

The Outrigger

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB


HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Mele Kalikimaka Hauoli Makahiki Hou!

From our Directors, Management and Staff
to You



The Holidays will be Fun and Friendship Days at your Club. Here are the Dates and Events to remember:

- 1. Keiki Party**—Thursday, December 21, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
For Club children 10 years and under. Dinner will feature a special Keiki Menu. Santa Claus in person will arrive by outrigger canoe with gifts for all keikis. (No guests, please!)
 - 2. Open House**—Christmas Day, 3 to 5 p.m.
Special Holiday beverages on the house. Meet and socialize with the many members you see infrequently. (No guests, please!)
 - 3. Christmas Dinner**—Christmas Day, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Special Holiday menus. Guests if you wish. *Reservations, please!*
 - 4. New Year's Eve Gala**—Sunday, December 31, 8 p.m. to ????
Special New Year's Menu * Favors * Dancing to the music of a "name" band * Guests if you wish. *Reservations required!* Tariff, \$15 per person.
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**PLEASE REMEMBER—
HOURS OF OPERATION**

Dining Room

Brunch: Sunday only. 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Luncheon: Tuesday–Saturday. 12:00 noon–2:30 p.m.

Dinner: Daily except Monday. 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

Bar

Sunday—10:00 a.m.—midnight.

Monday—11:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tuesday–Saturday—11:30 a.m.—midnight.

Monday: Sandwiches—12:00 noon–5:00 p.m.

Snack Bar

Daily—9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Snack Bar is open until 6:00 p.m. during the months of June, July and August.

Hau Terrace

Liquor: Same schedule as for Bar.

Dining: Daily except Monday, 11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Beach Shop (Basement Level)

Daily—10:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays

Locker Rooms

Daily—6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Parking Facility

Daily—6:00 a.m.—1:00 a.m.

Tennis, anyone?

Hawaii Kai Recreation Club is hosting the tennis matches scheduled for Sunday, December 3, when OCC and Hawaii Kai will play a men's, women's and mixed doubles tournament. (Unfortunately, this issue of The Outrigger went to press the 22nd of November, so results of the tournament cannot be reported until January.)

Response to the Committee's query about starting a Club tennis clinic was sparse. Fliers sent to players on our tennis roster elicited only a few favorable responses. However, the clinic is still tentatively scheduled for early 1972 and will be open to any and all interested OCC members. It is hoped that interest will build up.

A tennis ladder was formed from replies sent to members on the tennis roster. Those interested in improving their game should pick up a roster at the front desk and challenge the ladder.

Sports Afloat and Ashore

by Jerry Ober, Sports Reporter

The Annual Molokai/Oahu Canoe Race

This year's running of the Molokai/Oahu Canoe Race was a matter of course and the pun is intentional. There are as many ways across the Molokai Channel on a given race day as there are entrants in the event. Each can join the fleet or take off on his own.

Outrigger chose the latter method, electing to stay far south of the fleet on a more or less straight line from the race start to a point off Diamond Head. In other years, that course has done well for those who have followed it, but not always. This year it did not prove to be the best of moves. If all things were equal in the sea, the straight line would be the most obvious route to follow. As we all know, the sea, like the weather, is predictably unpredictable. The currents, wind or whatever, weren't with us on the southerly course that Sunday, and so went our hopes of running a tight race with favored Waikiki Surf Club.

If the course was off this year, our Club crew was right on. It's hard to be separated from the pack and know you are really on your own, and still keep that strong competitive spirit, but this crew had it all the way. Their timing was beautiful; their mental attitude always high, and their spirit was equal to the task at hand. When the crew arrived at Diamond Head and their position was obviously not too good, they didn't let down. Instead, they passed three boats in the final three miles of the race. Certainly they were up to the job and then some.

The race this year, for the third year in a row, was run in almost flat seas with light variable winds. There were no rough seas to help the crews along and no spray from waves to cool the paddlers. Rather, it was a bright, beautiful but highly monotonous day on the slick channel waters; the kind of day paddlers wish would never happen. On days like this, there is no help from the sea, just hindrance.

