

Women Paddlers Gear For Long Distance Canoe Race

Hawaii's women will be undergoing a test of endurance when the Dad Center Race, a long distance outrigger canoe race, takes place on Sunday, September 16. The 15-mile race from Waimanalo on the Windward side of Oahu to the Outrigger Canoe Club, located Diamond Head of Waikiki, is strictly for women. More than 20 crews of 12 women each are entered. This is the last chance they will have to hone their skills before the "big" race from Molokai to Oahu on October 14, when the women will attempt to cross the dangerous Molokai channel for the first time in Hawaii's history. The race will begin around 8:30 a.m. or 9 a.m. and the fastest paddlers are expected to cross the finish line about two hours later. Although Polynesian sailors voyaged thousands of miles across the world's mightiest ocean in double hulled canoes long before America was discovered, the outrigger canoe was devised by early day Hawaiians. Today's men and women spend long hours practicing for the May to October racing season. protective device which keeps the boat from upsetting. In the old days, canoe builders were maintained at the court of the chiefs and if a commoner wanted a canoe, he had to hire the chief's builders. It was also difficult to qualify as a paddler in old Hawaii and those who underwent the strict program of rigid training were considered perfect examples of island manhood.

Isle File

Spikers Top BYUH

Brigham Young University's women's volleyball team opened its 1979 season last night and gave a creditable account in falling to Pittsburgh, 15-9, 15-10, 15-13.

Seaside's Coach Jay Aoki said captain Kekau Sproat, freshman Maile Kamalu and junior Bonnie Nihipali played well. He cited Nihipali for her steady hitting from the middle. The teams battle again tonight at 7:30 at the Seaside's Gym.

Dad Center Race

Eight HCRA women's crews are scheduled to compete tomorrow in the fifth annual Dad Center canoe race, a 25-mile endurance test which will be the longest ever for waihines. The distance, which was 8-12 miles in past years, has been lengthened to help prepare the women paddlers for their first sanctioned Molokai-to-Oahu race next month.

Tomorrow's race will start from Lanikai on the Windward side at 8:30 a.m., wind around Makapuu Point and finish at approximately 12 noon at the Outrigger Canoe Club near Diamond Head. Outrigger is the host club for the event, named after the late George

"Dad" Center, its first captain and a recent inductee into the Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame for his swimming accomplishments as a competitor and coach.

Aces Wild on Links

Three holes-in-one on Isle golf courses have been recorded in the past two days.

At the Ted Makalena links yesterday, Allen Bailey planted his 7-iron shot in the cup at the 150-yard 11th hole. Wednesday, Stan Sameshima used a 6-iron to ace the 183-yard eighth hole at the Ala Wai course.

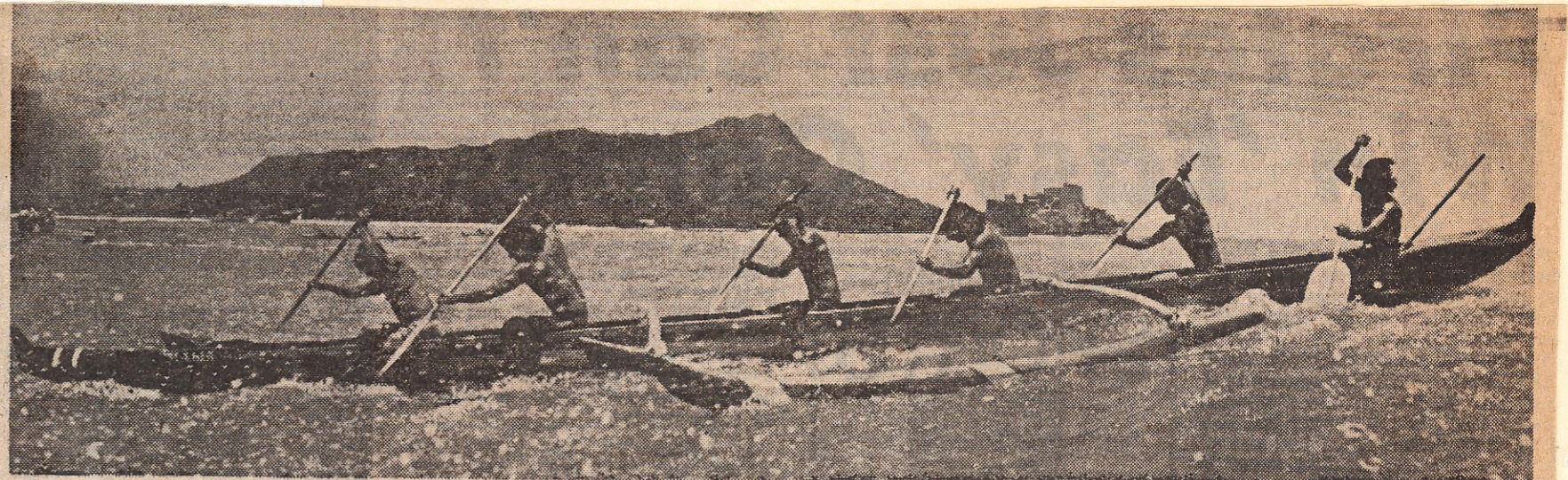
Meanwhile, at Waikoloa on the Big Island, Pachin Onadero also used a 6-iron to ace the 160-yard third hole, designated as one of the Olympia Beer holes. With his ace, Onadero will sponsor a Palama Settlement youngster to a youth camp.

