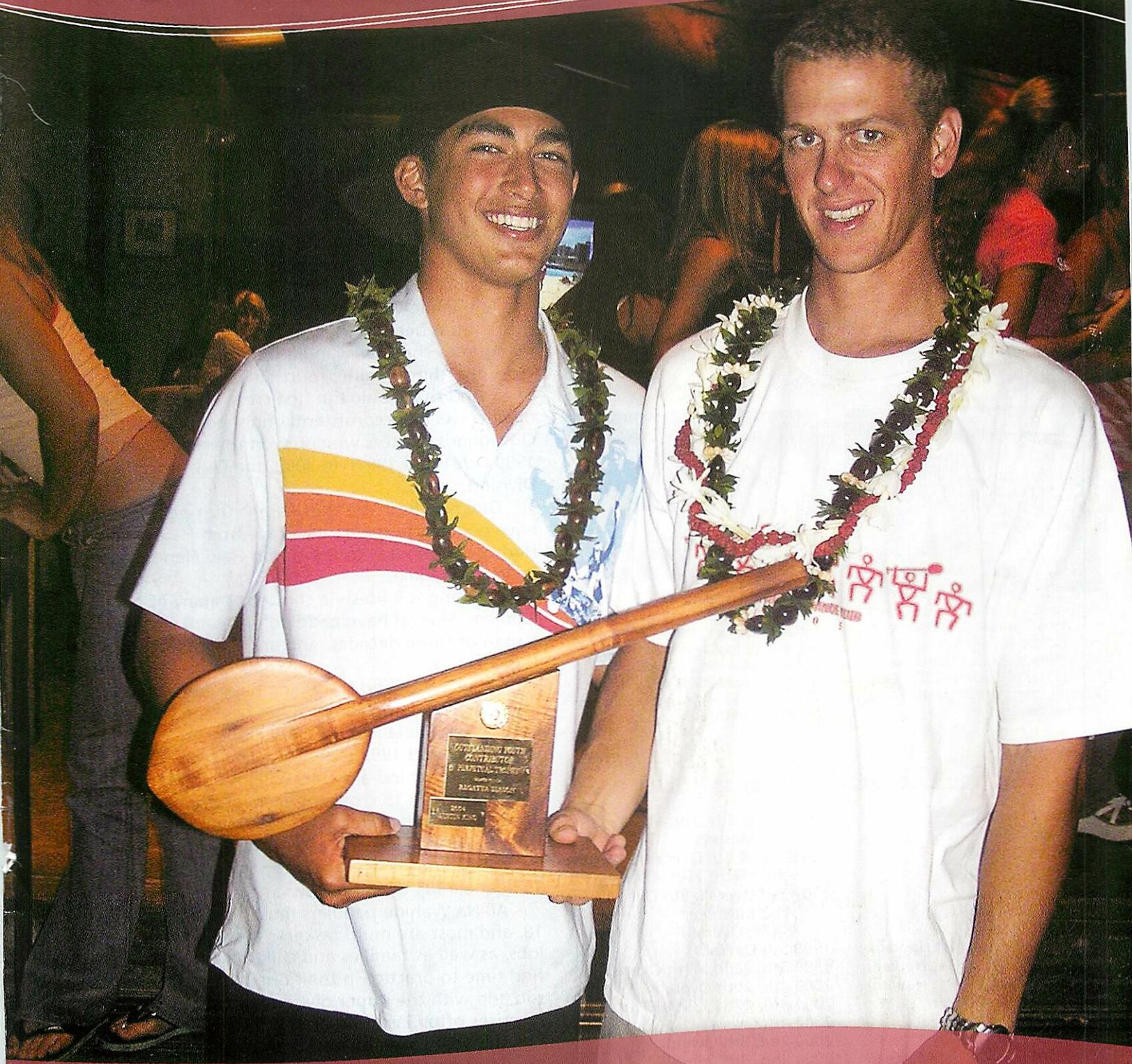


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Paddler's Enjoy End of Season Party

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Outrigger coaches for the 2005 Regatta season were front, Halli Van Lier Ribbink, Angie Giancatarino, Tiare Finney, Genie Kincaid, Canoe Racing Chair Jen Bossert, Mike Kane, and Wendy Wichman. Middle row: Steve Van Lier Ribbink, John Finney, Todd Bradley, Keoni Kino. Back: Jimmy Kincaid, Jim Beaton, Head Coach Jimmy Austin, Kisi Haine, Scott Hendricks.



OCC President Alan Lau got an OUTEY.

The Girls 12 won an OUTEY. Front: Rachel Kincaid, Taeler Akana. Back: Hailee Wade, Alexandra Murdoch-Haig.



