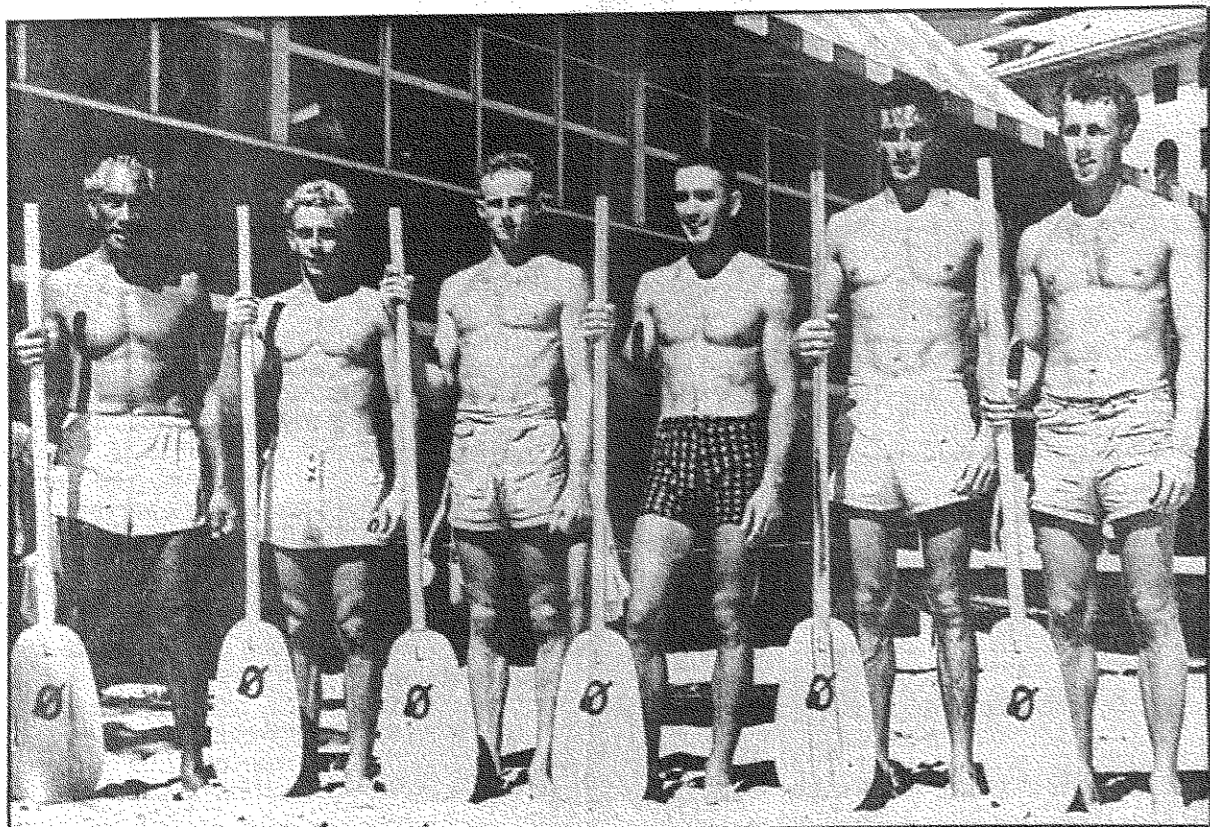


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Outrigger Canoe Club photo



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At left, the Duke and his boys in 1945 and, right, yesterday. They are, from left in both pictures, Thad Ekstrand, Jim Fernie, Carlos Rivas, Tommy Arnott and Tom O'Brien.

## Duke's boys celebrate his 100th beyond the reef

By Bob Krauss  
Advertiser Columnist

Duke Kahanamoku's Senior Six paddled out beyond the reef under a cloudless sky yesterday to celebrate the centennial of his legend in their own private way.

Actually, there were only five paddlers because the steersman's seat, the Duke's, has been empty since he died.

The official Duke Kahanamoku Centennial celebration won't happen until Aug. 24, his birthday, with oratory and the unveiling of his statue on Kuhio Beach.

But the Senior Six don't require oratory and most of them won't be in town on Aug. 24. Besides, they've been celebrating his birthday like this for about 30 years and Duke never complained.

The oldest paddler is Jim Fernie, 71, and the youngest is Carlos Rivas at 67. Then there's Thad Ekstrand, Tom Arnott and Tom O'Brien. They were in their 20s when Duke whipped them into shape. That was in 1943.

"We had been playing volleyball at the old Outrigger Canoe Club between the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and the Moana," said Arnott as they waited for Rivas to arrive from Kona.

"Duke came along and said, 'Hey, you kids look like you're in pretty good shape. Why don't I teach you to paddle? Let's form a crew.' That's how it started."

Ekstrand was in the Army at the time, O'Brien in the Navy.

Duke's boys created a legend of their own because they were never defeated in nearly a decade of paddling the Leilani, a koa canoe. They raced against Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf,

the Navy and the Beach Boys.

