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## A strenuous sports weekend

It was a busy weekend in Hawaii for the athletically inclined, with the emphasis on extra-grueling events. On Saturday there was the Ironman Triathlon in Kona — a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle leg, and a 26-mile, 385-yard footrace. The winner among the men, for the sixth time, was Dave Scott, in 8 hours, 34 minutes, 13.2 seconds. The winner in the women's division was Erin Baker in a record 9:35:25.1.

Yesterday was the turn of the 40.8-mile Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race for men, won by the Outrigger Canoe Club in 5 hours, 32 minutes and 46.73 seconds. It was Outrigger's second consecutive victory and its eighth in the last nine years. The women's race, held Sept. 27, was won by Off Shore Canoe Club of California, the defending champion, in 6:26:25.

Together with the Honolulu Marathon, these events are adding a special allure to Hawaii as a place for people to test their physical limits as well as for those who like to loll on the beaches. Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!

# Kai Opuua wins koa division — in a loaner

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Yesterday's Bankoh Molokai Hoe presented several challenges for Kai Opuua of the Big Island.

To finish the 40.8-mile race across the Kaiwi Channel from Hale O Lono to Waikiki was not the main priority. To finish first in a koa canoe was.

"We thought we could be competitive but not in contention for first in fiberglass but we thought we had a good chance to win the koa division," said Bill Rosehill after winning the 7-club division and coming in 11th overall. "Our koa did not pass racing specs so we borrowed the canoe from Kai Ehitu (another Big Island club). The boat ran good."

Borrowing the *Maehaa Pitti* from Jacque Wong kept the victory in the family, in a way. *Maehaa Pitti*—"Twin II"—is the sister canoe of Kai Opuua's *Mahoe*. Both canoes were made from the same koa log in 1976.

There were a few casualties in yesterday's race. Wainani paddler Michael Lyman had to be brought in early due to exhaustion.

Ka Mo'i, the Hui Waa power from the Waianae Coast, had equipment problems and had to have their canoe towed in. And Offshore No. 2's iako and ama came unlash about two hours into the race; the California crew lost about 20 minutes and finished 33rd overall.

Arkansas Outrigger, which had bought a canoe from Outrigger last spring, found out that river paddling and ocean paddling are different animals—starting with rigging the canoe.

## Molokai Hoe Winners

**TOP THREE, BY DIVISION**  
Overall & Fiberglass: 1. Outrigger No. 1, Oahu (Tom Conner, Kainoa Downing, Keone Downing, Marc Heine, Chris Kinkaid, Mark Riggs, Scott Rolan, Steve Scott, Steve Van Richten), 5:32:46. 2. F.F.P.P., Tahiti, 5:37:51. 3. Hui Lanakila, Oahu, 6:15:42. 4. Hui Lanakila, Oahu, 6:15:42. 5. Anueue, Oahu, 6:24:20. Masters: 1. Outrigger Jr. Masters, Oahu, 6:07:40. 2. Kai Opuua Masters, Big Island, 6:14:57. 3. Outrigger Sr. Masters, Oahu, 6:17:50.

**MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS**  
Sportsmanship: Puna, Big Island. Na Kane Aukai (farthest away): Royal Canoe Club, England. Master of Masters: 1. Bill Macintosh, 21-years-old, Team Ontario, 2. Hank Lass, 51-years-old, Outrigger Sr. Masters. Best Finish, First Time Entrant: Atlantic Division.

"This was a learning experience in so many ways," said Bill Sowell, who stroked for half of the race. "We got to Molokai and learned how to correctly rig the canoe. The way we had been doing it, it took about five minutes. The thirty minutes or so it now takes made the canoe much for stable."

Still, Arkansas hulked (turned over) twice before finishing 38th. "If this had been flat water, I think we would have done better. In this rougher water really had to adapt our stroke. We're strong on technique but with the waves we had to forget technique and just go for power."

Several new awards were created for this year's race. One went to the oldest paddler—Bill Macintosh of Canada's Team Ontario.

"I don't know what all the fuss was about," said the 62-year-old. "We had another guy who couldn't make it at the last minute. He's 67."

Macintosh beat out Outrigger Senior Masters paddler Hank Lass by two months.