In what has become a tradition, Outrigger paddlers held their annual end of season banquet and awards program on Monday, August 1 on the Hau Terrace. Put on by the Canoe Racing Committee, there was good food, drink, camaraderie, and Fun with a capital F in the form of OUTEY awards for the funny and outrageous events of the season.

Here are this year's winners:

Thank God for Immunizations

A paddling career of any length will certainly be filled with all sorts of experiences.

Some of these moments will long be remembered for their thrilling details. These experiences will be retold for years and get only better with time. Perhaps one of the most dreaded turn of events in all of canoe paddling is the huli. Every year there are quite a few and it happens to everyone at some point.

Of course as bad as a huli in Waimanalo is, there is a far worse venue that beckons at least one crew a year. Some might say that a paddler isn't really a fully seasoned paddler until they have taken a dip in these pristine waters. This year saw several crews hurrying to the showers hoping to rinse off the residue of the Ala Wai sludge.

So tonight we honor the following crews for just such a feat and award them the "Thank God for Immunizations" OUTEY:

Boys 15 (John Gendreau, Keegan Wada, Charlie Egesdal, Josh Figueira)
Girls 12's
Novice B Men

Best Sucker Toss

Certainly no one would be so cruel as to intentionally lure an unassuming group of fellow paddlers into a position where they would be vulnerable to swimming in the Ala Wai? Ah yes, but again I remind you of the classic struggle between guys and girls. So let me briefly recount for you just such an incident this year and you be the judge for yourself. Was it an attempt to help a fellow crew or was it the girls playing the guys?

The situation:

Boy's crew off shore in the Ala Wai. Girls 13's crew just pushing off. Boy's crew realize they don't have a bailer. Girl's crew has an extra one to offer. Boy's crew asks for a bailer from Girls 13's. Girls 13's offer to let them use one of theirs. Boys paddle their canoe closer. Girls 13's throw the boy's crew the bailer . . . so it lands on the right side of the boy's canoe.

Boy's crew, impressed with the Girls 13's willingness to help, all reach for the bailer at the same time...

For what we will call the "Best Sucker Toss" OUTEY we recognize the Girls 13's crew.

Canoe Valet

We all know the chaos that can be at the Ala Wai on a Wednesday afternoon during regatta season. It's during these times that controlling and protecting a canoe is a steersman's worst nightmare. Most of the time it goes without incident, but there are occasions when canoes are swapping paint.

We would like to recognize a steersman who had the unfortunate distinction of ramming into a women's crew and having it witnessed by no less than all of the paddlers at Outrigger's practice site along with a few from Lokahi.

For trying his best to valet park a canoe in the Ala Wai Canal parking lot, we recognize Peter Balding Jr. with the "Canoe Valet" OUTEY.

PADD OUTEY

It doesn't seem that a year goes by without some good story emerging out of the Macfarlane Regatta or Flotilla. You certainly don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that a combination of eight hours of sun, not enough water and too much alcohol is bound to provide some calamity. There is a paddler who has become synonymous with the Flotilla - Chuck Fan.

The story goes that after maintaining his reputation as a bartender at the Flotilla, Chuck loads up the cooler-laden surfing canoe *Cline* with partied-out paddlers and begins to head back to the Club. He decides that he is going to try and drop into a wave set at Publics (I am sure Chuck is on the canoe surfing list for 2-4' surf).

Unable to control the canoe because of his aforementioned partying, he starts to slide left whereupon he encounters the brunt of Public's whitewater. What follows is a mad scramble of gathering coolers and people all the while trying to right the canoe and get out of the impact zone. For a story that clearly demonstrates that drinking and driving don't go together in more than just automobiles, we award Chuck Fan that "PADD - Paddlers Against Drunk Driving" OUTEY.

Double Your Pleasure

In thinking about paddling and all of the details that surround it, the number two carries quite a bit of significance. For instance, there are two iakos, two legs to each race, and two seats between each wai, there is the "uni" and "over" in a turn, the "hut", the "hoe", the sophomore and senior crews double racing. It isn't unusual to find the number two in lots of places.

This year a couple of guys had the unfortunate distinction of creating their own famous #2 - or perhaps it should be infamous.

For huliing twice in the same day - once getting into the boat before the race and once at the finish line (having swum a longer distance than they paddled) the Canoe Racing Committee would like to recognize a crew who apparently would rather swim than paddle. We present the "Double Your Pleasure" OUTEY to the Golden Masters Men.

Chicken of the Sea

During regatta season there is quite a bit of emphasis put on making sure that Outrigger keeps its premises and the environment around us clean. There is always a big work day at the practice site to get it in shape for the season. We have rubbish bags throughout our tent at the races. Cleaning up the litter when breaking down the tent and packing up the truck at the end of the day is just part of what we do.

