

New Canoe Facilities Being Readied at Keehi Lagoon for Regatta Season

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The 1992 outrigger canoe racing season is just around the corner and Outrigger Canoe Club will again be the team to beat. Outrigger has won the last eight state championships and seven OHCRA championships.

This year, the new world-class canoe racing course and Competition Center at Keehi Lagoon will be open and the Oahu and State Championships will be held there.

The state Department of Transportation dedicated the new \$2.4 million Competition Center on December 20--the first of four phases of improvements at Keehi Lagoon.

The Judges Pavilion in the new Competition Center was named Ka Papahele O Paka'a by the Hawaiian Canoe Program Advisory Council with the assistance of Leinaala Kalama Heine.

The meaning for the name is: Ka Papahele means the deck or to oversee, look over. Paka'a was a learned man trained in the natural history of land and an expert navigator and seer. The literal meaning of Paka'a is to converse, tell tales or anecdotes.

Outrigger and others had requested that the center be named for the late Bob Fischer who was one of the motivating forces behind the resurgence of the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoe racing and the development of the Keehi Lagoon Canoe Facility.

However, the DOT deferred to the HCPAC and suggested to Bob's long-

time companion Anita Brightman that an "Honor Roll" be created for those people who had made extraordinary contributions to the sport and to the development of the Keehi facility when the Canoe Center is built.

"I'm sure Mr. Fischer would be one of the Honorees," wrote DOT Director Rex Johnson.

The new Competition Center includes an open air Judges Pavilion, comfort station, grassed spectator mounds, a jogging/bicycle path, outdoor showers, access roads, parking for 200 cars, and landscaping.

The new facility is beautiful. Lots of green grass, coconut trees (no shade but nice to look at), a paved road, parking and luas and showers that are conveniently located.

Keehi no longer looks like the Keehi Lagoon we're used to. Gone are the broken glass, red dirt, sharp coral and long hike to the lua. We won't have to bring shower heads to put on the sprinklers, hoses and all the other comforts

that made racing at Keehi bearable.
Dredging the Race Course

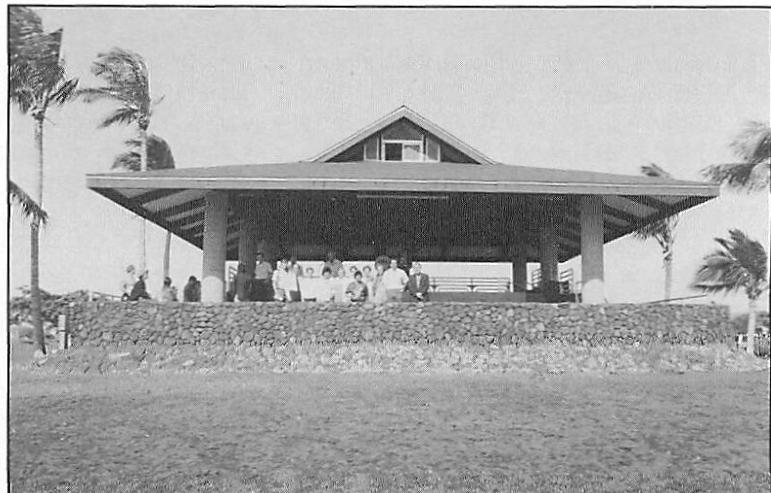
Construction started last month on the next phase--the dredging of the canoe course, construction of a groin and sandy beach.

The new half-mile canoe course will have 12 80-foot wide lanes. The lanes will be dredged to 10-feet deep.

Also in this phase, the state will construct a 60-foot groin at the makai end of the beach, creating a 1,200-foot sandy beach. Eight thousand tons of sand will be brought in to cover the beach.

Cost of this phase is \$1.7 million.

Although the state is hoping to have the dredging completed by the first regatta of the season, the Pa'iaina Regatta on June 7, Nanakuli has been selected as an alternate race site in case the



OHCRA officials stand in the new Judges Pavilion.



New coconut trees and grass cover the area that was crushed coral.



A new comfort station is conveniently located.

course isn't ready.

However, state officials say that everything is scheduled for completion before the Oahu Championships on July 19 and the State Championships on August 1.

Phase Three

The third phase of construction will be for Kalihi Kai Park which will provide additional spectator mounds and a floating coaching dock across from the Competition Center.