In spite of course and sea conditions, the Outrigger crew had one

plus going for them which was largely missing in previous years. That was a cheering section; in fact, almost an armada. Two boats, both belonging to members of the Club, followed the crew almost the entire distance from the start of the race at Hale O Lono on Molokai to Diamond Head. The Kono, with Larry Clapp at the helm, and the Irish Mist, with Hal Burchard and owner Gordon Howard, both toured the race close upon the Kakina and her crew, providing plenty of loud support for the otherwise isolated crew. There was also a huge catamaran chartered by members of the Club, but it failed to maintain close, continuous contact. The crew to a man reported that the encouragement from the Kono and the Mist were of tremendous help and kept them sharp and alert throughout the race.

We were extremely fortunate to have the services of Capt. Cornelius Choy and his magnificent boat, the Corine C III as our escort. This had to be the most luxurious crossing any of the crew or helpers could recall. Capt. Choy did a splendid job on his first time as an escort driver, a job that demands constant attention and skillful boatmanship. Capt. Choy was backed up by Kimo Austin in his Boston Whaler.

As in past years, the crew went to Molokai late Friday afternoon to relax, play football and just be together for the day prior to the race.

The crew this year was made up of: Brant Ackerman, Bob Anderson III, Henry Ayau, Mark Buck, Bill Burso, Fred Hemmings Jr., Tim Guard, Tuck Siegfried and Marty Wilson. The helpers were Roger Cundall, Jimmy Foytich and Rod Muller. Coaches were Mark Buck, who headed the effort, assisted by Archie Kaawa and Bob Anderson. Jerry Ober and Cline Mann were the two logistics men, providing for the crew's needs.

The final standings in the Koa Division were as follows: Waikiki Surf Club; Hui Nalu; Healani; Lanikai; Outrigger, and Kaiopua. Waikiki Surf Club made the distance in 6:01:46, far off the Outrigger's still standing record of 5:45:16 set in 1968.



Outrigger crew in fine form midway across Molokai channel.

Ober photo.

Outrigger Sailors Out-point Kauai Yacht Club

Once again, the Outrigger Canoe Club's Scorpion sailors have out-pointed their hosts, The Kauai Yacht Club, in the 5th annual running of the Kauai classic, held in the waters of Nawiliwili Harbor.

The weather, a perennial problem on our neighbor island, was up to its usual tricks this year. To start with, there was no wind on Saturday, a condition Oahu's sailors have come to identify with Kauai. There was rain, lots of it, and the combination brought cancellation of the planned day of sailing.

The weather, however, in no way daunted our Kauai hosts in the matter of hospitality, which is flawless. Each year, they seem to out do the previous year's effort. This year, the sailing team was treated to a fine Halloween costume party at the Kauai Surf Hotel, which featured a super steak fry and some pretty witty costume combinations, as well as lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. The treat will be long remembered and was much appreciated.

Sunday brought more of the same in the way of weather; lots of rain, with it an occasional but always unpredictable breeze. Through the downpours, with puffs of wind from here and there, came a four race series. The last being a race against the setting sun somewhere above the clouds and the clock; for the last race ended

a little less than an hour before flight time.

The races this year were sailed by five contestants from each club, and all races were started from Kalapaki Beach in front of the Kauai Yacht Club. Kauai's very fine team was made up of Bill Balfour, Walt Briant, Clyde French, Tommy Hinds, and Jack Sheehan. The participating Outrigger sailors were Brant Ackerman, Bobby Anderson, Mike Holmes, Cline Mann and Tom Reiner. Low point man for the Outrigger and the best score for all contestants was Mike Holmes with $12\frac{1}{2}$ points, followed closely by Walt Briant of Kauai with $12\frac{3}{4}$ points. Mike chalked up two first place positions while Walt took one first place. The Kauai Yacht Club's total points were $93\frac{1}{2}$; Outrigger's were $128\frac{1}{2}$.*

*In sailing, the low point team is the winner.

