

Pokai to Nawiliwili:

60-mile outrigger canoe race marks 'Year of the Hawaiian'

by Chris Cook

A 60-mile-long outrigger canoe sailing and paddling race from Pokai Bay on Leeward Oahu to Nawiliwili Bay is the centerpiece of plans being drawn up by Kauai's Year of the Hawaiian celebration committee for this summer.

The race is scheduled to begin in the wee hours of Saturday, Aug. 8. The date was chosen to take advantage of the low surf usually found in the channel on that date, and to enable up to 35 canoe crews to see their way to Kauai by the light of a full moon.

Canoes entered in the race must have been used in an "island sanctioned race" in Hawaii before, and including, the 1986

Moloka'i Channel race. The overall winner of the event will receive perhaps the grandest prize ever offered at an outrigger canoe race — a koa log from the forest of Koke'e, plus the funds to have the log shaped into a 40-foot canoe.

Ted Blake of Koloa and other members of a race committee formed for the event have met with officials of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and other organizations involved in outrigger canoe racing in Hawaii.

A set of rules has been drawn up that aims at giving every canoe club from across the state, from wealthy Outrigger at Waikiki on down to the smaller clubs on Neighbor Islands, a shot at winning first prize.

According to race committee member Carlos Andrade, the winner of the race will have to draw upon skills used by Polynesian sailors of old. Boat handling and sailing skills should win the race, he said, not the might of a crew of strong paddlers.

No crew changes will be allowed, and only one crewmember will be allowed to leave the boat. At least four crewmembers must begin the race, and three of the crew must have paddled in an island-sanctioned race prior to and including the 1986 Moloka'i Crossing.

Emphasizing sailing and navigational skills that have been reborn in Hawaii since the sailing

canoe Hokule'a was launched in the mid-1970s is no mistake. Involved in planning the race are members of the Hokule'a's crew and sailor-paddlers who regularly take to Kauai's waters aboard their own small fishing canoes.

Committee members include Hokule'a's crewmen John Kruse of Koloa, Carlos Andrade of Pila'a, Dr. Patrick Aiu and Dr. Larry Magnusson of Wailua.

Also involved in organizing the race is Nick Beck of Hanalei. Beck has circumnavigated the main Hawaiian Islands aboard a two-man sailing canoe, and crossed the Kauai channel aboard the canoe with his son David.

Beck predicts the race will take between 9 and 14 hours to complete.

A standard sail for the race is being designed by Beck and Andrade, who are visiting canoe clubs across the island to discuss the race.

The committee hopes the race will carry on the spirit of Hawaiian sailors of old, and spark a resurgence of interest in sailing canoes across the state.

Outrigger canoe racing, which has become a popular sport from the Big Island to Kauai, is a child of the art of sailing outrigger canoes. When insufficient wind forced Hawaiian sailors to lower their sails, they turned to their paddles to move their canoes ahead. Unlike outrigger canoe racing, which is done on a set course, racing sailing canoes

entails using the wind for power, and the sea, stars, landmarks and other natural signs to navigate by.

The County of Kauai is co-sponsoring the event.

Race director Ted Blake of Koloa is moving ahead with plans to have Dynacom, a California-based videotaping company, film the event for nationwide broadcast on the ESPN cable network, and on a major network.

Sponsorship for the race is still needed, according to County Public Information Officer Danita Aiu.

Already getting behind the event is the Eastman Kodak film company; and interest has been shown by major beverage companies and airlines.

