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Will promote racing, Olympic competition

It's official: International outrigger canoe group forms

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Outrigger canoe racing has gone international. The newly-formed International Polynesian Outrigger Canoe Racing Federation ("IPO") was officially born in Tahiti over the holidays.

The Dec. 14 through 19 meeting held in Papeete was a climax to an earlier gathering held in Honolulu, Oct. 12 of this past year. The group will attempt to launch the ancient Polynesian sport into the world athletic arena, with special focus on its establishment as an Olympic competition.

With funds supplied by the French government, nine delegates, three each from Tahiti, Hawaii, and California met in Tahiti and Moorea to lay the foundations of the most ambitious scheme yet undertaken to popularize

and standardize the sport. Emile Vernaudon of Tahiti was chosen as president with fellow countrymen George Estall and Tutaha Salmon named the Secretary General and General Treasurer respectively. It had been decided earlier the President would be elected from Tahiti. It was further decided that to expedite the new association's business, that the secretary and treasurer would be named

means, structure, and function. Constitutional particulars and basic by-laws will be discussed and elaborated upon at the IPO's next California meeting.

Primary goals were defined, however, as a general route to follow. They were divided into long term, mid-term, short term, and continual.

—The long term plan is to gain acceptance of the sport as an Olympic

proposed races of international scope. The varied geographical distances involved are expected to make this a necessity and will probably ultimately lead to a standardization of race rules and a standardization of canoe hulls.

Standardization of canoe hulls, however, may well prove to be one of the new organization's "sticking" points. Local outrigger purists of the "Hawaiian" variety will undoubtedly offer resistance to any radical change or modification of the current "Hawaiian" design currently in use in State competitions.

Before any kind of international competition can be arrived at there must be a uniform hull design decided upon, it is generally agreed.

The next scheduled IPO meeting in California will delve into this question but it now looks like a hull design incorporating Tahitian as well as the native Hawaiian is in the offing. A hull design similar to Kai Opu's Tahitian hewn "Iwalani" could conceivably be the standardized IPO hull of the future.

The "continual" goal of the Federation should be the easiest to effect: A "bringing about of friendship among people throughout the world who are willing to meet and compete in the sports arena." is the official Federation language used to gain this end.

The next meeting will be held in Newport Beach, California from Feb. 19 to 22 of this year. The nine delegates' travel expenses will be partially subsidized by the French government and the California Canoe Racing Association (Koa).

from the President's home area.

Hawaii's representation included the naming of Kona's Mary Jane Kahanamoku as first Vice President. Oahu's Mel Kalahiki was chosen as the third Vice President and Kauai's Gaylord Wilcox was elected as a Director.

The election of Kahanamoku to the organization's second highest post gave Big Island canoeing a prominent voice in the sport's international development. The Kahanamoku name has long been associated with outrigger racing in particular and Hawaiian water sports in general.

California was represented by Leslie Davis (second Vice President), Leo O'Brien (fourth Vice President), and Billy Whitford (Director).

A tentative constitution was drawn up that was, on purpose, general. Broad lines were used to define the Federation's goals,

regimen. The possibility of there being an exhibition race at the Los Angeles Olympic site will be discussed at the next meeting.

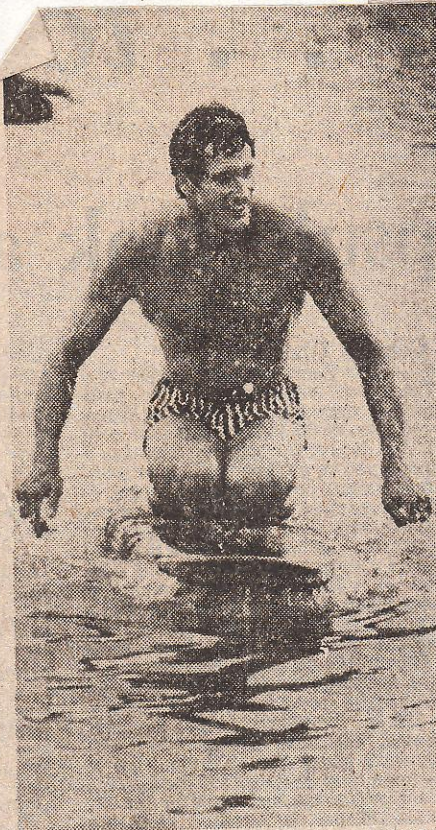
—The mid term goals will be to stage credible international races that would culminate in a World Championship race. The first of these world-class races is scheduled for July 10 of this year. It will be a 65-mile Tetiaroa to Tahiti long distance competition that will also serve as the first International Championships.

