

# Portland Team Cops Billfish Title

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KAILUA, Kona—Oregon's city of Portland team won first place in the 12th annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament Friday, with a Kona fishing club challenging its lead until the last fish was weighed in at about 9 Friday night.

Teams with Big Island anglers finished second and third in the competition, and other Hawaiian teams placed fourth and fifth. Fishermen smashed the old tournament record of 63 marlin, set in 1967, catching 95 in five days of fast-paced fishing action.

The Anaehoomalu Bay Trolling Club took second place in the competition with four marlin totaling 1,268 points, trailing Portland's score of 1,355.

The Kona Mauka Trollers' team 2 captured third place with the last two fish weighed in, providing an exciting finale to the tournament. The club had an outside chance of upsetting Portland until the scales were tipped for the final time. The team ended up with a score of 1,263 points.

Team 1 of Oahu's Ala Moana Sportsman's Club took fourth place with 1,246 points, and team 2 of the Maaleha Boat and Fishing Club of Maui was fifth with 756.

The Portland team was led to victory by its captain, James Conway, who has a television sports series. Conway caught three marlin, one weighing 164 pounds Monday, a 123-pounder Thursday, and a 158-pound fish which clinched first place Friday.

His wife and teammate, Patricia Conway, caught a 146-pound marlin Tuesday, the first caught by a woman during this year's competition.

Both Conways caught their marlin on 50-pound test line, giving them a 100 per cent point bonus in scoring.

The other Portland team member to score, Richard Davis, caught a 133-pounder Tuesday. He received a 30 per cent point bonus for using 80-pound line.

The second place Anaehoomalu Bay team temporarily jumped into the lead Thursday, but dropped to second when the team failed to produce a marlin Friday. On Thursday Kenny Young, a Kailua, Kona realtor, caught a 375-pound marlin, and team mate Terry Jefferson of Honolulu took a 438-pounder, scoring a 100 point bonus for the biggest fish of the day.

Young and another team member, Boise Cascade official Ron Duplanty, had caught small marlin Tuesday.

The tournament's suspenseful and thrilling climax came after dark Friday. Ka'u rancher Freddy Rice's boat, the Malia, was being towed toward Kailua Bay with the two trophies which earned third place in the competition for his team, Team 2 of the Kona Mauka Trollers.

The boat had been too low on fuel to make it to the harbor, and had to be towed to the entrance of the bay, where it continued to the pier under its own power.

Cries of "Come on, Freddy!" were taken up by Kona partisans among hundred or more spectators on the pier. No one knew for sure whether the two fish were big enough to overcome Portland's lead until they were hoisted onto the scales.

Excitement mounted when the smaller marlin, caught by team member Aka Hodgins of Molokai, tipped the scales at 219 pounds, and it was announced that the fish scored 438 points, because it was caught on 50-pound line.

The second fish on Rice's boat, caught by Hodgins' wife, had been estimated at about 400 pounds. If it were to have weighed in at over 430 pounds, it would have been the biggest of the day, earning a 100-point bonus and putting Rice's team in first place.

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## Parade, Races For Statehood

In celebration of Hawaii's eleventh year of statehood, the Maile Sons Canoe Club of Leeward Oahu is sponsoring a weekend filled with races, a parade, a rock concert and a carnival.

Hawaii became the 50th state on August 21, 1969.

A statehood carnival will be held at the Pokai Bay Beach Park Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 14, 15 and 16. Carnival hours are from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Highlighting the carnival will be a

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fireworks display over Pokai Bay at 10 p.m. Friday.

The carnival is being sponsored by the Maile Sons in cooperation with the Makakilo Community Association, Honokai-Hale and Hui O Aloha Spirit.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, ten Oahu canoe clubs will push off from the beach fronting the Moana Hotel in Waikiki and will paddle to Pokai Bay. Before starting on the course, the paddlers and the canoes will be blessed by a young Hawaiian priest.

The participating canoe clubs are the Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Surf Club, Hui Nalu, Healani, Kai Oni, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Lanikai Canoe Club, Leeward Kai Canoe Club, Order of Kamehameha and the Maile Sons.

The first canoes are

expected to arrive at Pokai Bay, over 30 miles from the starting point, after 1:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Maile Sons and officiated by the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, the canoe race is a memorial to John Awong, Sr., founder of the Maile Sons and the man who introduced modern canoe racing to Leeward Oahu.

