

Sports Afloat and Ashore

by Jerry Ober

Surfing has highlighted the mid-winter season for Outrigger members, both in meets and in north shore pleasure surfing.

Some of our members have met with notable success in the winter tournaments. Our champion, Freddy Hemmings, came out of retirement and entered in two meets, the Hang Ten American Professional and the Makaha professional division. It was great to see Freddy in action again, using a huge board by comparison with his fellow surfers, but with great agility and speed in the big Sunset surf. Keone Downing, always a consistent surfer, came into his own this season, placing 5th over-all in the Hang Ten Meet and taking first place in the Makaha professional division. Bobby Anderson won his heat in the semi-finals of the Men's Division of the Makaha International meet, but was eliminated in the finals. Donny Mailer entered the Mabu Royal competition of the Makaha International Meet, a competition between local surfers and the Japanese team, and took 4th place over-all. Kainoa Downing also surfed in this event.

Joining Bobby Anderson at the Makaha International Meet were Brant Ackerman and Donny Mailer, all of whom advanced to the semi-finals. Ricky Cassidy advanced to the semi-finals in both the Makaha Open and International events. Kainoa Downing got into the semi-finals at the Makaha International Jr. Men's event. Also surfing in the Makaha International Jr. Division were the brothers Jimmy and Billy Foytich. Evie Black took 2nd at the Makaha International and Open Meets in the Women's Open Division.

Club Surfing Meet Coming Up

Dave Rochlin, chairman of the Surfing Committee wants Club surfers to keep in mind the Club's own surfing meet coming this late spring. Dave has great waves reserved just for the occasion and it should be a standout Club event. Announcements will be made in a couple of months. Soon to be selected will be the Outrigger's representative to the Peruvian Interna-

tional Surfing Championships.

Hot off the wire (as of January 12) is the news that Fred Chuckovich has won his preliminary heat in the First Annual Molokai Surfing Championships.

Diamond Head Paddle Board Race

The Christmas day running of the Diamond Head Paddle Board Race brought an almost total victory for the various Outrigger entrants. The Blue Ribbon event was won by Brant Ackerman who was first to finish in the stock board class in 1:03:45 for the six mile race. Brant was followed across the line by Dale Hope, competing in the open division, with a time of 1:04:30. Dale was followed by Bruce Aimes, to make it a one-two-three finish for Outrigger members.

On the beach in front of the Moana Hotel, in other competition, Outrigger members were doing equally well. Evie Black took four titles in the women's open, the girl's 17-and-under event, the tandem and the run-swim-paddle relay. Kenny Morrow won two events: the boy's 15 and under and the 17 and under, and was on the winning relay team. Brant Ackerman was on the winning run-swim-paddle relay team along with Evie and Kenny.

Hobie Cat World Championships

At this writing, all is in preparation for the Hobie World Championships, being co-sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club. Our three qualifying sailors, Harold Hutchings, Leith Anderson and Mike Holmes, have all been practicing in both heavy and light winds. All will be history by the time you read this, but a complete run down will appear in the next **Outrigger**.

Berg, Kaaua Named Coaches

Winter is also the time of planning for the spring and summer, and with that in mind, selections have been made for the coaches of our Club's two most important athletic sports: volleyball and canoe paddling. Dennis Berg will return again this year as head coach of the volleyball teams. Dennis will be assisted by Dave Shoji