canoe rides are normally the first Saturday of each month, with the steering clinics on the second Saturday. See the E-news for any schedule changes. The sailing canoe rides will be suspended, once the summer surf starts and will resume in the autumn.

Contact Beach Services at 808.921.1460 or more information and to sign up. Limited enrollment.

Programs for OCC Junior Members:

OCC Surf Camp

Learn to surf or brush up on your surfing skills with Outrigger's very own surfing staff and members. In addition to practicing surfing skills, the program provides an introduction to Hawaiian oceanography, waves, and weather and covers surfing rules, etiquette, and safety. Program includes boards and transportation (weather dependent).

June 3 - 7, 2013, 8 am to 2 pm (Outrigger Canoe Club drop off and pickup) Cost is \$250 for the week. Members age 10+ only.

Must be able to swim.

Additional information, including how to register will be in an upcoming edition of the *Outrigger* and the E-news.



Kō Kainalu

This lifeguard-style waterman/woman program is designed to introduce kids to water safety, ocean skills, boating, sailing and paddling and much more. There is a strong emphasis on ocean

science and practical life skills lessons (e.g. risk assessment and judgment)

This year we are expanding the program with 4 one-week sessions to offer more flexibility and greater detail. The program repeats after the second week. Members may sign up for one or two weeks with the option of taking any of the weeks to fit their schedule.

The program starts July 22 with the last class ending August 16.

Hours are 8 am to 3:30 pm (Outrigger Canoe Club drop off and pickup) Open to OCC Members age 10 - 18. Participants must be able to swim.

Additional information, including pricing and how to register will be in an upcoming *Outrigger* and the E-news.



Cribbage Tournament

Join the fun at the *2013 OCC Cribbage Tournament* in the *Koa Lanai*. You may bring a partner or be paired with someone at the tournament. The event is free and refreshments will be provided. Sign up at the Front Desk. Contact Margie Howe at 924-1815 for more information. **Saturday, March 16, 2013, Noon**

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A Legend Born on the Wave

Chicken Soup from the Soul of Hawai'i was the Hawaii "Bestseller of the Year" and our mission was to try and capture the Aloha Spirit in print. In this collection of inspirational stories, Hawai'i's Living Treasures, elders, residents and visitors alike revealed the mystery and magic that is Hawai'i and how it changed their lives. The story of Duke Kahanamoku's legendary surfboard ride is one of those stories.

This book is a makana, a gift from the storytellers of Hawai'i to the world. Each story offers a nugget of wisdom, reminding us of who we are and who we want to be. In this spirit, respected waterman Fred Hemmings shares an historic moment in the world of surfing. --Robin Robr

By Fred Hemmings

Duke Kahanamoku was born in Waikiki in 1890 when Waikiki was still a sleepy village. He grew up on the beach and the famous surfs of Waikiki were his playgrounds. This full-blooded Hawaiian became a child of the ocean and soon excelled in swimming, surfing and outrigger canoe paddling.

In 1912 Duke Kahanamoku represented America in the Stockholm Olympics, where he not only won the gold medal, he broke the record for the 100 meters swimming race. His Olympic participation continued on for 4 more Olympics.

Back in Hawai'i he became revered as a modern day Ali'i or royalty. Duke is also recognized as the "Father of surfing". He introduced his beloved sport around the world. When Duke passed away in 1968 he was heralded as Hawaii's greatest citizen. He was a surfer. Here is one part of his legend.

It was the summer of 1917. He stood on the beach looking to the surf. Nearby, Apuakehau stream emptied the cool clear waters of Manoa valley into the sea. On his left stood the Moana Hotel. The setting was framed in the distance by the Koolau mountains. The morning sun rose above the peak of Leahi the extinct volcano now called Diamond Head. Waikiki, the fertile crescent of surfing, was the home of this man's spirit.

A dull persistent thunder called out from the ocean. Friends who ride the waves gathered, enraptured by what was happening in the ocean. They had heard ancient chants and legends of this day. Out, far out in the Bay of Waikiki rose up huge swells, the size of which were seen rarely in a lifetime.

