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Sports Report

Outrigger wins, Kai Opua places

HONOLULU (UPI) — Outrigger Canoe Club yesterday retained its title in the 36th Molokai Hoe, the 40.8-mile canoe race from Molokai to Oahu.

The defending champion canoe club finished the race at Fort DeRussy Beach just after 1:20 p.m. with an elapsed time of 5:32:46.

Tahiti Nui finished just over 5 minutes behind Outrigger in the race which drew 49 crews from the mainland, Australia, Canada, Japan, Tahiti as well as Hawaii.

A second crew from Tahiti, FFPP, claimed third place, crossing the line at 5:37:51, 30 seconds after Tahiti Nui. Hui Nalu finished in fourth at 5:40:19.

Kai Opua Canoe Club of Kona won the koa division championship and the Kai Opua Masters took second place in the masters' competition. Kai Opua's senior men's crew finished 11th overall in 6:13:40, while the masters crossed the finish line at 6:14:57, seven minutes, 17 seconds behind the Outrigger Masters team that took top honors in the masters division.

Finishing second in the koa was Hui Lanakila at 6:15:42. Anuenu was third in 6:24:20.

Puna Canoe Club was awarded the race's inaugural sportsmanship award. Puna's escort boat broke down during the race, leaving the paddlers without an escort or crew changes for an hour and a half. Puna finished 17th in the fiber glass division, 19th overall.

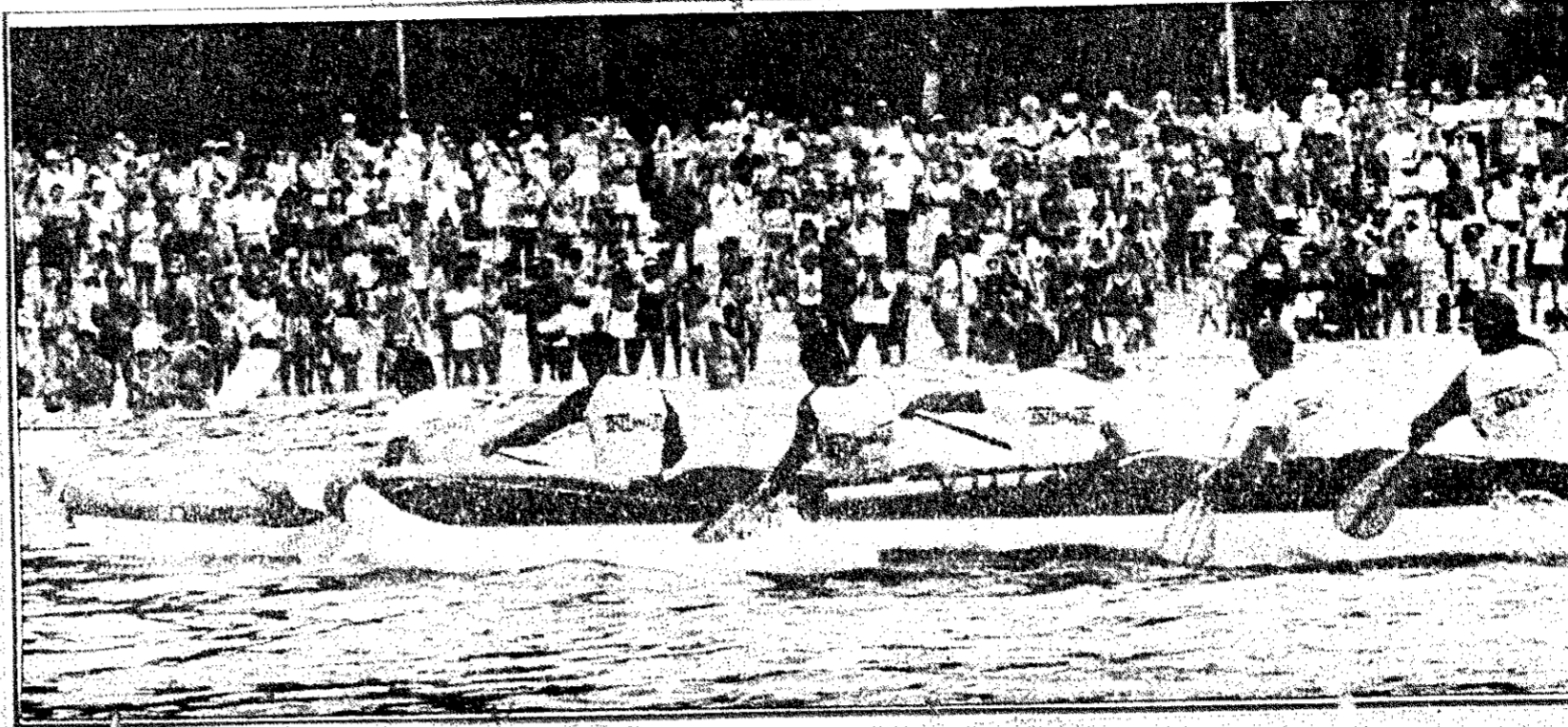
Kamehameha Canoe Club was the other Big Island crew taking part in the annual race. Kamehameha finished 13th overall, 12th in the fiber glass division.

