OCC in Distance Canoe Races

Outrigger's men's and women's long distance crews will compete in the 20th annual Steinlager Queen Liliuokalani World Championship Long Distance Canoe Races, August 30-September 1 in Kailua-Kona.

On Saturday, the women will race from Kailua to Honaunau, a distance of 18 miles, and the men will race back from Honaunau to Kailua.

On Sunday, the races will be in double hull canoes, with the women racing from Kailua to Keauhou and the men making the return trip of 5.5 miles.

On Sunday, September 8, the OH-CRA women's distance race will be held from Waikiki to Leeward Oahu.

The following week, September 15, the men will compete in the Skippy Kamakawiwoole Race, on the same course as the women.

Competition for women winds up September 29 with the 13th annual 41mile Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai, Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race.

Outrigger will enter two teams this

year--an open crew and a masters crew.

The race begins at Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai and winds up at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki. The first finishers are expected around 1 p.m. Offshore Canoe Club from California is the defending champion and record holder with a time of 5:44:13.

The distance season winds up on October 13 with the 40th annual Bankoh Molokai Hoe, the men's Molokai-to-Oahu Race. Outrigger is the defending champion.