10-Kilometer Run

The Mid-Pacific Road Runners will sponsor a 10-kilometer run tomorrow along the Pearl Harbor bike path in Pearl City.

The run will begin at 8 a.m. from Lehua School on Lehua Street. Registration is from 7 to 7:30 and a \$1 entrance fee will be charged for non-members of the Mid-Pacific club.

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HEADING FOR NO. 137—Waikiki Surf Club, which has won more Molokai-to-Oahu canoe races than any other club—12 to be exact—tries to make it 13 this year, although other teams in the 40-canoe race are given a better chance.—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.

A Race That's Long on History

"Of course I'm not paddling, but I'd like to see the water up—that is strong trade winds and good seas—for the race," said Hui Nalu Canoe Club official Jimmy Olds of Saturday's Molokai-to-Oahu Aloha Week canoe race.

"I'd like to believe that Hui Nalu, with its experienced paddlers, are better capable of handling Molokai Channel's rough water than its competition. The crews have been training hard and I know that they are up for winning."

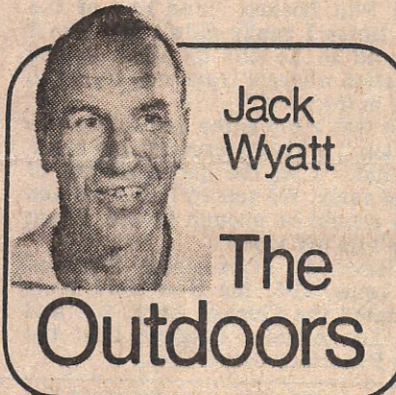
Hawaii's 35 racing crews had better practice their strokes and polish their canoes if they expect to win the 41-mile race from Molokai's Hale O Lono Harbor to Waikiki's Ft. DeRussy Beach. There are two crews from California and at least three teams from Tahiti who are expected to give the Hawaiians a fit.

IN RECENT YEARS, only Outrigger Canoe Club, which won the koa class four years ago and the non-koa (fiberglass) division in 1977, has saved the canoe classic from becoming a visitor romp.

But fortunately for the home teams, last year's winners—Tahiti's Maire Nui and California's Blazing Paddles—are not entered in Saturday's contest. Maire Nui has won the past three koa class events.

For paddlers, the annual Aloha Week clash is not to be taken lightly. In addition to winning trophies and medallions, there are cash awards for the taking.

The top koa finisher will receive \$1,400, while the winning non-koa team will receive \$1,000. Cash prizes



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will be given to the first three finishers in each division.

ADDED TO THE Mainland and Tahitian lineup are three teams from the Big Island; two from Maui; one from Kauai and approximately 30 crews from Oahu. The race begins at 8 a.m., with the first canoe expected to arrive at Ft. DeRussy between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Hui Nalu and Outrigger, along with a few other clubs, have entered two boats—one in each division. "We'd like to win in both classes," said Tom Conner, Outrigger Canoe Club's coach, who will be making his 11th channel crossing.

"Our crews have been practicing long and hard, both during the week and on weekends. Both teams are performing equally well. I'd like to meet with you at the finish on Saturday and tell you how Outrigger won it all."

During the past 28 years of

Molokai-to-Oahu racing, Waikiki Surf Club, with 12 wins, stands above all others. "For this race, we'll be entering only our koa canoe, Malia," explained Mrs. Moku Froiseth, WSC's president.

