

Oahu-Molokai race Saturday

The strenuous Aloha Week Festival Molokai to Oahu canoe race begins at dawn on Molokai Saturday at the Hale O Lono Harbor, finishing at Ft. DeRussy Beach in Waikiki at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The annual race has become an international contest, with teams from Hawaii, Tahiti, and many other areas. The teams in competition are:

Koa Class (Koa wood canoes)—Healani Canoe Club, Nui Nalu O Hawaii, Koolau Canoe Club, Tiare Roa Faaa, Hui Lanakila, Kai Opua Canoe Club, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Surf Club.

Open Class (any other wood or synthetic material canoes)—Balboa Bay Club, HANG Ohana Canoe Club, Hanalei Canoe Club, Hawaii Kai Canoe Club, Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club, Honolulu Canoe Club, Hui O Kai Ko'o Canoe Club, Hui Lanakila, Hui Nalu O

Hawaii, Kai Opua Canoe Club, Kailua Canoe Club, Kamehameha Canoe Club (Hilo), Kamehameha Canoe Club (Oahu), Kihei Canoe Club, Koa Kai Canoe Club, Koolau Canoe Club, Lahaina Canoe Club, Leeward Kai Canoe Club, Loa'a Outrigger Canoe Club, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club, Waikiki Surf Club, Windward Kai Canoe Club.

Windward sailors in Waikiki waters

By GLENN CLARK JR.
Special Writer

All attention is on the Hawaii State Championships to be held in Waikiki over the next two weekend.

Twenty-two top skippers representing clubs from all parts of the state will vie this weekend in four races and next weekend in two, for the best five out of six races.

Over the past weekend, several Windward sailors were getting in some time in Waikiki waters. Glenn Clark won the Outrigger Canoe Club series, and finished fifth in the Masaji Tamuri Invitational at the Waikiki Yacht Club.

John Myrdal, present top scorer in the Kaneohe Cal 20 fleet,

took fourth in the latter regatta, and as an unofficial entry in the former was well up in the standings.

Willie Froome, Jim Case, Bob Armstrong and Joe Cochran will be representing the Kaneohe Yacht Club, along with Myrdal.

Meanwhile, in the Toro Fleet, George Losey and Shirley Trefz were the overall winners in the Makani Kai Cowpie Series, and along with Bobby Holland are the leaders in the Friday night series.

Mark Walker bested Pete Curran in the last Thistle go-around and Dave Brown was top skipper in the Fireball fleet.

Third time a charm

Kui Lim of Honolulu will be putting his best racing jib forward this weekend and Sept. 29 when the Hawaii Yacht Racing Associa-

This year Ratiani again joins the Lim's to try for the title again. "It's supposed to be a regatta of all the top sailors in the state. The Cal-20 design was chosen because that's the only class we have enough boats in," said Dave McFaul, race committee chairman. "Other top-seeded sailors are Glen Clark, Cy Gillette and Frank Lippman, but Sam Gilbert (Lim's 1978 crew) is real hot, he's been sweeping everything."

Clubs represented include Lahaina, Kaneohe, Hawaii, Waikiki, Pacific, Outrigger Canoe Club and the Laser Class Association. The event is hosted and conducted by Waikiki Yacht Club. A major revision now makes it a six-race series, allowing one throw-out. This gives competitors more leeway to count as points only the best five races. McFaul points out that "the proposed change was mailed to all entrants and voted in by skippers on a two-to-one margin. There will be two races per day beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with Sept. 30 reserved as a spare day." Awards will be presented at the annual HYRA Yachtsman's Ball on Nov. 17.

The Cal 20s: state championships tomorrow

tion State Championships take place around a 7.5-mile triangular course off Ala Moana Park. Kui, his crew-member brother Yal and Mike Ratiani, won the 1977 event in a borrowed Cal-20 — over a fleet of 28 entries — by applying knowledge gleaned from sailing 470 and Fireball dinghies to the heavier keel boat. The Lims and Sam Gilbert repeated as State Champs in 1978 despite frustrating, windless races on Kaneohe Bay, which left the 21-boat fleet drifting about the buoys.

Nautical Notes Jack Wyatt

New Challengers

For years, two Kaneohe Yacht Club sailors—Cy Gillette, a seven-time champion, and Charles Dole, a three-time winner—have dominated the annual State Sailing Championship. No others needed to apply.