UP IN THE AIR—Outrigger's final crew celebrates as it touches shore at Fort DeRussy beach.

Na Kane Aukai—award for the club traveling the farthest—went to the Royal Canoe Club of England. Steering the English team was Frenchy Luttagau, member of Waikiki Beach Boys.

"We trusted Frenchy," said Chris Harrod. "Even when he brought us in so close to the cliffs at Koko Head that I thought it was all over. He kept yelling to paddle, paddle because he said he knew what he was doing. He did; we didn't die."

The sportsmanship award went to Puna of the Big Island. Their paddlers went without being relieved for nearly 1 1/2 hours when their escort boat went over to help another canoe.

His seventh Molokai Hoe victory was not the best for Outrigger steers: an Tom Conner. In fact, he said it was probably the worst.

"I came close to fainting several times out there," he said. "I even started eating, which I never do. For me, it was one of the most punishing races."

Tahiti Nui, with seven of the nine paddlers from last year's team, may not be back next year. "I am sure a team will be sent but I think most of these paddlers will not be on that team," said spokesman Charlie Villierme.

"Most of the guys will be concentrating on the World Sprints in Hawaii next August. We will be here for that."

Anueue's Nappy Napoleon added to his most-ever channel crossing with his 30th yesterday. His crew, which included twin sons Aaron and Darryn, finished 22nd overall after flirting with the leaders half-way across. "We just ran out of steam," he said.

# Canoe crew crosses palms after crossing channel



Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers congratulate each other upon winning the Molokai-to-Oahu race yesterday. Story, Page D-1.

# Outrigger wins Molokai Hoe

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*Wanted: Travel agent. Willing to deal with shipment of 400-pound outrigger canoes. Background in paddling a plus. Knowledge of French/Tahitian helpful. Bookings for England possibly needed. Serious inquiries only. Apply Outrigger Canoe Club, Honolulu, HI.*

Polite society would call them invitations. Outrigger Canoe Club knows them for what they are: challenges.

And oh, the mileage-plus points Outrigger, the winners of yesterday's Bankoh Molokai Hoe, could rack up if all the invitations were accepted. Tahiti, England, Arkansas, New York, Canada, California.

When the rest of the canoe world follows you across 40.8 miles of ocean from Molokai to Oahu, it's only natural to expect a home-and-home reciprocal agreement. Kaiwi Channel and the River Thames? Why not.

"It would be nice but I don't think it's in the budget; I know I won't be signing the check for

that trip," joked OCC's Walter Guild.

Still, the 14 non-Hawaii crews would like to have a home-water advantage such that Outrigger enjoyed the quickest way to the Ft. DeRussy beach finish line was worth nearly five minutes for the defending champs; a non-record five hour, 32 minute, 46.73 second time was worth a record-tying 12th channel win.

Finishing 23, as they were exactly seeded, were Tahiti Nui (5:37:21) and Tahiti's FFPP (5:37:51). Oahu's Hui Nalu, successfully experimenting with heavy training in kayaks, was fourth in 5:40:19 with Imua #1 of California fifth in 5:55:17.

Kai Opuua, from the Big Island, won koa canoe honors, besting six other traditional entries with a time of 6:13:40. 11th overall, Oahu's Haleakala was the last of the 48 nine-man crews to make the crossing from Hale O Lono Harbor, finishing in 8:18:02. Ka Mo'i, from the Waianae Coast, had