As the canoe clubs are paddling to Pokai Bay, a parade will be starting up in the town of Waianae. Commencing at 10 a.m., the parade will proceed through Waianae from the high school to Pokai Bay Beach Park.

Military bands and marching units, color guards, horseback riders, pa'u riders (women wearing long, satin gowns on horseback), colorful community floats and a motorcade

will participate in the parade.

At 11 a.m. that day more than 100 swimmers will compete in a triangle course swim meet at Pokai Bay.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, a paddle board race will be held on the triangle course. Youngsters competing in the paddle board races will be hand-paddling surfboards and paipo boards. The winners will receive surfboards as prizes.

During the day, a power boat race from Waikiki to Pokai Bay will also be held.

Wrapping up the weekend festivities will be a rock concert from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Pokai Bay Beach Park. The free concert is sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Pokai Bay Beach Park is in Waianae, just a few miles from Makaha Beach.

## Billfish Standings

TEAM	POINTS
1. Portland	1,355
2. Anaehoomalu Bay	1,268
3. Kona Mauka Trollers 2	1,263
4. Ala Moana Sportsman's 1	1,246
5. Maalea Boat and Fishing 2, Maui	756
6. Los Angeles Billfish	697
7. Mexi-Cal	660
8. California Yacht	627
9. Bay of Islands 2	579
10. Walnut Creek, Calif.	563
11. San Rafael Billfish	530
12. Hawaii Big Game Fishing 1	517
13. Freeport Tuna Club 1	504
14. Hawaii Sport Fishing	466
15. Maalea Boat and Fishing, Maui 1	448
16. Bakersfield, Calif.	435
17. Hawaii Big Game Fishing 4	426
18. Panair Sportsmens, Netherlands	400
19. Bay of Islands 1	389
20. Outrigger Canoe, Oahu 2	371
21. Ala Moana Sportsmen's Club, Oahu 2	365
22. Hawaii Big Game Fishing 2	359
23. Waikiki Rod and Gun Club, Oahu	343
24. Kona Game Fishing Club 2	336
25. Waialua Boat, Oahu	319
26. Proud Bird Angler's, Calif.	313
27. Freeport Tuna 2	283
28. Panama Marlin, Canal Zone	265
29. Leeward Trollers, Oahu, II	253
30. Pacifica Marlin, Calif.	250
30. Leeward Trollers, Oahu 1	250
32. Nassau County, New York	247
33. Rangier-Anglers, Texas	242
34. Waikiki Yacht Club 1	241
35. Fishing Bums, Inc., Bermuda	238
36. Perth Game Fishing Club, Australia	212
37. Kawaihae Fishing Club, Oahu	203
38. Kaneohe Marines, Oahu	195
39. Heeia Bay Fishing, Hawaii	194
40. Hawaii Big Game Fishing 5	193
41. Waikiki Yacht Club 3	185
42. Kona Mauka Trollers 1	181
43. Wailoa Trolling, Hawaii	161
44. U. S. Navy-COMSUBPAC	158
45. Windward Sport Fishing, Oahu	157
46. Roosmoor Sportsmen's, Walnut Creek, Calif.	145
47. Honolulu Mosquito Trolling 2	142
48. Los Gatos Hookers, Calif.	103
49. American Samoa	43
50. Pajaro Valley, Calif.	43

## Guests Join Kahala Resident In 70th Birthday Celebration

Several hundred guests joined at the Outrigger Club last week to help celebrate the 70th birthday of long-time Kahala resident, P.L. Moody. The occasion also helped to launch the 25th anniversary year of one of his first enterprises in the building services and supply industry, Associated Masons, Ltd. Moody also heads Associated

Insulation, Ltd., Aloha State Sales Co., Inc., Hawaii Marble and Granite Co., Ltd., and Associated Insulation Pty., Ltd. of Australia.

Family members joining in the event with Mr. and Mrs. Moody, who live at 4515 Aukai St., were daughter Mrs. Barbara Hudman, of Kailua, son David and his wife Judy of

Honolulu, and Mrs. H.G. (Krissie) Norris who flew in from her home in Sacramento as a birthday surprise for her father.



P.L. Moody cuts his 70th birthday cake, while Mrs. Moody looks on fondly.