

OCC Paddlers Prevail in Championship Regatta

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Watch out, Outrigger Canoe Club. Your friendly Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association competitors are out to sink you. Kailua Canoe Club's co-coaches, Beanie Heen and Kathy Erwin, were quick to concede that Outrigger won yesterday's OHORA Championship at Keelhi Lagoon fair and square.

But the Kailua coaches also say that their crews have just begun to fight and they're peaking for HORA's State Championships in two weeks. "The states should be our best regatta yet," Heen said.

Added Carleen Ornellas, skipper of Kailua's winning junior women's crew: "We haven't beaten Outrigger's junior women in two years. But we sure did today." They had waited a long time for that moment Ornellas said gleefully.

OUTRIGGER UNBEATEN this season in OHORA's "AA" big-club competition, was "held" to 101 points in yesterday's championships. "That's our lowest score this year," Outrigger Coach Henry Ayau said with some concern.

Perennial runnerup Kailua finished second to Outrigger with 63 points. "Scores like ours won regattas in past years," Heen said.

Hui Nalu (56) came in third and Healani (80) was fourth. Hui Lanakila topped OHORA's "A" (small club) division with 18 points.

Of yesterday's 30 OHORA events, Outrigger won 14, placed second in nine and scored one third. "I look for it to be tougher in the future," said Ayau, a master of diplomacy. The HORA State Championship is scheduled Aug. 3 at Keelhi Lagoon.

Kailua's junior women prevented an Outrigger massacre. "That meant Outrigger won 'only' nine of the final 10 adult races instead of scoring a sweep," paddler Tad Wadsworth

said. Included in Outrigger's adult victories were the prestigious men's and women's senior races.

HAS OUTRIGGER'S power discouraged its Double-A foes? Not at all. Said Hui Nalu's president Darryl Hara, "Canoe racing, like other sports, has its peaks and valleys. Outrigger is on a high and we're struggling."

Although Hui Nalu is considered a big club, Hara said that many of its paddlers are inexperienced. "We'll be back on top," he promised.

Only four of OHORA's 20 clubs are rated "AA" (clubs entering 16 or more crews). Hoopli said Healani is on a five-year build-ing program. "We'll eventually get them (Outrigger)," he said.

OHORA'S PRESIDENT Joan Malama said most clubs are short of paddlers. "Except for the big three (Outrigger, Kailua and Hui Nalu) it's a real problem and I have no answer," she said. OHORA, and the Hui Wa'a Association, have several small

inactive clubs on their respective rolls. Malama was critical of those high school coaches who discourage their athletes from paddling during the summer.

Surfer/canoe paddler Rell Sunn of Makaha suggested that small clubs consolidate their paddlers to fill out crews. "What we don't need are more inactive clubs," she said.

Mayor Frank Fasi said yesterday that something should be done about the derelict ships

which litter Keelhi Lagoon. "Remove those boats," he said, "and you could set several more racing lanes." Fasi also said that crushed coral, or sand, might spruce up Keelhi's rocky beachfront. "Canoe racing is important to our people," he said, "and we want to preserve it."

Last Saturday at Keelhi Lagoon, Keelhi Mo'i won Hui Wa'a's Association's "AA" division championship while Koa Kai took the Hui Wa'a "A" division title.



TURNING IT ON—The Outrigger Canoe Club's Michael Clifford, Mark Buck, Steve Quinn and Tim Guard (right to left) and Tommy Holmes and Bruce Ames (not shown) prepares to make the turn on the way to a one-second victory over Hui Nalu in the Men's Masters race yesterday on Keelhi Lagoon.—Star-Bulletin Photo by Ken Sakamoto.