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## Molokai Hoe Finishers

Pl.	Team	Time	Home	Class
1.	Outrigger No. 1	5:32.46	Oahu	1-g
2.	Tahiti Nui	5:37.21	Tahiti	2-g
3.	FFPP	5:37.51	Tahiti	3-g
4.	Hui Nalu	5:40.19	Oahu	4-g
5.	Imua No. 1	5:55.17	Calif	5-g
6.	Tahiti	6:00.38	Tahiti	6-g
7.	Offshore No. 1	6:00.56	Calif	7-g
8.	Healani Renegades	6:01.26	Oahu	8-g
9.	Outrigger Jr. Masters		Oahu	2-m
10.	Kailua No. 1	6:11.54	Oahu	10-g
11.	Kai Opuua	6:13.40	Hawaii	1-k
12.	Kai Opuua Masters	6:14.57	Hawaii	1-m
13.	Kamehameha	6:15.42	Hawaii	12-g
14.	Hui Lanakila	6:15.42	Oahu	2-k
15.	Atlantic Division	6:16.44	N.Y.	13-g
16.	Outrigger Sr. Masters	6:17.03	Oahu	3-m
17.	False Creek	6:18.20	Canada	15-g
18.	Hanalei No. 2	6:19.00	Kauai	16-g
19.	Puna	6:20.23	Hawaii	17-g
20.	Faa	6:20.47	Tahiti	18-g
21.	Healani No. 2	6:22.17	Oahu	19-g
22.	Anueue	6:24.20	Oahu	3-k
23.	Kailua No. 2	6:25.19	Oahu	4-k
24.	Lokahi No. 1	6:25.46	Oahu	20-g
25.	Hui Nalu No. 2	6:27.25	Oahu	5-k
26.	Lahaina	6:27.45	Mau	21-g
27.	Newport	6:30.54	Calif	22-g
28.	Imua No. 2	6:31.21	Calif	6-k
29.	Hawaiian No. 1	6:41.17	Mau	23-g
30.	Hanalei No. 1	6:42.33	Kauai	24-g
31.	Surfsports	6:43.08	Oahu	25-g
32.	Offshore No. 2	6:45.22	Calif	7-k
33.	Honolulu	6:50.00	Oahu	26-g
34.	Kailua Masters	6:50.14	Oahu	4-m
35.	Kihe	6:55.04	Mau	28-g
36.	Leeward Kai	6:56.21	Oahu	29-g
37.	Royal	6:56.51	England	30-g
38.	Arkansas	7:07.14	Ark.	31-g
39.	Hawaiian Masters	7:10.12	Mau	5-m
40.	Waikua	7:15.26	Oahu	33-g
41.	Hawaiian Warriors	7:15.52	Oahu	34-g
42.	Wainani	7:17.25	Oahu	35-g
43.	Manu O Ke Kai No. 1	7:18.44	Oahu	36-g
44.	Lokahi No. 2	7:20.18	Oahu	37-g
45.	Koa Kai	7:38.09	Oahu	38-g
46.	Team Ontario	7:41.07	Canada	39-g
47.	Manu O Ke Kai No. 2	7:51.02	Oahu	40-g
48.	Haleakala	8:18.02	Oahu	41-g
DNF.	Ka Mo'i		Oahu	9

Key: f-fiberglass; k-koa; m-masters (35-and-older); all masters competed in fiberglass canoes.

## Year-by-year

### MEN'S MOLOKAI-OAHU WINNERS

Year	Team	Time
1987	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:32:46
1986	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:27:45
1985	Illinois Brigade (Illinois)	5:33:04
1984	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:18:19
1983	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:45:09
1982	Offshore (Calif.)	6:08:35
1981	Offshore (Calif.)	5:25:01
1980	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:52:26
1979	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:43:52
Hale O Lono to Fort DeRussy (around wreck buoy), 41.01 miles.		
1978	Blazing Paddles (Calif.)	5:43:52
Hale O Lono to Magic Island, 41.46 miles.		
1977	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:55:00
Kaunakakai to Magic Island, 55.60 miles.		
1976	Te Oropaa (Tahiti)	7:53:40
Hale O Lono to Moana Hotel, 40.41 miles.		
1975	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:39:07
1974	Lanikai Canoe Club (Oahu)	6:18:55
Kaunakakai to Sans Souci, 53.32 miles.		
1973	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	8:00:00
Hale O Lono to Hilton Hawaiian Village, 40.8 miles.		
1972	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:01:46
1971	Healani Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:51:02
1970	Healani Canoe Club (Oahu)	6:24:00
1969	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:38:26
1968	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:55:16
1967	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	6:03:09
1966	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:37:13
1965	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	6:48:57
1964	Kailua Civic Canoe Club (Oahu)	5:56:00
1963	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:40:00
Kawakui to Hilton Hawaiian Village, 38.96 miles.		
1962	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	7:04:00
1961	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	7:48:00
1960	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	5:29:00
1959	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:09:00
1958	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:32:00
1957	Kai Oni (Oahu)	5:56:00
1956	Outrigger Canoe Club (Oahu)	7:54:00
Kawakui to Moana Hotel, 38.2 miles.		
1955	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	7:09:40
1954	Hui Nalu (Oahu)	6:05:00
1953	Waikiki Surf Club (Oahu)	6:53:00
1952	Kukui O Lanikaula (Molokai)	8:55:00



SUPPORT—With its support team following, Outrigger prepares to make its final turn.