But this is no longer the case. Using recent performances as the measure, the predicted front-runners crown falls to Hawaii's youthful yachtsmen, who have quietly substituted decades of experience for a few short seasons of intense competition, dedicated practice, and boatloads of enthusiasm.

Three years ago, intercollegiate sailing star Bill Leary won the State title, breaking the Gillette/Dole domination.

And next came Honolulu's Lim brothers—Kui and Yal—who teamed up to win two successive championships, in 1977 and last year.

And now, in sails 15-year-old Sam Gilbert III, a product of Waikiki Yacht Club's junior program, who recently won two major regattas off Honolulu. Who's will stop these kids?

The championship consists of a series of races beginning Saturday in the waters off Magic Island. Cal-20 sloops will be used in the 30-boat competition.

Gilbert, a St. Louis High School junior who, along with former intercollegiate sailor Les Vasconcellos Jr., and veteran yachtsman Frank Lippman, are Waikiki Yacht Club's hopes for breaking Kaneohe Yacht Club's domination of the State sail-off. In the past 14 years, WYCC has won the championship only once and that was last year when the Lim brothers topped the fleet.

In last weekend's Masaji Tamura Regatta off Waikiki, billed as a tune-up for the championship, Gilbert won the 18-boat Cal-20 contest by scoring a consistent 1,3,5.

Because of Waikiki's unpredictable winds, Honolulu skippers have the advantage. "Each time someone in a Waikiki high-rise opens a window, the wind shifts 30 degrees," sighed one unhappy Kaneohe skipper who placed far down in the fleet last weekend.

"With all those buildings,

there is no way to figure the wind patterns. Perhaps the Honolulu sailors know the secrets. This is ridiculous sailing."

In addition to Gilbert, the Lim brothers, Vasconcellos, and Lippman of Waikiki Yacht Club, other State race favorites include Kaneohe Yacht Club's Gillette, John Myrdal, Joe Cochran, Norman Baxter and Lahaina Yacht Club's Glenn Clark Jr.

Leaders of last weekend's Masaji Tamura Regatta: Soling—Manfred Rucker; Rhodes-19—S. Bradley; Laser—T. Arndt; Hobie-16—Mike Rothwell.

Mogle Sunk the Navy

Honolulu's Rick Mogle not only has become one of the hottest sailors in the Coast Guard, in which he serves, but he's managed to sink the Navy in sailing contests on several occasions.

Mogle, with Rick Hamilton and Dave Endoby as crew, recently won the 14th Naval District Sailing Championship at Pearl Harbor against 11 teams.

In the past two all-Navy championships on the Mainland, Mogle has placed second and third. Fortunately for the Navy, Mogle will be unable to compete in the finals because of a tight money situation. The Coast Guard Petty Officer also won the Rhodes-19 division in Outrigger Canoe Club's recent classboat regatta off Waikiki.

Honolulu powerboat racer Dave Packer roared into town recently just long enough to win the Mod 120 and high point honors in Sunday's powerboat marathon at Keelhi Lagoon.

"I leave next week for the Western Divisional Championships at Bakersfield where I'll drive an 18-foot racer powered with a 300-horsepower outboard," Packer reported.

"I've spent much of the summer racing on the Mainland, with some success, I might add. But what I really want to talk about is the world championship that I plan to enter at Keelhi Lagoon Oct. 21."

Slow down Dave, that's another story.

Nautical Notes Jack Wyatt

Busy Waikiki Weekend

Between Outrigger Canoe Club's dramatic come-from-behind victory in the Molokai-to-Oahu Canoe Race, and Lahaina Yacht Club's Glenn Clark Jr. squeaking out a win in the State Sailing Championship, Waikiki was where it was happening, nautically speaking, last Saturday.

"In winning the first heat," said Clark, who won three of the six championship races, "someone said I lucked out on my tacks out to sea."

"Not so. I could see that there was more wind outside. I was in 15th place when I took my first tack out, and I moved up into ninth place. On the next leg I went out again and soon found myself in first. You call that luck? I don't know why others didn't follow me."

Clark, with Skip Winterbottom, Chip Gunther and Dusty Rhoads as crew, scored a 4,4,1,1,1,5 series to win the title over Waikiki Yacht Club's Kui Lim by a single point. Twenty-two yachts, from six island clubs, competed in the best five-of-six race competition.