While the others simply watched in awe, one chiseled figure of a man knew he was being beckoned by the waves. The man was Duke Kahanamoku. He had nothing to prove to the world: he had already won Olympic gold. He had nothing to prove to himself: he knew full well who he was. This challenge was simply between him, the ocean, and the gods. Though appearing robust and regal, he was scared. His ancestors had challenged the waves such as these that were given to them by the gods. Were these waves a gift, a test or a curse of death?

He felt the forces at work. The shore was under siege by the tumult of the sea. Breaking far out in the bay were huge moving walls of water, marching relentlessly forward.

It pulled at him, seeming to whisper, "Come. I am your destiny."

He murmured to his friends, "We have to ride these waves."

Papa Nui was the name of his board. It was sixteen feet long; a wooden battleship made to challenge the

big waves. His friend's dad, Kawika and several others joined him in the long paddle out to Kalehuawehe, the point under Diamond Head where the huge waves first felt the resistance of the island.

After paddling over a mile he arrived at a spot in the ocean that was the line up or point of take off for Kalehuawehe. This is where a surfer launches down the face of a moving mountain of water.

His breath was shallow and swift. He knew he must relax and gain his composure.

He was not going to ride "a" wave. He was going to ride the wave of his life.

Few know the chilling ecstasy of riding a wave that could kill you.

Soon, a dark monster loomed where the deep blue of the ocean replaced the aqua of the near shore. This was his wave. He paddled furiously out to meet it. At precisely the right moment he sat up and swung his surfboard toward shore; it was angled slightly to the left. He must take off flying across the wall to gain the speed needed to beat the break. His strokes were long, powerful and deliberate. His breath was deep and in the rhythm of each thrust. His big board slowly gained speed as the slope of the demon wave lifted him.

"I am committed, I am on the face of this monster, I must not abandon this quest in fear," he thought.

The wall of water marched into the Bay of Waikiki. Flying forward, the peril of the wave that threatened his very existence melted into a state of exhilaration that he never knew.

His fear began to ease as his big board, Papa Nui, rode into the middle of the bay. The beach of Waikiki was within his reach. He had ridden the wave over a mile but somehow for what seemed only a few fleeting moments. The diminished wall of water collapsed around him as he pointed his board straight to shore. Papa Nui was best in these situations. The big board's length and weight allowed him to plow through the churning white water like a battleship on the high seas.

A crowd had gathered on the beach fronting the Moana Hotel. They had come to see the wave riders challenge the sea. They had never dreamed they would witness one man facing down the wave of all waves for over a mile and a half.

This triumphant figure was now standing tall on his board as it neared the shore. He stepped off Papa Nui as the surge hit the beach. The once invincible wave washed up onto the beach-and disappeared into memory.

The gods had smiled on this son of Hawai'i. He had done it. The surfing legend of Duke Kahanamoku was born.

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Honolulu Marathon

By Don Eovino

Outrigger Canoe Club's Running Committee performed its annual Honolulu Marathon ritual: Katy Bourne arranged the van and Don Eovino greeted the runners at 4:15 a.m. for a group photo. This photo op is always a subdued event. The runners are barely awake as they prepare themselves for 26.2 miles of running.

Katy Bourne drove the runners to their 5 a.m. start in the dark of the morning. It was colorful this morning besides the tree lit up from the night before, there was a character that has been doing these runs for over 30 years with horns our guest-Cowman Amooha!

It was a spectacular morning for the 40th anniversary of the Honolulu Marathon. Amy Hanaialii sang the National Anthem and Hawaii Ponoii while the fireworks lit up the night sky. The morning was cool and breezy and all the vog had rolled out of town just in the nick of time. More than 24,000 runners finished.

What a great tradition for Hawaii. Many finishers donned their shirt and had a delicious brunch at the Club afterwards, right across the street from the 26 mile mark!



PCC Marathoners: Cowman Amooha (without horns), Candes Meijide-Gentry, Guest Ed Bugarin (with Cowman's horns), Corin-Gentry-Balding, Brad Coates, Laura Bromley, Sheri Keefer, Myrna Bromley, Lauri Foster, Bruce Ames, Tom Kelleher and Don Eovino.

