

# A September to Remember

By Genie Kincaid

The long distance racing schedule in early September put Outrigger crews in Kona where four iron women's crews raced the 18 mile course from Kailua Bay to Honaunau, while three men's crews did the return trip from the City of Refuge back to Kailua Bay.

Outrigger's open women in the Kaoloa finished 2nd of the 119 crews entered, and took first place honors in the koa division.

Outrigger's women masters finished 16th overall, good enough for second place honors in their division. Two other open women's crews were not far behind, finishing 24th and 25th overall.

More than 130 men's crews crowded the Big Island waters, and Outrigger's men's crews managed impressive 17th, 33rd, and 57th place finishes given their relative lack of experience.

The weekend following Kona, Outrigger crews raced in Catalina and to Pokai Bay. The women sent an open crew to race the 32 miles between Newport and Catalina, and finished second behind an all-star crew of paddlers from Canada.

Outrigger's men finished fifth overall among 57 entries, while the senior masters crew finished second in their 45 and over division. These senior masters had bypassed Kona, and elected to race Catalina to better prepare their crew for Molokai where they are among the favorites to win their division.

Aiming high for Molokai will be Tom Arnott, Henry Ayau, Doug Bechert, Chris Crabb, Roger Cundall, John Finney, Glenn Perry, and Pokii Vaughan.

Back at home, two other women's crews raced the 31 miles from Magic Island to Pokai Bay on a windy but calm, sunny day. During the last hour of the race, the second crew's escort boat died forcing the first crew's



OCC Women in Kona

escort to lend aid. Leaving the first crew to tough it out to the finish, the second crew canoe was restocked with fresh paddlers and liquids.

Then serendipity in the form of Mike Sheehan appeared out of nowhere—actually, out of Ko Olina Marina. Sheehan had just set out to go fishing in his new boat and found second crew coach Michele St. John and driver Mike Mason marooned instead. He blithely tucked the poles away, transferred the support crew onto his boat, and escorted the second crew the rest of the way to a 17th place finish.

Meanwhile, the first crew held its own, losing no ground to other crews making regular changes, and finished fifth overall.

The Skippy Kamakawiwo'ole Race on September 16 was a coming out party for the new *Kakina*. Over the past year, a nostalgic effort was made to return the *Kakina* to her former glory. Originally built in 1935 on the Big Island, master craftsmen, Joe Quigg and Domie Gose, were enlisted to bring the *Kakina* to state of the art.

As a poignant statement of her singular beauty, the *Kakina* was the only koa entry in the 32 mile course from Maunaloa Bay to the Ko Olina Marina.

The crew of Jeff Brown, Bret

Chuckovich, Tommy Damon, Will Estes, John Eveleth, Craig Gamble, Byron Ho, Billy Philpotts, and David Stackhouse raced the *Kakina* to a 10th place finish overall, and first in koa.

As Chuckovich said, "All nine of us feel so incredibly lucky and privileged to paddle in it. She is definitely a piece of art and fine craftsmanship that will benefit every single OCC paddler for years to come. What a great job Joe and Domie did. A big mahalo to both of them."

The senior masters placed second in the 45 and over division, while two other open men's crews pushed each other to finish 18th and 21st among the 60 crews entered.

One of the open crews was a novice effort coached the past three years by Andrew



The OCC men finished 10th overall in the fabled *Kakina*, the only koa entry in the Skippy race. Byron Ho, John Eveleth, Jeff Brown, Bret Chuckovich, Will Estes, Billy Philpotts.

Glatzel, two-time Molokai champion for Outrigger. The core of the crew is the same Novice A men's crew that won every regatta except one this summer, and then won the state championship in Hanalei. The crew also includes four Novice B paddlers.

Glatzel's paddlers may be novices in terms of paddling experience, but in terms of attitude, they are clearly all-world. Building on their regatta experience, the men pressed Glatzel to help them get to the next level



and to prepare for the ultimate goal, a Molokai crossing.

Glatzel obliged and put his men through their paces—early morning practices, cross-training, helping to move canoes, driving vans and trailers—and his men have responded. “The neat thing about Molokai is that no matter who makes the crew, it’ll be the first time for each guy.” Showing what paddling for a club like Outrigger is all about will be Matt Delaney, Alan Dowsett, Aaron Eberhardt, Mark Hand, Scott Larue, Stan Markle, Mike Nakano, Jim Steiner,



One of OCC's iron crews in the Kona race was Craig Gamble, Will Estes, Mike Pietsch, Ryan McLaughlin, Luke Estes, Bret Chuckovich, Zak Payne, Jeff Brown and Billy Foytich.

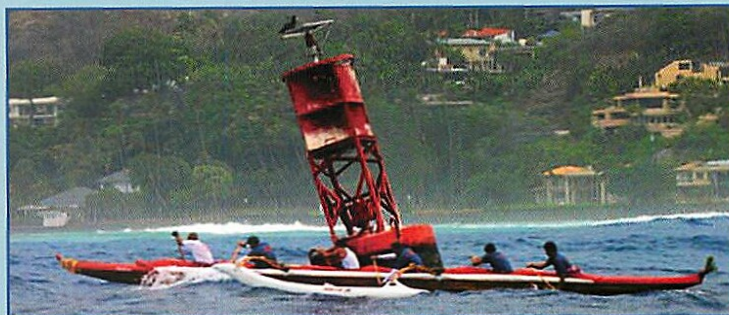
and Troy St. John.

Men's coaches Bill Danford and Mike Mason also have a wealth of potential in the men's open division. During the regatta season, 21 men were eligible to paddle freshmen. For the 2001 Molokai Hoe, there will be four nine-man crews, including a koa entry.

“These guys are way different from the way we were. For us, paddling was everything. These guys have no qualms about putting family values above paddling. They're more well rounded, probably better adjusted than we were. They're young, they're strong, they're inexperienced. But fun, fun, fun.”

The fun however was gone on September 11 as unspeakable tragedy befell our country. In Hawaii, we went about our business shocked and numbed by the terror wrought upon fellow Americans thousands of miles away in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

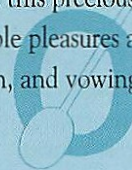
Part of who we are as Outrigger Canoe Club had been to savor the thrill of racing sleek outrigger canoes in the warm, blue waters of Hawaii during the month of September. Suddenly it was completely incongruous to enjoy such a simple pleasure. After all, those who perished or are still missing were folks just like us. So paddlers and the paddling community found solemn ways to express their collective grief with the rest of the country; they exhibited colors of red,



David Stackhouse, Jon Bryan, Rick Hobson, Bret Chuckovich, Paki Vaughan and Billy Philpotts in the Kona race.

white and blue on their canoes and racing jerseys, then went on with the living.

Knowing forever how privileged we all are to call this precious country our own, to indeed be able to enjoy such simple pleasures as racing an outrigger canoe through the Hawaiian ocean, and vowing to always remember September 11.



## A Thanksgiving Message; We get what we give...

And they were taught the laws of life...that their treatment of others would return at last upon themselves. Those who cheat will be cheated...Those who slander will be slandered. For every lie you tell...you will be lied to. Brutality will meet with brutality. We get what we give and to the same degree. And not always from the same people with whom we've dealt. But somewhere...sometime...someone will treat you in like manner. The good that we do to others will return also. For your kindness to strangers you will receive hospitality in far places yourself. Understand the troubles of others who come to you with their souls bared...and when you cry yourself, you will be sympathetically understood. We get what we give. Like always attracts like. This is the law and it is inevitable. We cannot escape the results of our actions. We get what we give.

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