"I knew that Glenn was doing the right thing by going out to sea but I chose to watch Cy Gillette instead," explained Lim, the defending champ. "In looking back I guess I should have gone with Clark."

According to seven-time State titleist Gillette, who placed third in this series, this was the closest competition in 15 years of the regatta. "Only two points separated the three top boats," he said, "and between Clark, Lim and myself, we won all six heats. Win or lose, that's good racing." Clark, who won his only other State championship seven years ago, has twice been runnerup to two-time winner Lim.

Leaders, with best five races and low-point scoring: 1. Glenn Clark (Lahaina Yacht Club) 4-4-1-1-1 (11 points); 2. Kui Lim (Waikiki YC) 3-2-1-1 (12 points); 3. Cy Gillette (Kaneohe YC) 1-1-3-3-5 (13 points); 4. Les Vasconcellos, Jr. (Laser Fleet) 2-3-7-4-2 (18 points); 5. Joe Cochran (Kaneohe YC) 5-5-2-5-3 (20 points).

Meanwhile, at Waikiki's Ft. DeRussy Beach—the site of Saturday's Molokai-Oahu canoe race finish—thousands of island race followers cheered wildly as Outrigger Canoe Club's sleek fiberglass canoe surged across the finishline in first place.

Outrigger Canoe Club boosters?

Not all of them. Much of the crowd was simply showing its appreciation to the OCC crew, who, with an outstanding second effort, prevented the annual classic from becoming a visitor sweep.

California's Balboa Bay Canoe Club placed second and the Los Angeles IMUA club came in third. Last year, California's Blazing Paddles won the overall prize and Tahiti's Maire Nui swept the koa division.

"This was our most difficult Molokai-Oahu race ever," said Outrigger Canoe Club's Tom Conner. "We didn't catch Balboa until Diamond Head. It was miraculous the way our crew came from behind to overtake the leaders. OCC wanted to win badly."

OCC, with a time of five hours, 46 minutes and 38 seconds, led Balboa Bay to the finish by two minutes and 42 seconds, and IMUA by 10 minutes. Forty-one canoes took part in the Aloha Week festival finale.

Unfair Advantage?

"It's getting tougher to win against the Californians each year," Conner added. "They are very competitive, and they train hard. To win the Molokai race seems important to them."

What many island paddlers believe, but are too sportsmen to mention, is that the Mainland crews have an advantage.

Unlike local clubs, who's paddlers must commit themselves for the entire season, California crews are made up of canoe-paddling all-stars.

"Balboa had four members of last year's winning Blazing Paddles team, and IMUA had two or three of them," said one disappointed Oahu paddler, still exhausted after his grueling cross-channel trip.

"Part of the California crew last year were made up of lifeguards and other watersports professionals, who were hand-picked for paddling. How can we amateurs, who are locked into a club all season, compete? We can't." (Except Outrigger Canoe Club, it seems.)

According to Chris Faria, a long-time canoe race official, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association understands the problem and promises to look into the matter at an early meeting.

Kaneohe Yacht Club has scheduled its 28th annual Race for the Bull's Horns around Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay on Sunday.

The race for the juniors, 17 years and under, will get underway at 9 a.m., while the senior event will start at 2 p.m. More than 50 of the eight-foot El Toro dinghies are expected to be entered. The public is invited to participate, or watch.

Isle File

Vulcans Post Third Win

HILO — The University of Hawaii-Hilo Vulcans eked out their third straight win of the NAIA volleyball season with a 14-16, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10, 15-7 victory over Portland State last night at Hilo Armory.

In the fifth and deciding game, Hilo juttied out to an 8-0 lead and held on for the win behind the play of Vetoann Baker.

UH-Hilo meets Portland State again tonight.

Aloha Week Canoe Race

Twenty-three teams will compete in the open class when the rigorous Aloha Week Molokai to Oahu canoe race begins at dawn Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Hale O Lono Harbor and finishes at Ft. DeRussy Beach in Waikiki around 1:30 p.m.

The annual race, which also features eight teams in the Koa Class (Koa wood canoes), has attracted teams from Tahiti and other South Pacific islands.