Kahanamoku was instrumental in gaining passage for a women's long distance International Championship that will also be held in Tahiti. Remaining organization time was spent on Moorea going over the proposed 17-mile course that the wahines will embark on when the race becomes a reality. The ladies race will be discussed at length at the California meeting.

—The short term goals will be primarily concerned with the sanctioning of

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Advertiser photo by Monte Costa
Joey Cabell cruises in, finishing sixth overall, during yesterday's Paddleboard Race. Cabell's time was 1:20.

Goodfriend wins...again

For the fifth straight year, Brett Goodfriend captured the men's masters title at the fourth Winter Paddleboard Race held yesterday off Waikiki Beach with a field of 37 competitors in five divisions.

Goodfriend also broke the previous record he set last year over a 10,000-meter course, by three minutes, with a time of 1:12:37. Peter Curry was second with a 1:17:30, followed by Aka Hemmings with a 1:22:50.

Three others marks were set in yesterday's race which was sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club.

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local paddleboard

4TH WINTER PADDLEBOARD RACE
Sponsored by Outrigger Canoe Club
(10,000-meter race off Waikiki)
Girls — 1. Colleen Kelly (record) 1:58:21, 2. Heather Moore and Katie McCreary 2:41:06. Boys — 1. John Scully 1:16:57 (new record), 2. Joey Napleton 1:19:01, 3. Jay Tansley 1:20:21. Women masters — 1. Robin Smith 2:10:23. Men masters — 1. Joey Cabell 1:20:59 (record), 2. Kim O'Austin 1:24:41, 3. Norm Dumrie 1:47:28. Men's — 1. Brett Goodfriend 1:12:37 (new record), 2. Peter Curry 1:17:30, 3. Aka Hemmings 1:22:50.

Paddlers needed

Attention Southside and Westsiders! Hui Ma Na Outrigger Canoe Club is now recruiting paddlers. Beginners are welcome. Practice is at Pt. Allen Small Boat Harbor.

Contact Big Boy Kupo, 337-9098, evenings, or Mary Romo, 332-1611.

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To be filmed by ABC

Tri-athlon on Big Island

Over 500 superbly conditioned athletes from all over the world will be in Kona, Hawaii on Feb. 6 for the 7:30 a.m. cannon blast marking the start of this, the original Ironman World Triathlon, a grueling 2.4-mile rough-water swim, followed by a 112-mile bike ride up the torturous lava blackened Big Island coastline, finishing with a 26.2-mile marathon in the shimmering heat of Kailua-Kona.

The Hawaii triathlon, the longest and most difficult triathlon in the world, started as a joke five years ago. In 1977, Navy Cmdr. John Collins and his buddies were downing a few brews and thinking up new, more exciting ways to test athletic ability. Collins felt the ultimate athlete was someone who could complete, in succession, Hawaii's three most popular events — the 2.4 mile Waikiki rough-water swim, the 112-mile Around Oahu bike race and the Honolulu marathon.

Four years later it was no joke to the nearly 400 participants who entered in 1981. In fact, it was a very serious endeavor to John Howard, a 33-year old public relations man and one of America's best-known bicycle racing champions. His year-long training paid off when he sprinted over the finish line 9 hours, 38 minutes and 29 seconds after the start. The first woman to cross the finish line on the Kailua Pier was 22-year old Linda Sweeney, the woman's record holder for the 19-mile Mount Lemmon Ascent in Tucson, Ariz. She finished the triathlon in 12:00:32.

This year better than 500 athletes from nearly every state in the union and from foreign countries such as Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Mexico, Scotland, Sweden, Canada and Great Britain — will be pitting their training and skill against the rugged terrain of the Big Island of Hawaii and the ultimate endurance test of the combined three events. Participants

include an astronaut, a professional baseball player, former Olympic athletes, several husband and wife teams, even a blind individual.

The residents of the Big Island are almost as excited about the Triathlon as the participants themselves. Last year over 1,000 volunteers manned aid stations, keyed CB radios, patrolled the roads, assisted the medical personnel, handed out water and food and helped cheer on the triathletes.

This mammoth event, which will once again be filmed by ABC's Wide World of Sports, is being sponsored by Budweiser Light. Because of the overwhelming number of people who wish to participate in the event, Budweiser Light will sponsor another Ironman World Triathlon on October 10, 1982 in Kona, Hawaii. That event will be limited to 1,000 entrants and is expected to be the most important international endurance vent of 1982!

