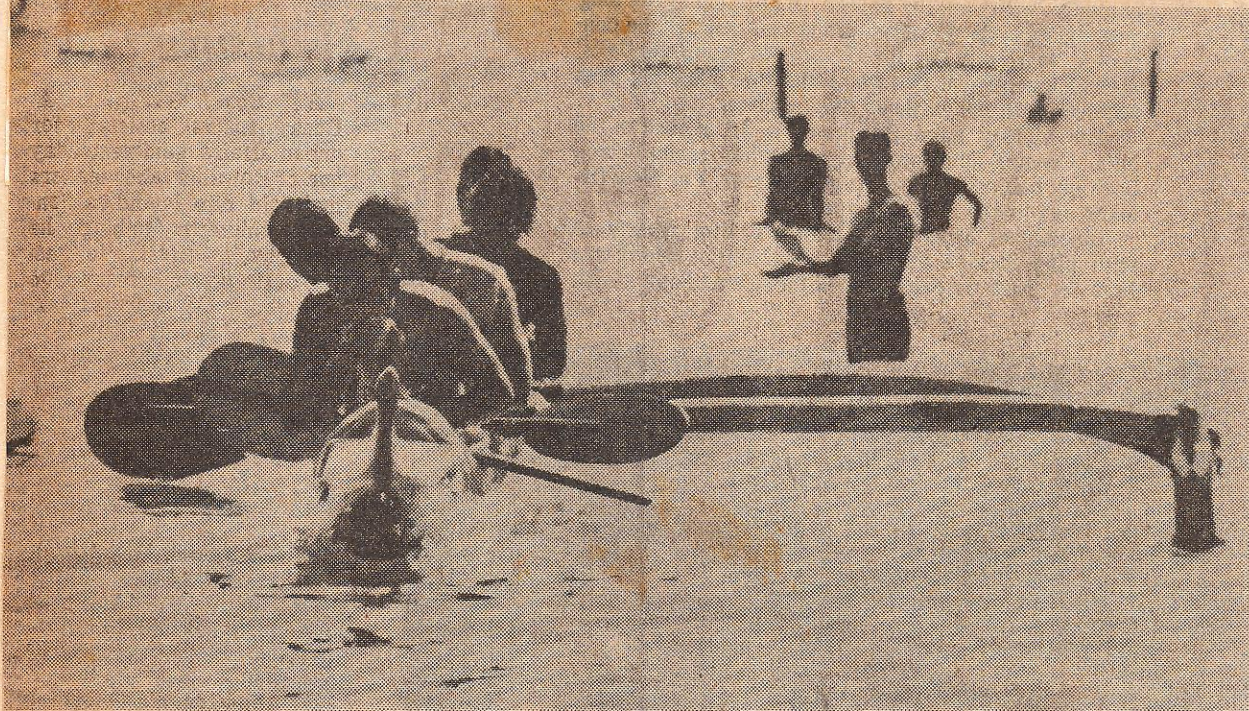


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Waikiki Surf Club paddlers relax after crossing finish line.

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## Kauai Finishes No. 4 In 38-m. Canoe Race

Kauai Canoe Club paddlers finished 4th in a field of 8 boats in the Koa Class in the grueling 38-mile race from Molokai to Waikiki Sunday.

The Kauai outrigger crew fought the treacherous channel currents for 7 hours and 6 minutes, occasionally running into difficult chop.

Winner was the Waikiki Surf Club which has made a sweep of top Island race events this year, in 6:38, closely followed by Outrigger Club's canoe in 6:43 and Healani in 6:44. It was evident these clubs had trained hard for this race and in addition they had the advantage of familiarity with the channel currents.

Richard Young, Kauai fan who saw the finish, said the Kauai men were the only ones to finish with a strong drive clear into the beach. The others gave up and slumped in their seats in exhaustion at the finish line.

In the fibre glass division the Lanikai club finished first in a field of four in the time of 6:56.

Coach Stanford Achi reported that David Keleko-ma, Kauai steersman, went all the way without a rest, a tribute to his condition. Kauai made 17 changes altogether. The coach praised his men for their endurance and spirit and said they got a big hand at the finish when they paddled right to the shore.

## canoe paddling race

# Waikiki Surf wins

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The weather was too good for record paddling yesterday, but the picture postcard conditions furnished a perfect Hawaiian setting for the broad-shouldered, sun-darkened crew of Waikiki Surf Club, winner of the 18th annual outrigger race from the rugged shores of Molokai to the white sand beach at Waikiki.

Coached and captained by Jeff Chee, who returned to No. 1 paddle after sitting out the event last year, Waikiki Surf Club stroked the 38 gruelling miles across treacherous Molokai Channel in the comparatively slow time of 6 hours, 38 minutes and 26 seconds.

THIS WAS 43 minutes off the record time of 5 hours, 55 minutes and 16 seconds established last October by Outrigger Canoe Club.