Kayak Racing

OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB
2nd Winter Ocean Race
(8 miles, Molokai Bay to Sane Beach)
Open: 1. Marshall Rosa 1:00:42; 2. George Kisor 1:01:16; 3. Harold Akao 1:01:56. Expert: 1. Bob Fouchesau 1:02:01; 2. Bill Bright 1:03:13; 3. Chris Kincaid 1:03:17. Intermediate: 1. John Malalo 1:03:08; 2. Kim Dool 1:04:27; 3. Geoff Gray 1:05:11. Intermediate: 1. Mike Fox 1:05:25; 2. Todd Hart 1:05:56; 3. John Kahalema 1:07:37. Novice A: 1. Courtney Goto 1:08:58; 2. Chuck Santiago 1:10:04; 3. Wes Kikiki 1:12:42. Novice B: 1. Rocky Higgins 1:11:01; 2. Ian Emberson 1:11:48; 3. Pat Chang 1:12:16. Novice C: 1. Bruce Baglioni 1:11:28; 2. Bradley Sora 1:11:31; 3. Ben Swan 1:13:30. Masters A: 1. Kala Kaka 1:02:07; 2. Gene Hayward 1:02:33; 3. Tom Conner 1:03:50. Masters B: 1. Gaylord Wilson 1:05:18; 2. Mark Beck 1:06:35; 3. Mike Town 1:10:41. Women: 1. Denise Deryn 1:08:11; 2. Leslie Conner 1:12:07; 3. Sandy Hammond 1:12:12. Girls (16-mile race): 1. Mary Yates 12:35; 2. Debbie Wilson 13:23; 3. Robin Monaka 13:38.

Wahines score softball sweep on arms of Katada, Rodrigues

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Pitchers Tina Katada and Rachelle Rodrigues limited Dixie College of St. George, Utah, to one run over two games as the University of Hawaii softball team evened its record at 3-3 with 16-1 and 10-0 victories yesterday.

Audra Kaluau hit a solo home run and Nani Su'a a three-run homer in the second game for the Wahines.

Hawaii plays Nevada-Las Vegas in a Pacific Coast Athletic Association double-header both today and Thursday.



Team	First Game	Su'a
Hawaii	115	18-16
Dixie College	000	01-1

Team	Second Game
Dixie College	000 000-0
Hawaii	001 045-10

UH men, women win

The University of Hawaii men's tennis team swept Northern Iowa, 9-0, yesterday in a college match at UH courts. UH is 15-8, Northern Iowa 5-1.

In a women's match, the Wahines defeated Skidmore College, 8-1.

The Wahines are 13-8. Skidmore is 13-4.

Isle File

Hawaiian Women's 8, 8 Divisions 1
Singles: Pam Thompson (S) def. Chris Ng (UH), 6-3, 3-8, 6-2; Carleen Kopp (UH) def. Krista McShane (S), 6-1, 6-1; Michelle Murray (UH) def. Heidi Heuser (S), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; Lisa Rooks (UH) def. Carolyn Spelman (S), 6-2, 6-2; Natalie Mackintosh (UH) def. Kim Burnett (S), 6-3, 7-5; Tammy Kobayashi (UH) def. Holly Mendall (S), 6-2, 6-2.

Hawaiian Men's 8, 8 Divisions 1
Singles: Cliff Tamura def. Jeff Smith, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2; Yuri Sohn def. Barry Tsui, 6-2, 6-1; Steve Casey def. Todd Lantz, 6-1, 6-1; Tim Tjelt def. Nick Rakars, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; Peter Cannon def. Pierre Bernard, 6-2, 6-3; Lawrence Love def. Tom Garton, 6-2, 6-2.

OSAKA, Japan — Hawaii's Salevaa Atisanoo pushed Masurao out of the ring yesterday for a victory in the 10th day of the spring Grand Sumo Tournament.

Atisanoo, who wrestles in Japan as Konishiki, improved to 6-4 when he unleashed a series of thrusts against Masurao, then powered him out of ring. Hokutoumi advanced to 9-1 to lead the tournament at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Masurao is 8-2. Chiyonofuji and Asashio are 7-3.

And what's more . . .
Robert Lau defeated Bill Black, 6-1, 6-4, yesterday in a semifinal match of the 61st

Oahu Public Parks tennis tournament at Keehi Lagoon. Lau will face Yuri Sohn in the final on Saturday at 10 a.m. on the Diamond Head Tennis Center courts.

The Hawaii Loa basketball team will play exhibition games against Pierce Arrow of Japan on tomorrow and Friday at the King Armory gym in Kaneohe. Game time both nights is 8 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The fourth annual Al Harrington/Bill Paul Racquetball/Squash Tournament will be held Saturday at the Honolulu Club beginning at 9 a.m. The tournament is a benefit for the Shawn Akina Memorial Scholarship. Akina was a former Punahou School football player who died while working out at the University of Utah campus last year. For more information call Al Harrington at 923-7641 or Bill Paul at 848-1414.