I guess you could say that we like to do our best to maintain



The Boys 13 won the Bob Fischer Award for participation. Front: James Stone, Reed Dolman, Riley Sieverts, Jimmy Field, John Foy, Nion Nichols. Back: John Wade, Ben Beck, Coach Todd Bradley, John Figueira, Coach Jim Beaton.

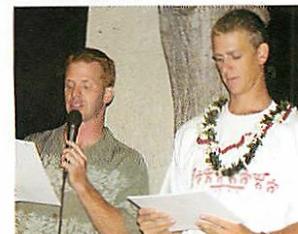


The Girls 15s won the Bob Fischer Award for participation from the Canoe Racing Committee for outstanding effort all season. Front: Coach Tiare Finney, Linnea Schuster, Brooke Hunter, Juliana Brown, Whitney Bechert. Back: Larissa Schienle, Elizabeth Finney; Kulani Jenkins.



Anthony Hunt and Jimmy Austin presented the OUTEYS

Members of the Canoe Racing Committee were Jen Bossert, chair; Jimmy Austin, Alice Lunt, Sandra Simons. Back: Liz Perry, Byron Ho, and Keoni Kino.



and improve our surroundings. Some paddlers in our Club have even gone so far as to help a stranded jellyfish on the Ala Wai or even gone to the effort to feed the fish.

Yes, one environmentally-friendly Outrigger paddler during his first practice, contributed to the ocean's ecosystem by, what we will affectionately call, "chumming" the water. For this we award the "Chicken of the Sea" OUTEY to Duff Janus.

007 OUTEY

Among the other excellent traits of Outrigger paddlers, innovation certainly has been key to our success. From major modifications like the reshaping of the canoe *Kakina* so it could turn better than any boat on the line, to little, overseen details like how to pack the truck for a regatta.

This year saw another small, but creative innovation by a former Outrigger president. In an effort to help paddlers drinking PowerAde from either getting straight concentrate or just flavored water, his solution for mixing the PowerAde was simple yet resourceful in achieving the former tastes and quenching the refined paddlers' palate.

For using a paddle to get the flavor just right the 007 "Paddled, not Stirred" OUTEY goes to Jimmy McMahon for mastering the fine art of mixed drinks.

Big Man - Little Man

Aside from the politics that go along with the paddling program, there is also a social structure to the Outrigger as well. Just like adult paddlers begin in the Novice crews and work their way up into the open program, there is committee work at the Club.

Some committees are considered more important than others and reaching the Board of Directors is a generally considered a noteworthy honor. This year saw a paddler who bridged the gap more than anyone the Canoe Racing Committee had ever heard of.

His crew had a great time together but didn't perform all that well including a huli in Kailua and Waimanalo, a DQ at the Kaupiko and a brief swim in the Ala Wai. But for setting precedent for being the only active Outrigger president to paddle Novice B, we salute Alan Lau and award him the "Big Man - Little Man" OUTEY.

The Dance of the Jellyfish

Holding boats at Keehi is generally not high on anyone's list of things to do during regatta season. To your credit, as a Club, Outrigger does a nice job of sharing those duties. There are some, who hold more races than others, but there are lots of you who get involved and are willing to help when asked; to all of you we say thanks.

Of course this year's Keehi experience was special. Many of us saw the jellyfish story spread all over the evening news and printed in the newspaper, some even experienced the irritating stings and residual rash.

What many didn't see was what the OH CRA officials got to witness first hand at the following Keehi regatta - Wendy Wichman and Liz Perry lathering themselves up in anti-jellyfish lotion before holding races in front of the official's tent.

Evidently whatever it involved became the topic of lots of discussion and laughs. So for giving OH CRA something to smile about and being willing to get in Keehi when most of the guys wouldn't, we give the "Dance of the Jellyfish" OUTEY to Wendy and Liz.

Outstanding Youth Contributor OUTEY

In all of the fun that we have tonight and the fun that we have at each other's expense, there are a number of serious honors. This is a recognition that the Paddling Committee is especially proud of.

Most of you know that we have well over 300 paddlers in the program and that regatta's take hours of preparation and last about eight hours every Sunday. What you likely don't understand are the logistics that take place behind the scenes to make it happen. This paddler is part of our youth program and has consistently looked for opportunities to help out on race day.

He knows more about rigging a canoe than most of our adult paddlers and is a regular at the starting line to hold boats.

For being an example to youth and adult alike we are very proud to present the Youth Perpetual Trophy to Austin Kino, and recognize him once-again for his dedication and contribution to the OCC Canoe Racing Program.

Special Recognition

- Keoni & Austin Kino and Kisi Haine - held more races than any one, coached and paddled.
- Aka Hemmings - provided a steering clinic for the fourth consecutive year.
- Tay Perry - provided a rigging clinic at the Ala Wai.
- Rick Hobson - coordinated a great work day at the Ala Wai practice site.
- Evan Rhodes - provided the exercise structure at the Ala Wai.



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