



NA WAHINE O ALA WAI '84: Paddlers and officials.



OCC's Ann Cundall, center, poses with champions from Hui Lanakila, Lanikai, Hui Nalu, Healani, Kailua (from left).



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Kehau Kea, one of OCC's junior masters, wears the T-shirt she designed and the trophy she was given by Hui Nalu.

Na Wahine O Ala Wai III

By Joan Kaaua

It's early Sunday morning, time to load up your car and head for the Ala Wai canal. You're anxious to see your friends from other clubs, paddlers you've competed *against* this past season, friends you'll be paddling *with* once again, for it's time for the third Na Wahine O Ala Wai—OCC's Masters Women's Invitational sprint races.

With Aunty Eva Pomroy's blessing, we drew for crews. Auwe! One crew had four steersmen! OCC member Sam Kaau'a Jr. thought that this would be good. "Steersmen should get to paddle once in a while, let 'em see what it's like to stroke!"

We fielded eight crews of Masters Women this year, and did they turn in some fast times. OCC's Ann Cundall was in the winning crew with a time of 2:02 for a quarter-mile sprint. Her stroker was Mary Ciacci of Hui Nalu, who used to paddle with our Junior Women back in the '40s. (We think it's time for Mary to come home again to Outrigger.)

Though the eight crews were of assorted sizes, shapes and ages, it was

amazing how swiftly they tuned in with each other to apply power at the same time. Aaron Young of OCC would have been proud. (OCC Masters Women thank this young man for giving us some attention when we really needed it this year.)

Awards were given . . . some serious, some hilarious. Each of the six clubs participating brought a trophy, and one was a beautifully decorated padded *lua* seat for the "bust okole crew that finished last." A broken paddle trophy was donated for the "hot flash" crew, and an unusual arrangement of wooden flowers was given to the "*na pua mae'ole*" crew, (never fading flowers), name a category, we had it!

Junior Masters State Champion, Kehau Kea of OCC, designed a terrific T-shirt with our logo on the back, complete with a bottle of Ala Wai water with all kinds of things in it, and our statement in front: "Eh, you going paddle . . . or what!"

We thank our Club for its support with this event, for having canoes there

at the Ala Wai for us to use this year, for the delicious salad (thank you Bobby Moore), Bill Cook, a man who is always there when you need him. Next year we'll meet once again at the Ala Wai. We encourage all of you to come join us for it's something to see. And next year, by popular demand, we will invite Masters men to join us.

Beauty Contest Coming Up

If you are five years old or younger, plan to register for our Big Contest (for boys and girls) to be held on the Hau Terrace in December. Everyone wins a prize.

We have so many "young uns" at the club these days, the Entertainment Committee thought it a good idea to show them off. Working on this gala event are Neal Ifversen, Carolyn Corrigan, Betty Rogers and Kris Smith.

Further details in our next issue.