"It's because Duke was a stickler for conditioning," said Arnott. "We'd paddle four miles and think we were through. Then he'd put it to us again out into blue water before he said, 'Way, nuff.'"

"We'd fall into the water to take a rest. And the canoe would be gone. Duke would hold onto the *manu* (stern) and push the canoe, paddling with his feet. We could never catch him and he was 35 years older than any of us."

After Duke died in 1968, his paddlers celebrated his birthday every year by taking a canoe out and scattering flowers beyond the reef in his memory.

"One year we went out to blue water and spread the flowers," Arnott recalled. "We went over the side and talked about him.

Then we heard this strange sound, 'Puff, puff, puff.'"

"A school of porpoise was swimming through the flowers. Talk about chicken skin. Nobody said a word. We just got in the canoe and paddled back."

After 47 years, the paddlers don't bulge in the same places they used to because Arnott, who weighed 195 then, now tips the scales at 230. Rivas has gone up from 165 to 210.

But their paddles flashed in the sun in perfect synchronization as they set out from the Outrigger for blue water.

One member of the crew, Bob Bush, was missing because they scattered his ashes only a few weeks ago. And another crew member, Jimmy Pflueger, had to be away because of business on the Mainland.

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### It's OK, Kimo's in the town Hysperia — not in hysteria



HAWAII  
By Dave Donnelly

**T**HIRELESS promoter Kimo McVay called yesterday from Hysperia, a town in California which is not to be confused with hysteria, a state which McVay is often in. He was visiting two grandchildren he had not seen before — after leaving Indianapolis where he attended the reunion of the crew of the USS Indianapolis, which was captained by his father, Adm. Charles McVay. Kimo said he signed about 400 books for survivors of the Indianapolis, which was sunk by a Japanese sub; his father was unfairly blamed for the sinking. The book, "Fatal Voyage" by author Don Kurtzman, is a surprise best-seller.

MCVAY learned that the Denver Broncos were staying at the same hotel he was while in Indianapolis to play the Colts. Ever the promoter, McVay got Kurtzman

to autograph a copy of the book for Broncos owner Pat Bowlen, who also was in town for the game. McVay couldn't find Bowlen, however, so he ended up giving the book to Broncos quarterback John Elway, who promised he would pass it along to Bowlen, a pal of McVay's from the Outrigger Canoe Club.

A COUPLE of changes — totally unrelated — at KHVH. After 30 years in the broadcast business, Ray Sweeney, who was vice president of sales, is leaving it to join the public relations firm of Patti Cook & Associates. And ex-isle anchorman Tim Tindall has reached an agreement with owner Bob Berger to become station manager and news director for "an indeterminate period" . . . Where are they now? Singer Sonny Knight, who had a couple of

major national hits with "Confidential" and "In Shallah," is performing Sunday and Monday nights in Swan Court at the Hyatt Regency Maui and each Thursday through Saturday at the Whale's Tale on Front Street. He has been a fixture in the Maui club scene for the past 20 years . . .

#### Bank boo-boos

AFTER some Hawaiian language purists complained about First Nationwide Bank's "lucky money" ads, they were changed to add diacritical pronunciation marks. But the bank said the order of the words couldn't be changed to make it grammatically correct because "No one would understand it." . . . And First Hawaiian Bank is still running the radio spot which begins, "To err is human," where err is mis-pronounced as "air" when it should be "ur."

MAYBE Robin Leach knows something we don't. On a segment of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" originating from Kauai, Leach said, "Here we are in the 52nd state . . ." Simeon Den of Dance Works flies to Kauai once a week to teach dance. Last year, he coached recording star Glenn Medeiros for his current tour



Kimo McVay



Keith Ikaia-Purdy

and hit music video with Bobby Brown. Den and partner Marie Takazawa will open a Pearl City branch of Dance Works next month . . . And speaking of dancing, the Castle Performing Arts Center production of "West Side Story" got rave reviews and quickly sold out. Consequently two performances have been added, Aug. 21 and 22 . . .

TODAY marks the anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. To mark the occasion tonight, Elvis impersonator Tony Rol will appear at the Hot Rod Cafe in Discovery Bay. Things get under way at 9 p.m.

with Elvis look-alikes, sound-alikes and move-alikes competing for prizes . . . More dance news: Shamil Yagudin will offer master classes Aug. 28 to Sept. 1 at Ballet Hawaii while he's here with the Bolshoi Ballet. Call the ballet office for exact dates and times . . .

#### Concerts three

THE second "Concert at the Cannery" takes place tomorrow night with Kalapana and guest group Leahi . . . Hawaiian tenor Keith Ikaia-Purdy returns to the islands for his local debut recital Aug. 25 at Kamehameha School. Ikaia-Purdy, a Kamehameha grad, has achieved international acclaim with the Wiesbaden Opera, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra and the London Philharmonic Chorus. He also has studied privately with legendary Verdian tenor Carlo Bergonzi. The recital is free . . . One of the best known boy choirs in the world, the FM Tokyo Boys Choir will present a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday in Central Union Church. The Honolulu Boy Choir also will perform . . .