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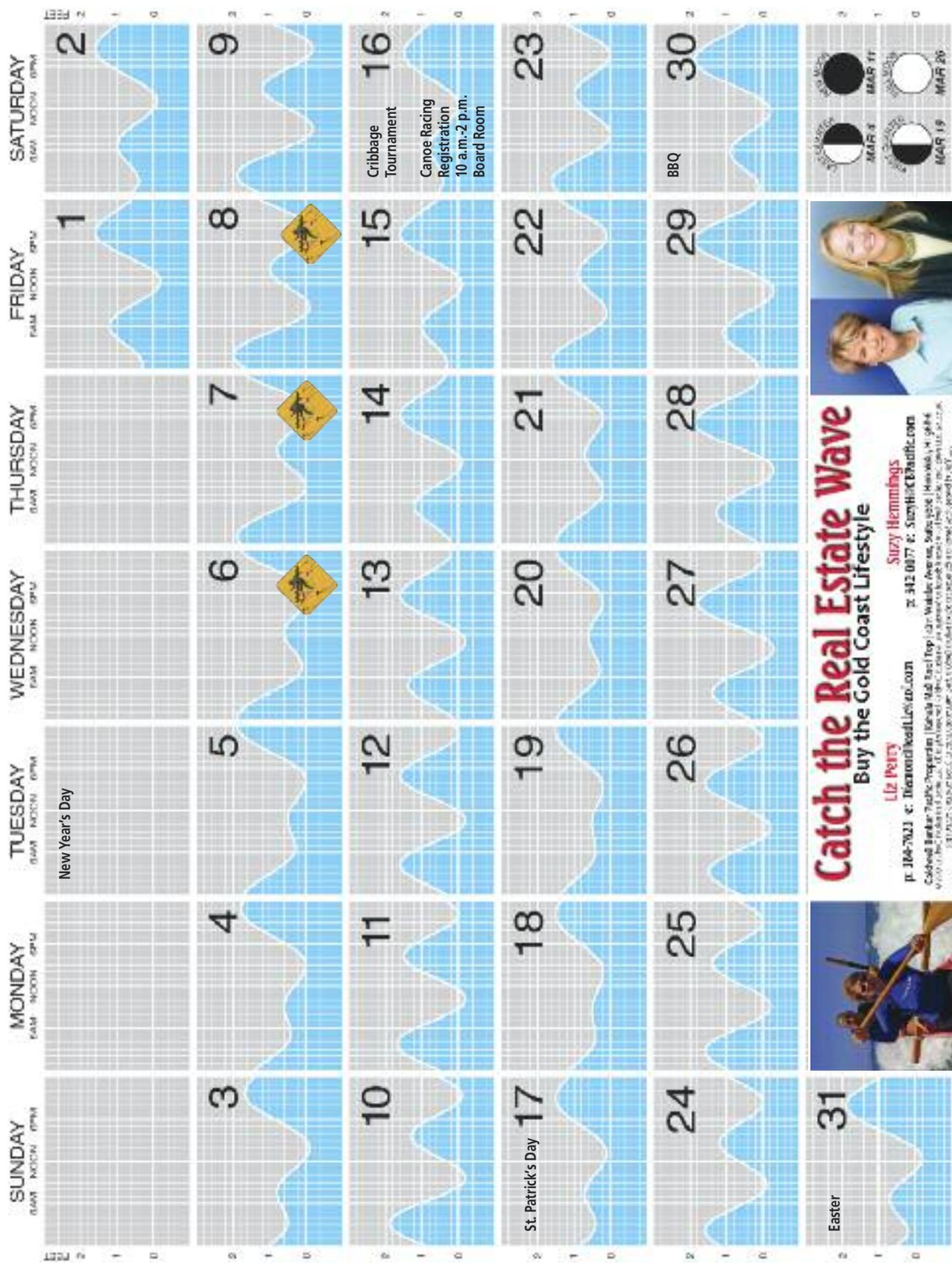
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Backward Glances

By Carol Lynn Remillard

20 Years Ago 1993

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St. Patrick's Day was a big success. Sixteen members of the Honolulu Police Pipe Band, including two dancers, all in native costumes, gave a great performance. The corned beef and cabbage buffet was delicious as always.

