

## Wahine Molokai-to-Oahu race today

Women paddlers from 19 canoe clubs in Hawaii and California will compete in today's 9th annual Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai-to-Oahu Canoe Race.

The race is expected to be a battle between defending champion Off Shore Canoe Club from Newport Beach, Calif., and Outrigger Canoe Club, four-time winner of the race and undefeated this year in Hawaii competition.

The stage for the showdown was set in August when Off Shore and Outrigger met in the gruelling Catalina Island to Newport Beach race, with the California team finishing ahead of OCC.

The race was scheduled to start at 7 a.m. at Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai and finish at Ft. DeRussy Beach in Waikiki sometime after 1 p.m.

The race is 40.8 miles long and paddlers will be facing strong currents, waves and the ocean swell as they paddle through the Kaiwi Channel toward Oahu.

Each team will have a crew of 12 paddlers, six of whom will be in the boat at any given time. The starting crew of paddlers will paddle for 30 straight minutes before the first change is called. After that, paddlers will rotate turns in the boat and rest periods.

There will be both koa and fiberglass divisions in the open and masters competition.

The women's record for the event is 6:12:11, set by Outrigger Canoe Club in 1984. Outrigger won the race in 1979, 1981, 1984 and 1985. Hui Nalu finished first in 1982 and 1983. The record for the masters division is 8:17:53, set by Kailua Canoe Club last year.

Big Island women competing in the race include members of Keaukaha Canoe Club, which is fielding a mixed crew with paddlers from Kamehameha, Puna and Wailani; a combined crew of Kai Opua and Kai Ehitu paddlers; and Keoua CC paddlers who will be rounding out a crew entered by Manae Canoe Club of Molokai.

Hawaiian Canoe Club Masters and Lahaina Canoe Club are entered from Maui, and from Kauai, Hanalei. Also scheduled to compete in the race are Oahu canoe clubs Healani, Kailua Masters, Hui Lanakila, Waikiki Yacht Club, Waikiki Beach Boys, Lokahi, Waikiki Surf, Hui Nalu, Lanikai Masters, Manu O Ke Kai and Surf Sports.

The Tahitian crews, Illinois Brigade and a Canadian team who have been colorful additions to the race in past years decided not to enter this year, saving their money instead for the world sprint championships to be held in next August in Hawaii, a spokeswoman said.

## Californians win wahine race

HONOLULU (UPI) — The Off Shore Canoe Club of California won the Na Wahine O Ke Kai women's Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race for the second year in a row yesterday, beating Outrigger Canoe Club by less than five minutes.

The Off Shore crew, which boasts two world champion kayakers, covered the 40.8-mile distance from Hale O Lono Harbor to Magic Island in 6 hours, 26 minutes, 25 seconds.

Outrigger crossed the finish line with a time of 6 hours, 31 minutes, 1 second. The two clubs were side by side for the first 35 miles, with Off Shore pulling ahead as the canoes approached Diamond Head.

Twenty-four minutes later, Healani crossed the finish line while Hui Nalu was fourth, Hanalei was fifth, and Lahaina was seventh.

Hui Lanakila won the koa division and came in sixth overall with a time of 7:09. Kai Opua, a Big Island crew made up of Kai Opua and Kai Ehitu paddlers, was second in the koa division, eighth overall, with a time of 7:21:55. Kailua won the masters division in 7:35:46.

Other Big Isle paddlers competing included members of Keoua Canoe Club who paddled with Manae CC of Molokai, which came in 11th overall at 7:35:11, and Keaukaha Canoe Club of Hilo, which paddled with a combined crew of women from Kamehameha, Puna and Wailani and finished 15th overall at 7:45:13.

Nineteen women's crews took part in the annual race. Race officials said conditions were very flat across the Kaiwi Channel.

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The winning Offshore team (front to back): JoJo Toepfner, Leslie Davis, Sue Hlavenka, Elaine Kasper, Mini Olson and Mindy Clark.

# Offshore outlasts Outrigger

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After a 4½-hour battle in which the Offshore and Outrigger canoe clubs duelled without either gaining a significant lead, defending champion Offshore pulled away to win the ninth Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai-to-Oahu race yesterday.

Offshore, which is based in Newport Beach, Calif., made the 40.8-mile crossing in 6 hours, 26 minutes and 25 seconds — well off the record 6:12:11 set by Outrigger in 1984.

Outrigger finished in 6:31:01. Healani was third at 6:55:00, followed by Hui Nalu (6:59:00) and Hanalei (7:05:00).

"It was probably one of the toughest races we've ever had because every year one team

gets ahead and completely smokes." Offshore steersman Mindy Clark said. "... this is the first time it's been a race the whole way.

