

Popular Beach Boy Paddles To Brilliant Victory In Surfboard Race

5,000 SEE REGATTA

Sam Also Teams With Doris Cromwell To Win Tandem Race

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The beach of Waikiki presented one of the busiest and gayest scenes in many years yesterday as a highly enthusiastic assemblage of some 5,000 spectators gathered to witness the staging of a "Beach Boys Regatta" sponsored by William (Bill) Leeds, visiting Tin Plate King and popular "aikane" of members of the Hui Nalu club and the Beach Patrol.

Sam Kahanamoku, member of the internationally famous Kahanamoku family and one of the favorite members of the Hui Nalu club, romped off with the day's major honors, winning the first leg of the Leeds trophy with a brilliant victory in the one-third mile surfboard paddling race over a field that included the best paddlers in local waters.

Paddling brilliantly throughout, Sam won by fifteen yards over Alan (Turkey) Love who finished second. Joe Pang, a stripling of a lad and the youngest competitor in all of yesterday's events, finished third, 15 yards behind Love. Tommy Kiakona, regarded as one of the best paddlers in local waters, also Albert (Molokai) Horner and Johnny Ernstberg, entered the event but failed to finish.

Wins With Doris

Earlier in the afternoon, Sam Kahanamoku doubled with Doris Duke Cromwell in the tandem race with beach boys teaming with Malihini wahines, to win first honors over a fast field. The event was over a 200-yard course starting from in front of the Outrigger and off the Royal Hawaiian promenade.

Sam and Doris won with two lengths to spare over Alan (Turkey) Love and Joyce Muriison who finished second. Tommy Kiakona and Doris Raider were third, Harry Robello and Ede Bach fourth and Sam Colgate and Fran Barber fifth.

Experts along the beach credited the Kahanamoku-Cromwell victory to the excellent paddling of Mrs. Cromwell, who truly put as much into the race as her partner.

Before competing and winning the foregoing two events, Sam Kahanamoku participated in the most strenuous race of the program, the paddle board surfboard race over a mile course. The course extended from the front of the Royal out into the surf to a launch anchored outside of first break surf, back around the Moana side of the life guard tower and down the stretch to the finish in front of the Royal.

"Turkey" Triumphs

First honors went to "Turkey" Love, who turned in a brilliant victory. "Turkey" took the lead from the start, made the turn well in advance of the field, caught a wave for a 50-yard ride coming home and finished with 50 yards to spare.

Sam Kahanamoku was second, beating Alfred (Molokai) Horner on the home stretch after a neck and neck dog-fight over the entire distance. Philip Kaaihue was fourth.

The opening event of the program, the canoe paddling race from the Steiner home to the Royal, a distance of a half mile, went to the Queen's Surfers, captained by the veteran "beacher" Charlie Amalu. The Queen's combine, paddling the famous canoe "Patches," finished one length ahead of the Hui Nalu's "Black Marie," captained by "Laughing Johnny" Kauo. Beach Patrol was third, paddling "Eleu," captained by Johnny Ernstberg. Beach Patrol's second crew paddling "Ka Moi" and captained by Johnny Makua, was fourth. Hui Nalu's second crew, in the Dowsett boat, skippered by that popular beach boy, "Ox" was next.

Members of the winning Queen's Surf crew were: Charlie Amalu

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