For more information, contact: Jeanette Foster/Rick Gaffney, P.O. Box 1855, Kahului, Hawaii 96732 (808) 575-2340.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Registration Kam Ballroom, Kona Surf Hotel.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Registration Kam Ballroom, Kona Surf Hotel, and 6:30 p.m., Carbo-Loading Party, Convention Center, Kona Surf Hotel.

Friday, Feb. 5, 9 a.m., Pre-race meeting, Convention Center, Kona Surf Hotel; 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Bike inspection / check-in, Kailua pier, 5 p.m., Press briefing (credentials given, triathletes available for interview, race course discussed), Conference Room, Kona Surf Hotel.

Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:30 a.m. Race start.

Sunday, Feb. 7, 5 p.m. No-Host cocktail party, Kona Surf Hotel, 6 p.m. Awards Ceremony Banquet, Convention Center, Kona Surf Hotel.

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Retired judge, wife abducted and robbed

By Jim Borg
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Retired Honolulu Judge Ronald B. Jamieson and his wife, Dorothy, were kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint Saturday night by a man who escaped in the couple's rental car.

Niether Jamieson, 68, nor his wife, 67, were injured in the ordeal, during which the abductor, steering with his left hand and shifting gears as he held the gun in his right, sped down Diamond Head Road, passing traffic on the shoulder and nearly sideswiping several cars.

When he dropped the frightened couple off 30 minutes later in Kapiolani Park, the man took credit cards, jewelry, about \$1,700 in cash and travelers checks — and the Jamiesons' eyeglasses. He then insisted on shaking hands.

Police last night still were looking for the man and the car, a 1982 red Datsun four-door sedan.

The Jamiesons, who live in Bethesda, Md., had returned to Honolulu on Thursday to attend the funeral of Jamieson's brother, R. Gordon, vice president and treasurer of Alexander & Baldwin Inc.

They were driving back to the Royal Hawaiian Hotel about 9:30 p.m. Saturday from a dinner with friends in Haiku when the bizarre incident began.

"We didn't find a parking place until we got to the third level and as soon as we drove into the parking place — my wife was driving — I opened the door (and) saw a man, and he poked his arm right into the car," Jamieson said. "He was holding a snub-nosed revolver and he put it about two or three inches from the lower part of my abdomen. He got into the back seat and ordered my wife to back the car up and to drive out of the parking garage. . . . The man repeatedly told us if we didn't do as we were told, if we cried out or if we ran away or if we tried to do something, he would shoot us."

The Jamiesons later described their abductor as a young man with dark hair, thin face and mustache, about 5-foot-11, 145 pounds, and wearing a white jumpsuit and hat.

Before leaving the parking lot, the man ordered Mrs. Jamieson into the back seat and got behind the wheel

himself. According to Jamieson, he then drove down Kalakaua Avenue and up Diamond Head Road to the lookout.

He then turned around and headed back into Kapiolani Park, eventually dropping them off near the deserted tennis courts. After making sure the man was gone, and with the judge nearly helpless in the dark without his glasses, the couple crossed Kapiolani Park and called police from the Outrigger Canoe Club.

"I was trying to think of a way of getting out of this situation, but there seemed to be nothing I could think of that would work without great risk," Jamieson recalled. "For example, if I jumped out of the car, there would be a tremendous danger that my wife wouldn't realize that I was jumping out of the car in time to avoid him driving off in the car with her alone. So there wasn't anything that could be done."

"I was trying to look at him, look at his face as much as possible in order to remember what he looked like, but at the same time not to appear to be watching so much that he might get the idea that it would be a good thing to shoot Dorothy and me for fear we would identify him in court," Jamieson said.

"He started driving toward Waikiki again in a fast and reckless fashion — in fact, he passed cars on the right hand side. He was so close it looked as if he might be going to sideswipe them."

Perhaps the strangest part of the episode occurred when the man finally ordered the couple out of the car on Paki Avenue.

"Well, when I was standing beside the car after having gotten out," Jamieson said. "He leaned over toward me across the seat and extended his hand as if I were a friend and he were a friend and he wanted to shake hands. So, rather than antagonize somebody with a gun, I shook hands with him."

Jamieson was a circuit judge here from 1951 to 1952 and from 1959 to 1966. From 1967 to 1973, he was a lecturer in business, government and society at the University of Washington in Seattle, retiring as lecturer emeritus.

"I realize that this incident has nothing to do with the character of the people in Hawaii in general and with Hawaii in general," he said. "I realize that the man with the gun was only one person out of a very large population."