The fourth annual Hawaiian Ocean Triathlon Championships will be held 8 a.m. Saturday at Kaimana Beach. The competition will include individual events as well as team competitions. The three legs include a one-mile swim, two-mile paddleboard race and a four-mile kayak race. There is also a 50-yard run between each event. For more information, call Ian Emberson of the Outrigger Canoe Club at 923-1585.

The canoe race: Centerpiece of Ho'olako '87

by Chris Cook

The centerpiece of Kauai's Year of the Hawaiian Celebration — Ho'olako '87 — is a sailing and paddling outrigger canoe race from Pokai Bay on Oahu's Leeward Coast to Nawiliwili Harbor set for the early hours of Saturday, August 8.

First prize in the race is a koa log from the forests of Koke'e, plus the funds to have a canoe building carve a canoe from the log.

Other canoe-related prizes will also be offered.

The race is to be conducted under rules set up by a specially formed race committee, which includes Kauai's sailors who have sailed leeward along the Polynesian Voyaging Society's sailing canoe Hokule'a.

The committee has conferred with the Hawaiian Racing Canoe Association and other canoe racing organizations across the state, and has come up with a set of rules that chairman Ted Blake of Koloa says is fair to small neighbor island crews, as well as large clubs like Waikiki's prestigious Outrigger Canoe Club. A cap of 35 entrants, selected on a first-come-first-served basis, has been placed on the race.

Only outrigger canoes used in "island-sanctioned" races prior to and including the 1986 Moloka'i Channel crossing, fitted with a standard sail, are eligible.

Blake has succeeded in drawing the interest of Dynacom, a mainland videotaping company for broadcasting on the ESPN

cable station, and possibly as a segment of a major network sports telecast.

Sponsors for the race include the County of Kauai, Available from Danita Aiu, the County's Public Information Officer, is a special Year of the Hawaiian t-shirt, which features a drawing of a sailing canoe on its shirt pocket. Proceeds from the sale go to support the race and other Ho'olako events, and are available at the Mayor's Office in the County Building and from committee members.

Other sponsors lined up include Eastman Kodak. Talks are also underway with a major beverage company and other corporate sponsors. Assistance from other sponsors is essential to ensure the race will be a success, according to Aiu.

The event, which is expected to last from 9 to 14 hours, will be the first mass crossing of the Kauai Channel by sailing canoes in this century.

Preliminary rules for the event include:

Sails — A standard material will be used, and all sails will be laced; the maximum square footage of the sail will be determined by the committee; only a single sail will be used; and cordage must be used for the rigging.

Escort Boats — Must be Coast Guard certified and approved, and meet certain specifications; a minimum of three paddlers who have raced in an island sanctioned race must be part of each

crew; each crew must provide their own personal and property liability insurance; and each participant must sign a waiver.

In addition, each canoe must start and finish the race with a sail and mast, a first aid kit, salvage equipment, safety equipment and paddles.

Members of the race committee include long-time canoe paddler and sailor Nick Beck; Hokule'a's crewman and paddlemaker John Kruse; Hokule'a's ship doctor and sailor Dr. Patrick Aiu and Dr. Larry Magnusson; and canoe builder and sailor, and Hokule'a's crewman Carlos Andrade.

For more information call Danita Aiu at 245-3385.

Canoe Specifications — Maximum length is 45 feet; each hull must weigh at least 400 pounds; the canoe must have been used in any sanctioned race up to and including the 1986 Moloka'i Channel crossing; each crew member must be provided with a life preserver; the sail must be stepped in the hull; the iako (outrigger support) must be made of wood; the ama (outrigger) must be round in cross-section and must have been used in an island sanctioned race; paddles must be of wood; and canvas or similar covers must be used to keep out water.

Entrants Responsibilities — An escort boat must be provided; a minimum crew of four must be provided, with no changes allowed, but one crew member may leave the canoe for personal safety, but can't be replaced.



Ocean Sports Journal

By Carol Hogan
Special to The Advertiser

When it comes to surfing, professional Hans Hedemann knows what he's talking about.