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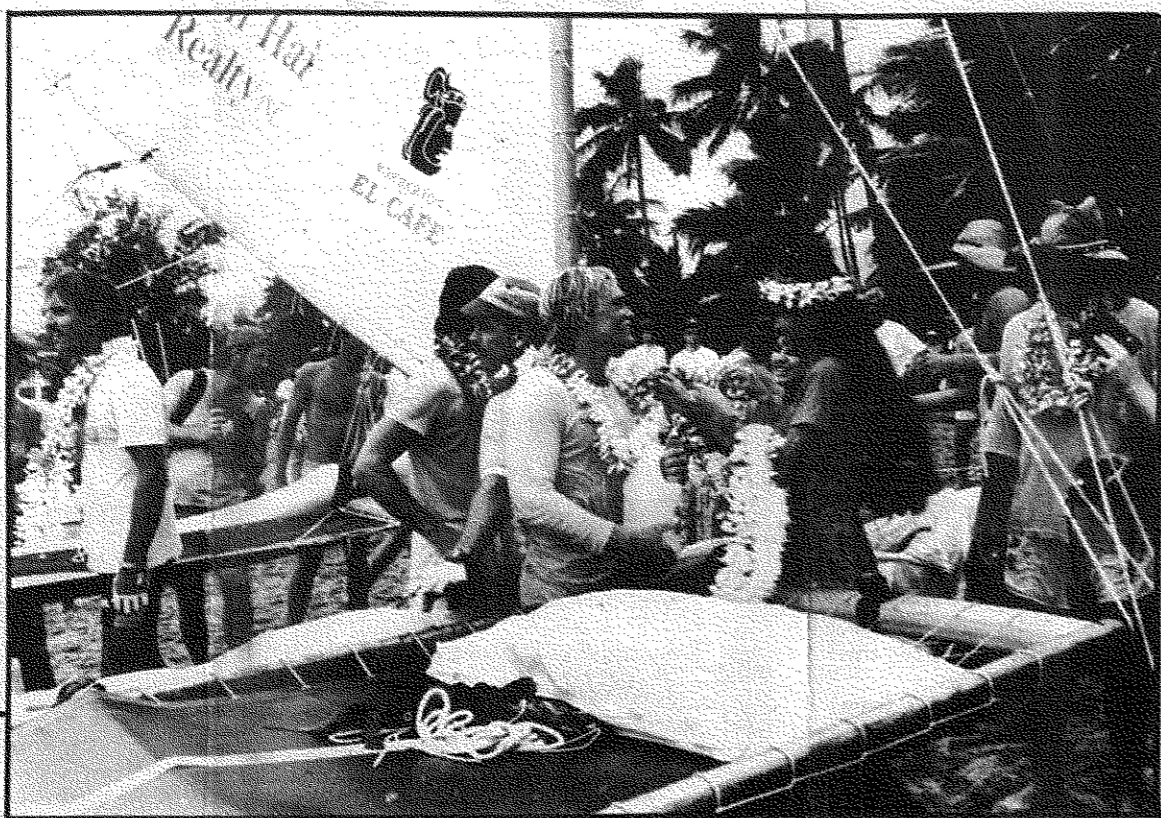
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## From Na Holo Kai to Pan Pacific in '91.



Since the inception of the race, interest has always been expressed by seagoing enthusiasts in Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti and Samoa. And now, the NA HOLO KAI race is on the threshold of becoming an international sporting event.

An Invitational "Pan Pacific" NA HOLO KAI race could be a reality as early as the 1991 event, sharing Polynesian outrigger sailing heritage of peoples spread across the vast Pacific, but linked by the cultural and historical tradition of ancient navigational skills.



THOUSANDS WERE ON HAND at the Kalapaki Beach finish line to welcome the arriving crews from 19 statewide canoe clubs. The Maui Sailing Association won the '89 race in seven hours, 47 minutes and 50 seconds.



### 1989 Race Entries

Listed in alphabetical order

- 1 - 'Auka'i Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 2 - Anuenue Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 3 - Hanalei Canoe Club (Kaua'i)
- 4 - Hawai'ian Canoe Club (Maui)
- 5 - Hawai'ian Catamaran Club (O'ahu)
- 6 - Hawai'ian Sailing Canoe Association (O'ahu)
- 7 - Hui Mokihana Canoe Club (Kaua'i)
- 8 - Hui Nalu Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 9 - Island Tan Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 10 - Jake Kai'o Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 11 - Ka Mo'i Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 12 - Koloa Outrigger Canoe Club (Kaua'i)
- 13 - Leeward Kai Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 14 - Maui Sailing Canoe Association (Maui)
- 15 - Moloka'i Canoe Club (Moloka'i)
- 16 - Outrigger Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 17 - Southern Cross Sailing Club (O'ahu)
- 18 - Surf Sports Canoe Club (O'ahu)
- 19 - Waimanalo Canoe Club (O'ahu)