The Hobie Cat National Championships

The Outrigger Canoe Club sent its three best Hobie Cat sailors to this year's Hobie Cat National Championships held at Surfside, near Houston, Texas on the Gulf Coast. The three Outrigger representatives were Leith Anderson, Mike Holmes and Harold Hutchings. Leith, a previous contender in the Hobie Nationals, took an overall place of 15th in the A class, up from his previous year's showing in Florida where he was 18th overall. Mike Holmes, sailing in the B class, took 23d overall. Hutchings sailed

in both 14 A where he was 30th overall, and 16's where he did not finish because of an injury. Mike described the conditions much like Kauai, no wind and somewhat of a drifting match, and this, coupled with about 50 boats on the starting line, made a tough situation for a rough water sailor. Mike said the experience he gained from this kind of competition alone was worth the trip and he feels much the better for his efforts.

OCC Goes For Broke in Annual Running Championships

The turnout for the Olympic Club of San Francisco's 9th Annual Running Championships was outstanding. As of October 20th, the Outrigger runners were in second spot for overall honors. The scoring for the multi-club event is calculated on the average mileage run by the participating club's runners for the month of October. A small club like the Outrigger has a real chance of out-running a big club like Olympic, even though they have more runners in the program. On the 20th of October, the Aerobic Center of Dallas, Texas was leading the way with an average per runner for the three weeks, of 82.5 miles. The Outrigger runners were second with an average of 64.7 for the same period. For the final week, Outrigger put a tremendous number of miles to try to edge the Aerobic runners.

As of now (Nov. 12) the results are not known for the other participating clubs, but the Outrigger's figures are in and are very impressive. We had 21 runners in the program. Their total mileage run was 2213 for the month, a daily average of over 71 miles for all runners and a daily average per runner of 3.38 miles. Some of the old pros chalked up as much as 12.35 average miles per day. There were 9 runners, including two women, Mary Muirhead and Joy Crandlemire, who ran well above the averages.

The Olympic Club of San Francisco holds the event each October to encourage running as a part of the healthy life. On the 20th of October, the Olympic Club was next down the list with an average of 50.9 miles per runner for the three weeks.

Board Surfing, 1972

by Fred Chuckovich

After a good Spring with plenty of 4-6 foot waves the Summer started with a swell of unusual size and conditions. Waves approaching 15 feet treated the Outrigger Canoe Club Members to some of the best surf the south shore has seen in years. These waves as well as a number of other early summer swells gave our crew ample practice for the summer contests to come.

First and foremost, recognition should go to Evie Black, who came out of the winter rounds with a number of first place awards, then continued toward top spot by taking first place in the Women's Kuhio Beach Junior Surfing Championship and third place in the Ala Moana Hawaii State Championship. As though this wasn't enough, Evie went to the World Championship in San Diego representing our Club and brought home a most respectable third place finish in the women's division. Returning to Hawaii she placed second in the Chun's meet in October. This young lady should keep the Club's name high in women's surfing for years to come, as she has accomplished all this at the age of 17.

Other girls who did well in the Kuhio Beach meet include Heide Hemmings, who placed second and captured the High Point Trophy for Sportsmanship; Lori Fagothey with a fourth place, and Tracy Phillips with a fifth—the latter two in the 12-14 age group.

Speaking of youth, that is where the Outrigger Canoe Club's strength lies in men's surfing this past year. Summer is always the time when young surfers begin to develop on the South Shore and the club is blessed with its fair share of up and coming boys.

In the 9-11 age group we have some "hot" youngsters, including Pua Rochlen, Pat Ayau and Billy Berger. Pua placed first in the Kuhio Junior Championship and Billy Berger captured 3rd in this year's School Meet.

The older boys division, 12-14, has the bulk of our Club's talent with Kenny Morrow and Kainoa Downing leading the way. Kenny again surfed

well this year as he has in the past. He placed fourth at Kuhio Beach, and third in the Hawaii State. Forced to kneeboarding at the United States Surfing Championship in Huntington Beach, he placed third. Not bad for his first try at knee riding. It seems that Kainoa and Kenny are always battling for honors in this age group. This was true at the Outrigger contest and again in the Hawaii States, where Kainoa placed second, again edging Kenny. This might well be a match to watch for years in the future. There are a number of others to watch here, including Scott Rigg who rode well in the States; Gregg Quinn, who made the move to Rice Bowl this summer, and Matt and Kevin Cross, who probably lead everyone in total hours logged at the mini circuit of Wench, Tonggs and Graveyards.