He dedicates part of his busy schedule to making sure kids in Hawaii know what it's all about.

He's especially busy this month promoting the non-profit Hawaiian Sporting Association's annual Surf Pac '87. It is scheduled for next weekend, March 28 and 29, at Ala Moana "Bowls" off Magic Island.

Surf Pac is the only statewide high school meet in Hawaii. It is the result of an awareness effort that began when Hedemann and Gabe

Garduque — Surf Pac founder and president of HSA — began giving free surfing safety seminars several years ago.

"We started off with the state libraries, promoting surfing safety over the radio," Hedemann said. "The station gave us free air time and we set up the programs and did the seminars in the evening."

"We did that for a couple of years, then took the seminars to high schools and intermediate schools. "I call the schools, set up the appointments and follow through with them. That's how the kids find out what's coming up. We get them kind of excited and pumped up for the contest."

The program includes surfing safety, ocean safety, beginning and advanced equipment and competition. Surf videos are shown and Hedemann, ranked No. 4 on the Association of Surfing Professionals world

tour, gives out autographed posters.

"When we have a seminar at lunch, it draws about 200 kids," Hedemann said.

After the presentation, he opens the meeting to questions. "Half the group is really shy and the other half wants to know what's going on," Hedemann said.

"The girls ask, 'Are you married?' and the boys want to know details like how much I make and what it's like to travel and surf."

They also ask about beginning surfing and what kind of equipment to buy. This is where Hedemann draws on two decades of personal experience and anecdotes.

(Many former Hawaii high school surfers have become famous international professionals including Derek and Michael Ho, Brock Little, Aaron Napoleon and Hedemann. Little and Napoleon are former Surf Pac winners.)

The seminar approach works. Surf Pac, now in its fourth year, has the largest attendance of any amateur high school surfing contest in the state. Entry is through school eliminations with the top three seeded into Surf Pac.

"The kids love the big trophies and there are a couple of thousand people who go down there and watch throughout the day," Hedemann said. "It's really interesting because of the excitement and the competition between the kids to get into Surf Pac. They really get a lot of support from their schoolmates."

The meet has Junior Men's and Women's divisions and a bikini contest. For the first time this year, it will be run during a two-day period, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Float plan

Tomorrow — Hawaii Yacht Club El Toro races at

Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. Non-members welcome, must bring own boat. Start at 5:30 p.m. Call Esther World at 259-7300.

Saturday — Waikiki Swim Club weekly training swim at Ala Moana Park. Call Fred Trask at 527-5842 (w) or 261-2818 (h).

Saturday — Ocean Triathlon plus Two Mile Swim, Outrigger Canoe Club. Call Ian Emberson at 261-2271.

Saturday — Kaneohe Yacht Club "C" Series races in Kaneohe Bay. Call NYC 247-4121.

Saturday — 16th annual Prince Kuhio Canoe Race on Kauai. Open to all island canoe clubs. Iron race. Women's Keala Beach to Wailua Beach/Men's Wailua to Kalapaki Beach. Sponsored by Garden Island Racing Association. Call Diane Daniels at 838-6133 (w) or 826-9779 (h).

Saturday-Sunday — National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA) team season meet No. 3 at Ehuia Beach Park. Call HPAC Hotline at 671-5255.

Saturday-Sunday — 16th annual Sandy Beach Body Surfing Championships. Call Bob or Jan Thomas at 396-3942.

Sunday — Hawaii Hobie Cat Association. Kaula Hobie Cat Regatta at Kaula Beach Park. Call Friends of Sailing & Boating Co. at 261-2961.

Wednesday — Bob Woopoo Kayak Clinic at Magic Island. Call Bob Woopoo at 255-2252.

Wednesday-Saturday — Big Island Invitational Marlin Tournament in Kailua-Kona. Call Jody Bright at 325-7257.

Outrigger outreach

In order to meet the growing demand for room reservations among its customers throughout the islands, Outrigger Hotels Hawaii has announced it will offer Neighbor Island toll-free reservation service, effective April 1.

The new line allows callers from Kauai, Maui, Molokai, Lanai and the Big Island to reach OHI's central reservation office by dialing 1-800-367-5170.