Open class teams entered are Balboa Bay Club, Hang Ohana Canoe Club, Hanalei Canoe Club, Hawaii Kai Canoe Club, Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club, Honolulu Canoe Club, Hui Lanakila, Hui Nalu O Hawaii, Kai Opua Canoe Club, Kailua Canoe Club, Kamehameha Canoe Club (Hilo), Kamehameha Canoe Club (Oahu), Kihei Canoe Club, Koa Kai Canoe Club, Koolau Canoe Club, Lahaina Canoe Club, Leeward Kai Canoe Club, Loa'a Outrigger Canoe Club, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club, Waikiki

Surf Club and Windward Kai Canoe Club.

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Fun Run Sunday

The City and the Honolulu Marathon Clinic will sponsor a Fun Run Sunday with joggers starting from three distance points—Aloha Tower, McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Park and Kapiolani Bandstand—and finishing at the Primo Brewery in Waimalu.

Caba 'Unknown'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Danny "Little Red" Lopez, the hard-punching World Boxing Council feather-weight boxing champion defends his title for the eighth time Tuesday night at the Los Angeles Sports Arena against a virtual unknown, Jose Caba of Hawaii, by way of the Dominican Republic.

Caba, 12-1 with eight knockouts also is unknown to Lopez, who is 31-3, with 28 knockouts. "I've never seen him fight. I'm told he's pretty tough," Lopez said. He added that part of his work is to do a better job of covering up in the first round or two. In two of his title defenses he was floored early, but came back for knockouts.

(The fight will be televised satellite delayed here on KHON-TV (Channel 2) at 8 p.m.)



THEY WENT A LONG WAY, BABY—Hui Nalu won yesterday's "Dad Center" canoe race, a 22-mile event from Lanikai to Waikiki. Members of the team (left to right) are Coach Myron Thompson, Lita Blankenfeld, Dennise Darval, Nancy Rochleau, Renee Young, Mary Harbold, Trish Gallagher, Lanakila Spencer, Dana Darval, Susie Thain, Kehau McGuire, Christy Gibson and Mary Franco.—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.

Hui Nalu 'Out-Distances' Field

By Jack Wyatt
Special to the Star-Bulletin

"We lost our lead to Outrigger Canoe Club at Makapu Point during a crew change," said a happy Dennise Darval, who, along with her sister, Dana, steered Hui Nalu Canoe Club to victory in yesterday's Dad Center Regatta, "but in two or three minutes we were on top again never to be headed. This was by far my most exciting race ever."

Hui Nalu's well-trained team of 12 women held off a strong challenge from the female paddlers of the host Outrigger Canoe Club to win the 22-mile Lanikai-to-Waikiki race by one

minute and 15 seconds. Hui Nalu turned the open ocean course in three hours, 20 minutes and 45 seconds. Outrigger placed second, Healani Canoe Club came in third and the Waikiki Surf Club placed fourth in the seven, all-women, team event.

"THE CREW CHANGES made the difference," said Myron Thompson, Hui Nalu's soft-spoken coach. "As far as I could tell we were the only club that changed all six of its crew at one time. We may have lost a little time on crew changes but it was minimal. Our girls really did a job today."

A beauty shop offering instant body rebuilding kits for blistered hands, aching muscles, sunburned faces and tangled hair would have done big business at the Outrigger Canoe Club finish yesterday afternoon as weary and bedraggled canoe paddlers was the look of the day.

But as tired as the women were, each of them could smile with achievement, having successfully completed one of the longest all-women's races in outrigger canoe history.

"Although a few of my girls became seasick, I'm still proud of each one of them," remarked Ellen Pablano, the energetic coach of third place Healani Canoe Club.

"THE SEAS WERE choppy and the troughs deep in the waters around Makapu Point and Black Point. But what an accomplishment and a thrill to paddle over the same

course as men, and in fast time. I for one am convinced that distance paddling for women is here to stay."

By falling behind early in the race, Outrigger Canoe Club's coach, Tom Conner, was forced to change his strategy. "My plan was to change six crew at a time, like Hui Nalu," Conner explained.

"But when we fell behind all I could do was play catch-up and change fewer women as quickly as possible. There is no question that Hui Nalu has a powerful women's crew, and that Outrigger has its work cut out for it if we plan to win next month's all-women Molokai-to-Oahu race."

Hui Nalu Canoe Club's winning crew consisted of Lita Blankenfeld; Lana Spencer; Mary Harbold; Trish Gallagher; Christy Gibson; Dennise Darval; Nancy Rochleau; Mary Franco; Susie Thain; Renee Young; Kehau McGuire and Dana Darval.

Aloha!

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