The first-ever OCC Concert by the Sea featuring the Peter Moon Band was a standing room only sell out with 350 in attendance and another 150 on a waiting list. You could hear a pin drop during the concert as many remembered when they entertained us at the Club in the 1970s. Then stardom whisked them away. However, the Entertainment Committee was able to persuade them to come back for a concert all of our own!

Hawaii the Way It Was in 1934 drew more than 200 members and guests. De Soto Brown, Bishop Museum archivist, and Lowell Angell, theater historian, presented four 10-minute travelogues (narrated by Don Blanding) one each for the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii. Seen as a group the four films provided a glimpse of how Hawaii looked before high rises, gridlock and bedroom communities.

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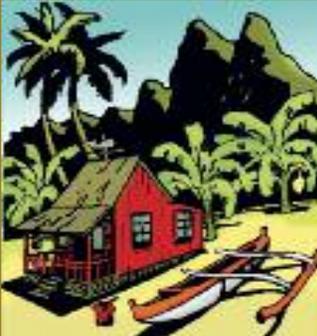
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New Year Resolution for Resolute Outrigger Members

By Don Eovino

Every New Year's Day for the last 13 years a resolute group meets at the Pali hairpin turn at 7:30 a.m., come rain or shine, drunk or sober, sleep or no sleep, and it usually is all of the above. With bleary eyes, steely resolve, and minimal gear and water, this stalwart group hikes down the Maunawili Trail into the finish at Waimanalo, a distance of nine miles from the hairpin turn.

It wouldn't be as mystical if it didn't rain. The forest sprouts greenery, the ground spongy, the creeks seeping, the waterfalls weeping, and the mist is like you'd imagine from the movie *Gorilla's in the Mist*, except we are the gorillas. The effort is rewarded each year with a sense of awe and accomplishment in starting the New Year off right with an experience like this. It is not a race, the time is usually 4-5 hours. It is a beginner's trail, just long and a little more precarious with the rain, but nevertheless an adventure.

This was Alex's Jampel's first hike. Having won the Castle swim in November, he was thrilled to have done this. Cassie Senner recently returned home and also did the hike for the first time.

Blake Johnson is also a swimmer who pushes it through our hikes in spite of two replacement hips. Katy and I started this hike years ago with Fred Hemmings when he lived in the

valley and offered us some of his local lore. We frequently do this trail and also the mysterious "Flume".

With the start of a new year, the Running Committee of Katy, Don and Andrea Lehman will be planning a monthly hike over unique terrain on the island for hikers of all levels. Most hikes are geared to the beginner and intermediate hiker, with hikes that one can do longer or shorter depending on their ability. Usually there is a pot-luck brunch afterwards accompanied by Eovino's grill. There are a few that are for experts but will be identified as such.

Andrea keeps the info going with timely e-mails blasts and OCC flyers, and usually participates in them as well. The Running Committee also enters a team in the Hana Relay every September, and has come away with many group victories.



Gathering for this year's New Year's Day hike are Alex Jampel, Cassie Senner, Don Eovino, Blake Johnson, Katy Bourne and Gerry DeBenedetti.

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Employee of the Month

Lorna Domingo

By Stephen Riede

Lorna Domingo was named Employee of the Month for December. Lorna began working at the Club in 2007 and was previously Employee of the Month in August 2008.

Snack Shop supervisor Lisa Gose states: "Lorna is hard-working, reliable, and recently filled in when needed while two of our employees were out unexpectedly on leave. She can always be counted on to take initiative and do a great job."

Lorna is also a Certified Nurse Assistant and works at a care home in Aiea. She has two children, ages 17 and 13 and enjoys spending time with them when not at work. Congratulations Lorna!

In Memoriam

Maurice A. Johnson Jr.