"We (Offshore and Outrigger) were probably about two boat lengths apart the whole time. It was back and forth and back and forth."

For those not rich in canoe experiences, Offshore's Sue Hlavenka, a former University of Hawaii volleyball player, put it another way.

"It just went on and on and on," said Hlavenka, who was the Wahines' captain as a senior in 1985. "It kind of reminded me of the (volleyball) nationals in 1982 when we played USC because it went five games and was just point, side out, side out, point, point. It seemed like the same thing all over again."

But when Offshore finally seized control, it refused to relinquish it.

Said Offshore's Leslie Davis, one of two team members to compete in all nine Molokai races: "We got a lead that was good enough so that

we had some confidence, which allowed us to push hard and not worry so much about them but just do our own race."

The finish for all the paddlers was much more pleasant than the start. After a 3:30 a.m. breakfast, contestants were shuttled from Maunaloa to Hale O Lono Harbor, the starting point of the race.

It had rained for two days and the beginning of the race was wet and cold.

Race officials got stuck in a mudslide on their way back to the Molokai Airport.

But all the earlier frustrations were forgotten by the end of the race.

In a show of sportsmanship and aloha, the Offshore team stood on the beach and cheered as Outrigger came in. A few moments later, they ran to Outrigger's canoe and members of the two teams hugged and kissed.

"It's wonderful to be with these

gals," Hlavenka said. "There's the same camaraderie as there is in volleyball. It's hard work but it is really, really rewarding."

**BREAKWATER BITS:** Hui Lanakila, which finished sixth overall in 7:09, won the Leinani Faria Perpetual Award for being the first koa canoe to finish. . . A total of 19 canoes were entered, 12 from Oahu, two each from the Big Island and Maui, and one each from Molokai, Kauai and California (Offshore). There have been eight races in this competition (the 1980 race was cancelled due to high winds and 25- to 30-foot surf) and there has been a new winner every other year. Outrigger won it in 1979 and 1981, Hui Nalu in 1982-83, Outrigger again in 1984-85 and now Offshore in 1986-87. . . Only five of the women on this year's winning team were part of last year's team. Two members of Offshore have been part of this race each year, Leslie Davis and JoJo Toepfner. . . Toepfner is trying to earn a spot on the Olympic kayak team along with teammate Sharon Antlessey.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS:** 1. Offshore (CA), 6:26:25; 2. Outrigger, 6:31:01; 3. Healani, 6:55:00; 4. Hui Nalu, 6:59:00; 5. Hanalei (Kauai), 7:05:00; 6. Hui Lanakila, 7:09:00; 7. Lahaina (Maui), 7:17:09; 8. Kai Opua (Kona), 7:21:55; 9. Waikiki Yacht Club, 7:28:29; 10. Waikiki Beach Boys, 7:32:52; 11. Manae (Molokai), 7:35:11; 12. Kailua Masters, 7:35:46; 13. Lokahi, 7:37:58; 14. SurfSports, 7:42:23; 15. Keaukaha (Big Island), 7:45:13; 16. Manu O Ke Kai, 7:47:37; 17. Hawaiian (Maui), 7:49:36; 18. Lanikai Masters, 7:51:18; 19. Waikiki Surf, 8:09:56. All teams from Oahu unless specified.

## Off Shore wins paddling

HONOLULU — Off Shore Canoe Club of Newport Beach, Calif., won the Na Wahine O Ke Kai women's canoe race between Molokai and Oahu on Sunday for the second year in a row.

The club paddled 40.8 miles in six hours, 26 minutes and 25 seconds, beating Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu by less than five minutes.

Outrigger's time was 6:31:01. Coming in third was Healani at 6:55.

The two teams were side-by-side for 35 miles of the race, a spokeswoman for OCC said. However, the Off Shore pulled in front as the crews reached Diamond Head, the spokeswoman said.

The winner of the koa division was Hui Lanakila at 7:09, good enough for sixth overall. Kona Kai O Pua was eighth overall and second in the koa division at 7:21. Third in koa and 12th overall was Kailua masters — also winners of the masters division — at 7:35, good enough for 12th place.

In 11th place was a crew made up of Keoua of the Big Island and Manae of Molokai at 7:35:11. A team made up of paddlers from Keaukaha, Kamehameha and Lahaina of Maui, finished 15th overall at 7:45:13.

Nineteen crews — 18 from the islands — left Hale O Lono on Molokai at 7 a.m. The race ended at Fort DeRussy Beach in Waikiki.

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Offshore of California outduels Outrigger of Oahu to win the ninth annual Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race

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