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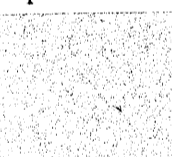


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FRI. ON THE FLY: When the 49-ft. schooner Sir Isaac pulled into the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor after finishing the Transpac race yesterday, it was flying a series of signal flags that, translated, read: "HM, will you marry me? CL" **Wen Myer**, who was on the dock waiting for crewman **Chuck Lantz**, said yes. A guy called the Outrigger Canoe Club and asked for more information of the Outrigger Foundation's benefit auction (July 29) because he's interested in bidding on the uncontested divorce donated by Judge **Bruce Ames** as well as on the prenuptial agreement donated by attorney **William Eggers III**. You figure it out. . . . Although **Melanie Gibb** is chairing the Kaawa Community Association luau tomorrow, husband **Doug Gibb** — yup, the HPD chief — for the first time in years won't have time to imbu the pig as he usually does. . . . **Red Skelton** celebrated his birthday yesterday with a reception in his honor in **Frank Fasi's** office at City Hall.

The Mayor proclaimed Red as honorary mayor. Turning to first dog **Gino**, Red said: "I'm really going to shake things up as mayor. My first act will be to bring in a cat." Red will be at Center Art Galleries-Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center this evening for a public birthday bash.

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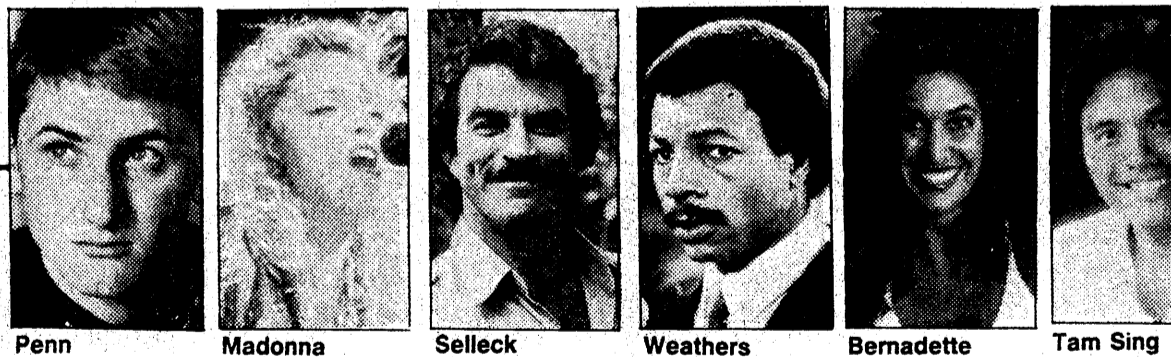
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Outrigger continues canoeing dominance

It has been Outrigger Canoe Club's season. And what happened yesterday accentuated that fact. Outrigger amassed 101 points to win the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship at Keelhi Lagoon. Kailua was second with 63 points, Hui Nalu third with 56 and Healani fourth with 30. Outrigger has averaged 107 points and a 39-point margin of victory in winning all seven of the association's races this season. Kailua has finished second in six of those races. Last season, Outrigger lost to Kailua in the association's championship race after winning all the regular-season races. But two weeks later, OCC came back to win the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association state championship regatta will be held Aug. 3 at Keelhi Lagoon. Yesterday, Outrigger won 14 of 29 races — girls 13, boys 14, men and women masters, women senior masters, boys and girls 18, men and women freshman, men and women

sophomore, junior men and men and women seniors. **Coconut Wireless:** A New York report has it that **Sean Penn**, the actor, and **Madonna**, the singer, plan their nuptials and honeymoon in Hawaii. If that happens, there would be a blitz of media attention here. So far, it's only a rumor — unless someone here is willing to confirm, or deny. **Magnum Matters:** The real **Tom Selleck** has been elected to a regular membership in the Outrigger Canoe Club, where, till now, he had been an athletic member notably for his volleyball prowess. Anyway, the 3,000-plus members gave the go-ahead — better late than never. **An impostor Selleck,** however, apparently has been making the rounds in Trinidad, posing as our Tom, according to the current People magazine. The guy must be a real fake, because he's a mere 5'10", compared to Selleck's lofty 6'4". **And Universal Television** did a full-page number in the trades recently, reprinting an article by **Horace M. Newcomb**, a professor of radio, television and film at the University of Texas at Austin, wherein the scholar dubs "Magnum, P.I." "the best show on television." The piece — perceptive,