The next group, Junior Men's, is an intensely competitive one. This is partially due to the general tension and confusion of growing up and maturing through the 15 to 17 year span. Many of the young men in this group tend to drop contest surfing and sometimes even much of their active participation in Club functions of all kinds. In spite of this, the Outrigger is fortunate to have one of the nicest young men, as well as hottest surfers, still actively representing the Club—Mark Rigg. Mark won the Outrigger Jr. Men's contest and then followed that with a hard-fought third place in the States at Ala Moana. Mark has perfected his smooth style at Rice Bowl, No Place, and other hot spots around the Club.

In Senior Men's division, the Club was represented in the World Contest in San Diego by Keone Downing. Keone, who placed fifth two years ago has continued surfing well even though he has been going to school in cold water country near Santa Cruz. Keone will have plenty of competition from seniors Brant Ackerman and Donny Mailer, who will be staying home this winter. The latter has returned from last winter's snow skiing in Aspen and is surfing as aggressively and well as ever. Hopefully one of these two will get a break in Winter competition this year. Both are well known faces at the "heavies" on the North Shore.



Evie Black on her way to another first place finish.

That New Look around the Front Office

At this writing, work is well under way on the modification of the lobby and office area. The beautiful koa wood being used at the new front desk is already receiving admiring glances and comments from our members and visitors.

The new arrangements at the front entrance will improve the security situation and will facilitate improvement in the layout and traffic flow inside the business office. Air conditioning of the office is included in the overall improvement plan. This requires completely enclosing the office area.

An added benefit of the new arrangement will be a new trophy case which will provide space for our many new and hard-earned trophies. This new trophy case will be located to the left as you enter the club, over what previously was the office counter.

Also under construction is the new canopy between the lobby and dining areas. This new addition will eliminate the need for the old "umbrella shuttle" during inclement weather. Constructed of wood framing and clear acrylite, the canopy is designed to retain the open, light and airy naturalness—which is a club trademark—while providing the necessary shelter.

Joseph S. Ryan
Building & Grounds Committee

Ron Sorrell to retire as Pro-Surfing Boss

Ron Sorrell, commissioner of the International Professional Surfers Assoc. for the past four years, has announced his retirement. Sorrell was instrumental in getting the professional surfing organization a charter and in selling the concept to corporate sponsors around the world.

Sorrell says the progress the professional surfing movement has made in the past four years has come from the unselfish time spent by club members: Ron Haworth, Bob Wilson and Fred Hemmings, Jr.



Member Ron Sorrell

Hemmings In Pro Meet

Fred Hemmings, Jr. has announced that he plans to enter the new Hang Ten American Professional Surfing Meet this winter. The OCC does not compete as a Club in any but amateur athletic events.

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Aloha

NEW MEMBERS

At their meeting on October 19, 1972, our Directors elected twelve applicants to membership in the Outrigger Canoe Club. Our admission procedure is very selective and not all candidates are elected. We accordingly congratulate these, our newest members, and welcome them cordially to the Club Family. We hope all will become members in fact as well as in name by making frequent use of our splendid facilities and joining in some of the Club's varied activities.

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A Message from our Club Archivist

Serving on the Historical Committee over the past five years has involved me in all aspects of Club history. This past year, our committee has found the need to preserve the photographs of men and women whose efforts helped make the Outrigger Canoe Club the outstanding athletic club it is today. We are fortunate to have these few remaining photographs, for they typify the spirit in which our Club was founded: a place for the perpetuation of Hawaiian athletic sports. Unfortunately, many old photos were beyond restoration, but we are seeing to it that those still in fair shape are well maintained. We hope that you, our members, will enjoy a bit of the past along with the present, and that the future may reflect the spirit of those who have passed this way before us.

Aloha!

Kehaunani Stowell, Archivist

(Ed. Note: It is the Historical Committee's intention to reproduce at least one historical photo monthly in a section of The Outrigger devoted to this subject).

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHUR H. ABERNETHY
Deceased October 27, 1972
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