"EXCEPT FOR Michael Tongg and Tony Guerrero, WSC is basically a young and inexperienced crew. Although we've won this race many times in the past, WSC is not favored to win on Saturday. This is our rebuilding year," she said.

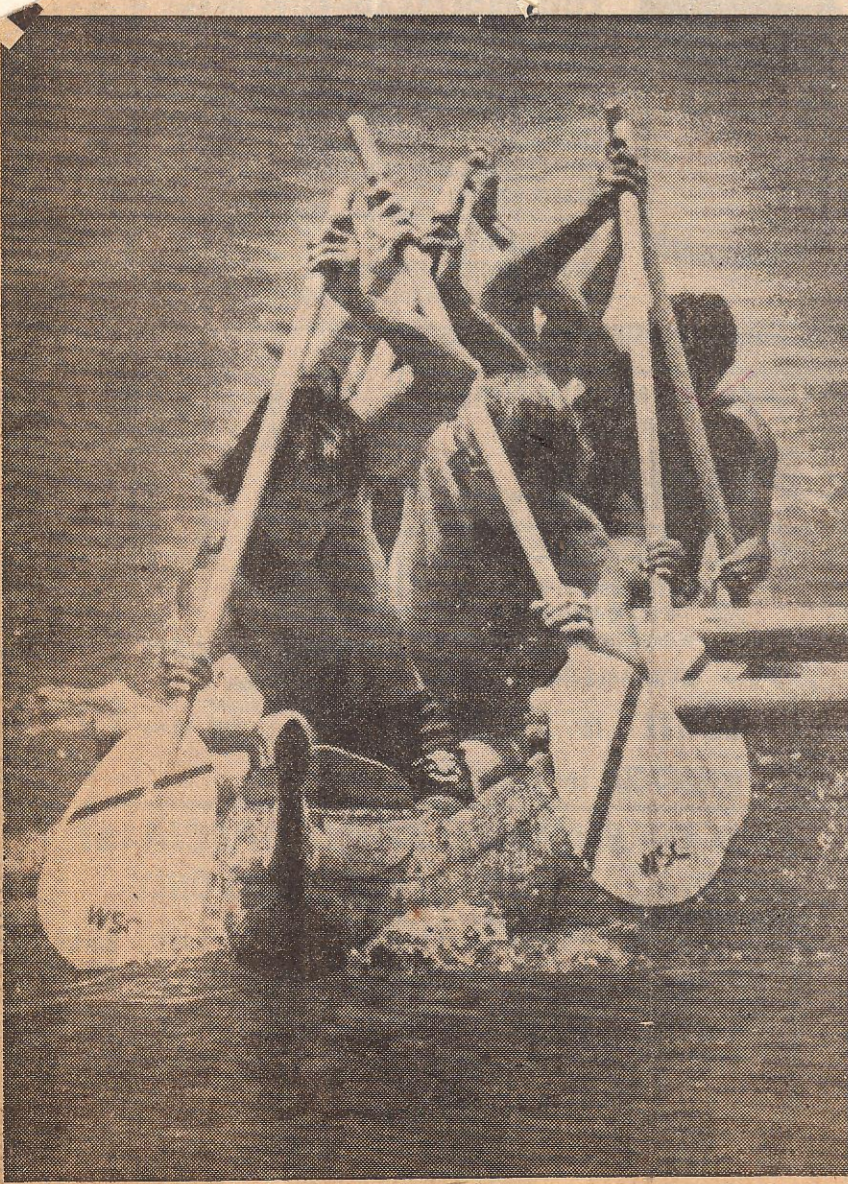
To establish an official course record, or even an official course distance, is virtually impossible. "I know of at least three starting points and approximately twice that many finishing sites for the race," said Outrigger Canoe Club's Cline Mann, a Honolulu surveyor who prides himself on accuracy.

"From 1952 and for the next 11 years the race started at Kawakui Beach near Molokai's Ilio Point," Mann recalled, "and then the start was shifted to Hale O Lono Harbor."