precise, profound — is entitled "Magnum: The Champagne of TV," and explores the moral complexity of Thomas Magnum and his colleagues. Surely, a nice addition to Selleck's press kit. **Rocky Road:** Might as well let the cameras roll, and do another sequel: **Carl Weathers**, who was Apollo Creed in the "Rocky" series of films, is visiting with his family. He'll also be in "Rocky IV," which will be released around Thanksgiving, for the busy Christmas season. **And Sylvester "Rambo/Rocky" Stallone** and **g.f. Brigitte "Red Sonja" Nielsen** have been traipsing through paradise. **Clubcity: Bernadette & the Sunshine Company**, longtime troupers at the Captain's Table Lounge at the Holiday Inn at Waikiki Beach (where **Freddie Morris** and **Moku Kahana** now perform Thursdays through Saturdays), will open tomorrow night at the Grog Shop of Tops Canterbury. Showtimes will be from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays



Penn Madonna Selleck Weathers Bernadette Tam Sing

The proper billing for the Sunday-and-Monday-only act at the Sheraton Waikiki's Oahu Bar is **Johnny Todd and the Big Four**, featuring **Bobby Gonzales**. The combo also includes **Alwyn Erub** and **Alex Ikehara**. **David Highland** performs Tuesdays through Saturdays at the Oahu Bar. **Whee, the People: The Peter Moon Band** winds up its Ranch House visitation this Friday and Saturday (showtimes are at 9 and 11 p.m.), and for the final weekend, Moon has enlisted the horn section featured in his "bigger" concerts, as well as on the recent KHNH-TV special. Her flashing "KAREN" sign is already off the wall and packed; however, **Karen Keawe** has her current slate of shows this Friday and Saturday (from 8 p.m. to midnight) at the Surfboard Lounge of the Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel, has pushed back the closing for two

or three more weeks. Reason: the hotel is delaying the closure for renovations for a few weeks. Eventually, the **Field Brothers**, who have been performing there the rest of the week, will move into the hotel's Veranda Restaurant — but Keawe-hawa'i will be on vacation. **Stork Report: Tony and Mari Tam Sing** — he's the performer at Monterey Bay Cannery at Ward Centre — greeted a boy last Wednesday, and named him **Micah Joseph Punahale Tam Sing**. A musical name, from a musical family. . . . And the group with whom Tam Sing often performs, **Endangered Species**, also has a baby boom going. **Brian and Avie Hamilton** (he is a member of the band) greeted a girl, **Healani**. And **Eddie and Suzanne Tanori** (he is president of the group's record label, Aaron Records), welcomed a boy, **Matthew Aaron** — a clear case of darning. That is to

say, the record label, Aaron, was conceived in hopes that the Tanoris would get a boy — and how many kids are named after the label is born. **The Bouncing Ball:** When **Freddie Morris** opened a week ago at the Holiday Inn at Waikiki Beach, a pineapple with a balloon was among his opening night gifts — a present from longtime ally **Fred Ball**, a.k.a. **Professor Fun**. "I hope this gig is as easy as the last two," said an accompanying note. "If not, you can always go back to your old job — attached is a starter kit." You recall, before Morris was throwing his voice, he was selling pineapples at the same Holiday Inn. . . . By the way, Ball reminds his fellow Screen Actors Guild members that Hawaii now has been granted full branch status, and a party is set for Aug. 12 at the Cannon Club. Any SAG members who also are enter-

tainers are invited to join in the festivities, and perhaps perform — call Ball at 737-7279 for specifics. **Around Town: Robert Texeira**, who's been performing for about five years now at **Reynolds Milano** at Discovery Bay, will tie the knot this Saturday. **Bonnie Gearheart**, the singer-composer, will be joining a group of local musicians in a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at Room 36 at the Music Department at the University of Hawaii. The combo will include **Les Peetz** on piano, **Chuck James** on drums, and **Lou Benanto** on bass. **Add two, minus one:** That **Hoku Rasmusen** benefit, from 10 a.m. to sundown Sunday at Da Imu in Pearl City, just added **George Naope** and the **Waiehu Sons** to the roster, but lost the **Makaha Sons of Ni-hau**. **Tomorrow's Birthday Persons: George Chun and Morgan White**. **And that's Show Biz**. **Wayne Harada's Show Biz** column appears three times weekly — on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.