The Outriggers, bidding for their third straight victory in this Aloha Week classic, showed their wake to the other 11 canoes for a good portion of the race, but Waikiki Surf finally caught them off Koko Head and nosed ahead down the home stretch off the Oahu coastline.

Outrigger, cutting inside the breaker off Waikiki, sped across the finish line five minutes later in 6:43:23, barely nosing out third place Healani in "photo finish" style. Healani was clocked in 6:44:36.

LANIKAI won the non-koa—or fiberglass division—division title with a time of 6 hours, 56 minutes and 6 seconds—also well off the record of 6:03:28 posted by Healani last year.

"This was a good day for paddling—in fact, too good for paddling," said a very happy coach Chee, who was lei-bedecked up to his eyebrows shortly after the red-trimmed Waikiki canoe Ma-lia nosed into the wet sand of Duke Kahanamoku Beach following the Hilton Hawaiian Village resort complex.

"Also, the currents were mumbo jumbo," he added. "You didn't know what to expect."

BUT, AFTER a see-saw chase with Outrigger and Healani in crossing the chan-

nel, Waikiki Surf stroked to the front off Koko Head and held its lead to the finish line.

"We increased our strokes from 42 per minute to 48 and 50 per minute in overtaking the others," Chee explained. But that was their only

strategy.

Outrigger coach Mark Buck, who had several members of his record making crew of last year back, steered inside the breaker off the Beach in a last ditch effort to catch front-paddling Waikiki Surf Club.

"IT WAS a gamble," he explained. "We were hoping to catch a good wave, but we could have swamped, too."

Buck also said that strong currents made the paddling harder work. "I know our

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crew was as good as the one breaking the record last year and I think all of the other crews were as good, if not better than last year."

Lanikai, coached by Tay Perry, was an easy non-koa victor over second place Waikiki Surf Club's fibreglas

entry, which followed 28 minutes later.

Thirteen boats were entered in the race but the Order of Kamehameha withdrew at the last moment for lack of an escort boat.

All canoes finished, with Hui Nalu "clinching" the Tail-end Charlie (Okole Kale) honor some 2 hours and 4 minutes after Waikiki Surf.

The victory, incidentally, gave Waikiki Surf a clean sweep in outrigger racing this year, following conquests in the Pokai Bay and the Lanikai-to-Waikiki events.

Results:

### KOA DIVISION

1—Waikiki Surf Club (Jeff Chee, Randy Chun, Joe Gilman, Tony Guerrero, Dick Henning, Blue Makua Jr., Andy Miller, Nappy Napoleon, Mike Tongg); time, 6 hours, 38 minutes, 26 seconds. 2—Outrigger Canoe Club, 6 hours, 43 minutes, 23 seconds. 3—Healani, 6 hours, 44 minutes, 36 seconds. 4—Kauai, 7 hours, 6 minutes, 57 seconds. 5—Kai Oni, 7 hours, 32 minutes, 5 seconds. 6—Molokai, 7 hours, 38 minutes, 32 seconds. 7—Maile Sons, 8 hours, 25 minutes, 30 seconds. 8—Hui Nalu, 8 hours, 42 minutes, 38 seconds.

### NON-KOA DIVISION

1—Lanikai (Tay Perry, Jenn Driscoll, James Flynn, Pat Gleason Jr., David Holzman, Richard Longstaff, Kenneth Oles, Mike Singlehurst, Bill Watson); time, 6 hours, 56 minutes, 6 seconds. 2—Waikiki Surf Club, 7 hours, 24 minutes, 9 seconds. 3—Leeward Kai, 7 hours, 37 minutes, 43 seconds. 4—Healani, 7 hours, 56 minutes, 22 seconds.

## 14 canoes set for aloha race

Fourteen canoes are entered in the 18th annual Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe race which will be held Sunday, Oct. 19, as an Aloha Week feature.

The race will start at Hale O Lono, Molokai, at 7:30 a.m. and will finish in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. The distance is 37½ nautical miles.

OF THE 14 canoes entered, nine will vie in the koa class. They are Outrigger Canoe Club, Healani, Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf Club, Kai Oni, Molokai, Kauai, Order of Kamehameha and Maile Sons.

Entered in the non-koa class are Healani, Leeward Kai, Waikiki Surf, Lanikai and Kailua.

Outrigger won the koa class last year in 5 hours 55 minutes 16 seconds. Healani took the non-koa class in

6:03.28.

ANDY CUMMINGS is grand marshal this year and Richard Boone will be master of ceremonies on Molokai. The Honorable Elmer Carvalho, mayor of Maui County, will be the official starter and the Rev. Abraham K. Akaka will conduct the prayers.

This year's race will honor the late Mrs. Elsie Ross Lane.

First canoe to finish will receive the Herbert B. J. Perry award. Perpetual trophies have been donated by W. F. Dillingham, M. A. Blair, Ltd., H. F. Wichman, Ltd., Alfred Shaheen, Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, McKesson & Robbins, Trophy House and Aloha Week Hawaii, Inc.