Molokai Race Entries, Past Winners

TEAMS ENTERED
Koa Class—Tara Koa Pasa (Tahiti); Anauulu, Bora Bora (Tahiti); Kai Oua Canoe Club (Hawaii); Heianai Canoe Club; Hui Lanikaia Canoe Club; Hui O Hawaii Canoe Club; Koolau Canoe Club; Outrigger Canoe Club; Waikiki Surf Club, all from Oahu.
Open Class (Non Koa)—Balboa Bay Club (California); Imua Canoe Club (Hawaii); Talaraupuu Puaa (Tahiti); Kai Oua Canoe Club (Hawaii); Kihai Canoe Club (Maui); Lehaina Canoe Club (Maui); Hanalei Canoe Club (Kauai); Eleeu Aulike Kai Canoe Club; HANG Ohana Canoe Club; Hawaiian Warriors Canoe Club; Honolulu Canoe Club; Hui Lanikaia Canoe Club; Hui Nalu Canoe Club; Hui O Kai Koa Canoe Club; Hui Wa'a O Palawa Canoe Club; Kailua Canoe Club; Kamehameha Canoe Club (Hawaii); Kaa Kai Canoe Club; Koolau Canoe Club; Leeward Kai Canoe Club; Liloa's Outrigger Canoe Club; Maahaia Canoe Club; Molokai Canoe Club; Ohana O'wa's Lela; Outrigger Canoe Club; Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club; Waikiki Surf Club; Windward Kai Canoe Club, all from Oahu.
PREVIOUS WINNERS
1952—Kukui O Lanikaia (Molokai); 1953—Waikiki Surf Club; 1954—Hui Nalu Canoe Club; 1955—Waikiki Surf Club; 1956—Outrigger Canoe Club; 1957—Kai Oua Canoe Club; 1958 through 1962—Waikiki Surf Club; 1963 (non-koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; (koa)—Waikiki Surf Club; 1964 (koa)—Kailua Hawaiian Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Hui Nalu Canoe Club; 1965 (koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1966 (koa)—Waikiki Surf Club; (non-koa)—Hui Nalu Canoe Club; 1967 (koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1968 (koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1969 (koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1970 (koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1971 (koa)—Heianai Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Hui Nalu Canoe Club; 1972 (koa)—Waikiki Surf Club; (non-koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1973 (koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1974 (koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1975 (koa)—Lanikai Canoe Club; 1976 (koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; (non-koa)—Waikiki Surf Club; 1977 (koa)—Maire Nui; (non-koa)—Outrigger Canoe Club; 1978 (koa)—Maire Nui; (non-koa)—Blazing Paddles (California).

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Waikiki Surf's freshman men's crew strain against the water as they paddle in a short-distance regatta earlier this season.

From Molokai to Oahu

The great canoe race is on today

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HALE O LONO, Molokai — By 8 a.m. this morning, the great canoe race will have begun.

The big one—the Molokai to Oahu paddle that 41 crews have been training for.

Typically Hawaiian in style, except for the use of modern fiberglass canoes, it is the largest event that takes place all year round on this otherwise quiet island. Throughout the week, race officials and teams of paddlers landed at tiny Molokai airport and the scene was distinctly Polynesian. In the parking lot last night before the race, tanned and heavily muscled men wearing trunks, slippers and puzzled looks wondered how to load sleeping bags, amas (canoe arms), iakos (ties to bind canoes to amas), paddles and themselves into compact rental cars. A Hawaiian lady nearby concerned herself aloud with whether the fire was lit under the pig at Hale O Lono Harbor and where was her missing guitar.

Across from the terminal, a red and yellow canoe sits in a pineapple field waiting for pickup. And at barren Hale O Lono, a majority of Molokai residents were all ready to camp out overnight, because it's the only weekend Molokai Ranch opens up the access road to the harbor. Everyone looks forward to camping, swimming, fishing and viewing the start of the most hotly contested canoe race in Hawaii.

A field kitchen was set up to feed paddlers their dinner and breakfast

and the Board of Water Supply truck lumbers down the rutted dirt road providing water.

The start begins right after the blessing, by a local kahu, with all canoes lined up facing Oahu outside the mouth of the harbor on the Kauna Ka Kai side. An equal number of small chase boats, which filled the harbor the night before, lined up behind the canoes, and around

them bobbed larger boats: four or five Coast Guard vessels, committee boats and auxiliary boats carrying relief paddlers, coaches and helpers. The larger boats have arrived from Kauna Ka Kai in a steady stream all morning.

"The late start had everyone up in arms because paddlers wanted to get going early in the morning so at least they were halfway in the chan-

nel by noon," said Mel Kalahiki, race director.

An awards ceremony will be held on the beach soon after the first 12 boats have finished, which is expected to be around 1 p.m.

According to Kalahiki, the hot clubs to watch are "Outrigger and Hui Nalu, but I wouldn't count out Lanikai or Balboa Bay, they'll both be in there too."