The race began shortly after 7:30 a.m. off Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai.

The following are the finishing times for the 36th Molokai Hoe Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race:

1. Outrigger	5:32:46
2. Tahiti Nui	5:37:21
3. FFPP	5:37:51
4. Hui Nalu	5:40:19
5. Imua-I	5:55:17
6. Tahiti	6:00:28
7. Offshore	6:00:56
8. Healani	6:01:26
9. Outrigger Masters	6:07:40
10. Kailua	6:11:54
11. Kai Opua (koa)	6:13:40
12. Kai Opua Masters	6:14:57
13. Kamehameha	6:15:10
14. Hui Lanakila (koa)	6:15:42
15. Atlantic Division	6:16:44
16. Outrigger Senior Masters	6:17:03
17. False Creek	6:18:20
18. Hanalei	6:19:00
19. Puna	6:20:23
20. Faas	6:20:47
21. Healani	6:22:17
22. Anuenu (koa)	6:24:20
23. Kailua (koa)	6:25:19
24. Lokahi	6:25:46
25. Hui Nalu (koa)	6:27:25
26. Lahaina	6:27:45
27. Newport	6:30:54
28. Imua (koa)	6:31:21
29. Hawaiian	6:41:17
30. Hanalei I	6:42:33
31. SurfSports	6:43:08
32. Offshore II (koa)	6:45:22
33. Honolulu	6:50:00
34. Kailua Masters	6:50:14
35. Kihei	6:55:04
36. Leeward Kai	6:56:21
37. Royal Canoe Club	6:56:51
38. Arkansas	7:07:14
39. Hawaiian Masters	7:10:12
40. Waikaha	7:15:26
41. Hawaiian Warriors	7:15:52
42. Wainani	7:17:25
43. Mana O Ke Kai	7:18:44
44. Lokahi	7:20:18
45. Koa Kai	7:38:09
46. Team Ontario	7:41:07
47. Mana O Ke Kai	7:51:02
48. Haleakala	8:18:02
49. Ka Moi	towed

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Outrigger club does it again

Before a huge crowd at Ft. DeRussy, the Outrigger Canoe Club finishes first in the 36th Bankoh Molokai Hoe yesterday. Outrigger out-paddled 48 other crews in completing the 40.8-mile race in 5 hours, 32 minutes, 46.73 seconds. Outrigger has won eight of the last nine Molokai-to-Oahu races. Story on Page C-1.

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Outrigger wins Molokai Hoe

HONOLULU — Endurance, luck and pressure from the competition helped the Outrigger Canoe Club win the Bankoh Molokai Hoe 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 five hours, 32 minutes and 42 seconds, five minutes ahead of two Tahitian teams.