The job is expected to cost about \$6 million. The Legislature has appropriated \$3 million so far. Additional funds have been requested but if they aren't forthcoming, the state may scale down the project and build as much as it can with the money it has. The rest would be built when the money is available.

Canoe Center

The final phase is the Hawaiian Canoe Center. DOT has started work on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Canoe Center. The Legislature has provided planning money for the Canoe Center but no construction funds. Therefore, the state would like a private developer to construct and operate the Canoe Center.

The Canoe Center would be located on the peninsula between Kalihi and Moanalua streams, mauka of the race course. Facilities would include administrative areas, canoe and kayak storage and launching, training and education facilities, canoe related cultural and historical displays, meeting places, canoe and related craft and repair facilities and food and beverage services.

When the state has completed construction of all of the new facilities, they will be turned over to the City & County Parks Department to operate. ☺

Get Ready for Paddling

If you or your children are planning to paddle during the 1992 season, make sure your memberships are all in order.

Every paddler must be an OCC member.

Spouses must be Associate members and children 10 and over must be Junior members in order to paddle.

Contact the Manager's office for membership applications or contact the Canoe Racing Committee or the Admissions & Membership Committee if you have questions or need help. ☺

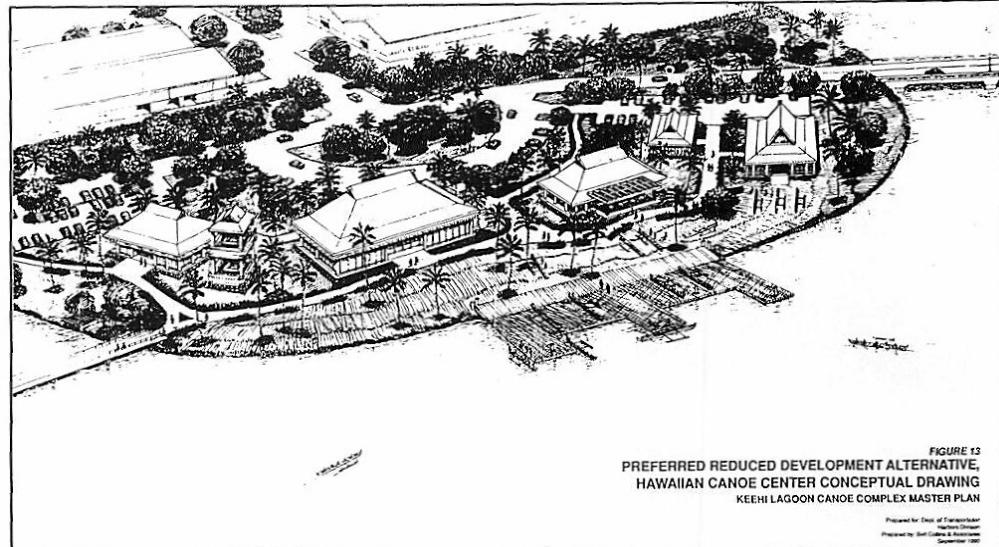


FIGURE 13
PREFERRED REDUCED DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE,
HAWAIIAN CANOE CENTER CONCEPTUAL DRAWING
KEEHI LAGOON CANOE COMPLEX MASTER PLAN
Prepared for Dept. of Transportation
Hawaii Division
Prepared by Bell Construction Company
December 1990

The Competition Center was dedicated on December 20.

1992 OHCRA Regatta Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor
June 7	Clem Pa'iaina Regatta	Keehi/Nanakuli	Healani
June 14	Kamehameha Day Regatta	Kailua	Kailua
June 21	Leeward Regatta	Nanakuli	Leeward
June 22	Waimanalo Regatta	Waimanalo	Waimanalo
July 4	Macfarlane Regatta	Waikiki Beach	Outrigger
July 12	John D. Kaupiko Regatta	Kaneohe MCAS	Hui Nalu
July 19	OHCRA Championships	Keehi Lagoon	OHCRA
August 1	HCRA Championships	Keehi Lagoon	HCRA

An advertisement for Budweiser beer. It features two cans of Budweiser beer, one prominently displaying the "KING OF BEERS" logo and the other showing a circular emblem. The background is dark and textured. In the bottom right corner, the slogan "THIS BUD'S FOR YOU." is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the slogan, the text "EAGLE DISTRIBUTORS, INC." is visible, followed by a list of locations: "AIEA • HILO • KONA • KA'UAI • MAUI".