Deceased: January 2, 2013

Club Member: 35 years

Marita C. Biven

Deceased: January 22, 2013

Club Member: 48 Years

Harwood "Dan" Williamson

Deceased: January 18, 2013

Club Member: 57 Years

William M. Barnhart

Deceased: February 7, 2013

Club Member: 85 Years

Dr. Jack R. Pennington

Deceased: January 24, 2013

Club Member: 30 Years

ON THE COVER

OCC Beach Services attendant Damon Ernst was towed into this wave on the Outer Reef of the North Shore.

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BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs is taken from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 31, 2013.

Membership Count: The Membership Count was 4,770 as of December 31, 2012.

Judges of Election: The Board approved the following members to serve on the Judges of Election Committee: Gerri Pedesky (Chair), Peter Balding, Gerry DeBenedetti, Kent Giles, Maureen Kilcoyne, Jack Mattice, Arden Moore, and Gordon Smith.

Initiation Fee Criteria: The Board approved a change of policy in determining the initiation fee for a new member. Previously the fee was set at the age/category that the applicant was at the time their membership was approved. The new policy sets the fee at the age/category that the applicant's membership packet is complete and accepted by the Membership Secretary. The Board has set a 12 month deadline for the application process to be completed, with Board approval needed for exceptions due to extenuating circumstances. This policy will apply to all applicants currently with completed applications awaiting approval of membership and all future applicants.

Application Deposit: The Board did not approve a recommendation from the A & M committee to create a refundable application deposit. Administrative costs and the necessity for such a deposit were the main considerations in denying the recommendation.

Volleyball Committee Policy & Procedure: The Board approved the Volleyball Committee Policy & Procedure document submitted by the Volleyball Committee.

Athletic Membership (AM): The Board approved the following Athletic Membership Guidelines:

- Each AM will have a specified term based on their level of involvement during the year, (criteria to be determined by the Canoe Racing Committee) with the following options: a. 4 months – for those who are only participating in Regatta season; b. 6 months – for those who are participating in Regatta and Distance seasons; c. 9 months – for those who are participating in Regatta and Distance seasons, and want to join in organized pre-season practices and events, and d. 12 months – for those who will participate in Regatta and Distance seasons, and want to utilize Club facilities during the

off-season for fitness and training. (The Board is requesting additional clarification from the Paddling Committee regarding criteria to qualify for 12 months).

- AM's will provide bank account information to facilitate automated ACH withdrawals to cover their monthly dues.
- Reinstatement will be required each year for those who want to extend their AM status to the following calendar year. The maximum duration for AM status (including annual reinstatements) has previously been set at three (3) years

The Board rejected a proposal to allow AM spouses who want to participate in paddling be subject to the same dues as regular members. The Board feels that each person participating in the Athletic Membership program should be treated separately.

The Board approved the following recommendation with a revision: As a means of incentivizing the transition of AMs to apply for regular membership, the initiation fee be locked in at the amount in effect as of their first year of Outrigger paddling as an AM. If applying after the three year term however, the initiation fee would be re-set to the date of acceptance of the completed application, per the initiation fee policy approved at this meeting.

Athletic Membership Reinstatements: The following Athletic Members were approved for reinstatement until December 31, 2013: CJ Canaday, Maikana Denton, Carlton Helm, Justin Watts, Nicole Lamb, Amy Bolan, Walker Bolan, Kukui Falahee-Walker, Kyle Gion, Aukai Nolan, Kaimana Rosso, Riggs Silva, Nathan Stoker, Bobby Yoza.

Canoe Racing Special Fund: The Board approved the transfer of up to \$45,000 from the Canoe Special Fund for the OCC paddling teams to participate in selected pre-season canoe races. Prior to submitting entry fees, or committing any of these funds, a "Comeback Letter" will be submitted to the Board for review and approval prior to each event to provide the crew lists and request final authorization to expend the funds. The Club Captain has committed the teams to participate in fund-raising events to replenish their Canoe Special Fund.

Honorary Members: Ruby Yabiku, Marie Riede, Annie Halliwell, and Gordon Smith were approved as Honorary Members for 2013.

Financials: For December 2012, there was net income of \$112,710. Year to date there was net income of \$134,059.

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