# MOLOKAI HOE: Outrigger shows way

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equipment problems and was towed in.

Outrigger's fourth win in the past five years, seventh in 11, was a lot closer than the Waikiki-based club had hoped. "It was a battle from the beginning," said OCC steersman Tom Conner after going the entire distance without relief. "The Tahitians told us at the start, 'We'll follow you. I told them, 'We'll follow you.' And the game began."

The 36th annual event began 27 minutes later than the original 7:30 a.m. start, with a new starting-line format: the stroke (No. 1 paddler) from each crew was to remain in the water until the green flag went up and then jump in the canoe. A number of the crews jumped the start, including several of the top 10 finishers. Officials discussed, then later dismissed, giving the flag jumpers a 10-minute penalty.

"We decided to try something new that would try to make for a fairer start," said Joan Malama, president of sponsoring Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association.

"That one point, when they made their turn, our steersman got caught sideways on the way. Four little waves they caught and they were gone."

By Koko Head, Outrigger had widened the gap to a quarter-mile; by its home waters off San Souci, the gap had doubled. Tahiti Nui's competition the became rival FFPP; with seven of last year's nine paddlers back, last year's runnersup held off the challenge for another second place, this one by 10 seconds.

Nearly three minutes later, Hui Nalu stroked in for a semi-surprising fourth place. Steersman Kala Kukea felt his experiment with kayak training was fairly successful.

"We did well, especially since we did little training in the boat together," he said. "We'll take a look at it for next season, make some adjustments and hope it works better next year."

Kukea felt no need to make excuses for a fourth-place showing; no Hawaii team has beaten Outrigger for first-place channel honors since Lanikai in 1974.

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# Outrigger defends distance crown in Molokai Hoe race

HONOLULU (AP) — Endurance, luck and pressure from the competition helped the Outrigger Canoe Club win the Bankoh Molokai Hoe — Hawaii's premier ocean racing event — for the second year in a row yesterday.

The club's nine-man crew paddled their outrigger canoe 40.8 miles between Molokai's Hale O Lono Harbor to Fort DeRussy Beach on Oahu in 5 hours, 32 minutes and 42 seconds, five minutes ahead of two Tahitian teams.

The Tahitian crews — Tahiti Nui and F.F.P.P. (French Federation Pirogue Polynésie) — had been neck-and-neck with the Outrigger Canoe Club for most of the race.

"Our crew ran scared from the start to the finish," said Outrigger crewman Keone Downing.

"When you're dealing with this caliber, anything can happen, and you can't make mistakes. Our whole thing has always been to run scared," he said.

However, Outrigger steersman Tom Conner said the ocean itself favored the Outrigger Canoe Club — but only toward the end of the race, which began in calm waters about 7:50 a.m.

The Oahu club set the pace among the 49 outrigger canoes, but Tahiti Nui and F.F.P.P. kept up through the Kaiwi Channel.

However, near Koko Head on Oahu, the Outrigger Canoe Club got lucky, Conner said.

"The waves started coming bigger and more northerly, and when I got to that point I made a left turn and we caught a few waves," he said. "We got about 100 yards ahead, and that was enough."

Tahiti Nui finished in 5:37:21, and F.F.P.P. finished in 5:37:51. The first Maui crew to finish was Lahaina with a time of 6:27:45, good for 26th place overall.

The win was the fourth in five years for the Outrigger Canoe Club and the 12th in the 36-year history of the Molokai Hoe.

In addition to teams from Hawaii and Tahiti, crews from California, Canada, Britain, Illinois, Arkansas, New York and Virginia, took part in the race.