Kai O Pua of Kona finished first in the koa division and 11th overall for the top Big Island finishing time of 6:13:40.63. Kai O Pua masters was right behind at 6:14:57, followed by Kamehameha of Hilo at 6:15:10.86.

Kai O Pua's koa crew was made up of David Serafin, Albert Bento, Mark Myers, Bill Rosehill, Brian Murphy, Sal Salinas, Kim Santo and Momi

Bean.

Their master's entry was composed of Raphael Ramirez, Butch Ukushima, Tim Oesterling, Leo Santimer, Mike Atwood, Mark Paikuli, Steve Arnett, Tim O'Dell and Mel Conception.

The Tahitian crews — Tahiti Nui and FFPP (French Federation Pirogue Polynesia) — 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 Outrigger — 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 FFPP kept up through the Kaiwi Channel.

However, near Koko Head on Oahu, the Outrigger 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 FFPP finished in 5:37:51.

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

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Is Hawaii paddling's top spot?

By Cindy Luis
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The ocean has been a two-faced friend for many Hawaii kayak, surf-ski, and canoe paddlers. While the conditions and weather afford year-round training, there is a 2,600-mile wall of water between here and the coaching and facilities needed to become world-class.

Paddlers such Hui Nalu's Mike Harbold and Outrigger's Traci Phillips and Kevin Olds have broken down the barrier but at the expense of changing their home of record to California. That may soon change with if plans for a national-caliber training camp based here come to fruition.

"That's why I'm here," said California Offshore's Billy Whitford, who doubles as the western region director of the national canoe/kayak organization. "Hawaii have become known nationally and internationally for its potential in paddling. We want to establish a training program outside of outrigger paddling for kayaks and canoes."

The first step is interest, which is something this weekend's Steinlager



By Terry Luke, Star-Bulletin

NEW CANOE—Outrigger's, from left, Traci Phillips, Kevin Olds, and Marshall Rosa show off a new three-person canoe.

Hawaiian Canoe Kayak Championship on the Ala Wai Canal is expected to draw some 100 of the top paddlers from Hawaii, Tahiti, the mainland and Europe will be competing in a series of short-distance, flat water races.

"The variety of craft at the two distances should generate the interest and attention that will lead up to next year's World Sprints here," said canoe builder Walter Guild, who helped initiate the event.

Guild has designed a three-man fiberglass outrigger canoe, a scaled-down Hawaiian Class Racer six-man canoe, for the races. In addition, K-1s (single kayaks), one-man Tahitian-style lagoon canoes and surfskis will be competing in open and junior (18-and-under) 250- and 500-meter sprints.

Four 30-foot-wide lanes will be marked off on the canal with the starting lines off Olohana Street for

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PADDLING: Championship showcase

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the 500-meter race. Keoniana Street for the 250-meter race. The finish line is in front of the Ala Wai Boathouse; spectator bleachers will be set up along the canal.

"People will be able to watch from the canal and see the races and the different types of boats," said Marshall Rosa, who is providing the racing kayaks. "We like to use surfskis in Hawaii because they're easier to surf. K-1s are really tricky, you have to put in the training time to do well."

Among the top entrants are U.S.

national team members Terry Kent, Norman Bellingham and Jo Jo Toepfner. Phillips, Olds, Harbold, Rosa, Billy Robello and Bo Eastabrooks should be among Hawaii's top finishers.

This will be the first major competition on the canal in several decades. High school rowing regattas were held through the 1960s but gradually faded out.

The 19 heats will begin at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Sunday's racing starts also at 8 a.m. with finals beginning around 1 p.m.

Entries are still being accepted.

at \$10-\$15 per event. The races are open to any paddler, affiliated with a club or not. Boats will be provided but personal boats meeting ICF specifications (for K-1s) and surfskis weighing a minimum 30 pounds are welcome.