

## Johnny Makua-Craft Second In Canoe Sailing Event At Waikiki

George Stepp, completing the the course in one hour and 10 minutes, finished first in the initial outrigger canoe event of the elimination series for the Pualani (Gloria Baker) Topping trophy yesterday morning at Waikiki. Stepp skippered the Dad Center boat. Dad was forced out of the race with a leg injury.

Johnny Makua was skipper of the second-place canoe, which turned the course in one hour, 14 and one-half minutes. John D. Kaupiko, Sr., placed third in one hour and 20 minutes. He was followed by David Kahanamoku one-half minute later. Jack Briscoe, Sam Kahanamoku, Judge Harry Steiner, Charlie Amalu and Bob Topping failed to place as point winners.

The present standing is as follows:

Stepp, five points; Makua, three; John Dee, two; and David K., one. These races will continue over a period of three weeks, after which the three leading canoes will race for the Paulani trophy. In the event of a tie, for first, second or third places, all canoes will be included in the final race.

### Nine Canoes Entered

There were nine canoes entered yesterday. Drawing for lanes took place at the Waikiki Beach Patrol Headquarters on Saturday, at which time there was a discussion of the rules and course by the various skippers. "Brains" Janda of the Beach Patrol was the official starter and he got the canoes away to a good start.

There was some doubt on Saturday that the wind would be right, but by a special arrangement with Sol Pluvius, the wind was changed to trades and perfect Hawaiian weather was dished out to the some 2,500 persons who came to Waikiki Beach to see the race.

### Dad Withdraws

"Bob" Topping's canoe, the "Pualani" took an early lead closely followed by Jack Briscoe, and George Stepp in Dad Center's canoe. Dad was forced to withdraw because of a leg injury sustained in trail runs on Friday.

Before the first buoy was reached both Stepp and "Boss" Makua succeeded in making the turn, closely followed by the "Pualani" Briscoe, David Kahanamoku, Sam Kahanamoku, John D. Kaupiko, Sr., Harry Steiner, and Charlie Amalu. At this buoy it was necessary for the canoes to jibe their sails and the failure to do this on the part of the "Pualani" crew caused them to jibe suddenly later when they were unprepared for the maneuver and some of the stays were ripped loose, causing this canoe to withdraw. At the second buoy the line-up was Center's canoe, Makua, Briscoe, David K. The Pualani still trying to continue; John Dee, Steiner, Sam K., and Amalu. Following the turn at the second buoy the skippers had a variety of ideas on how to reach the next buoy in the shortest possible time and as a result there were outrigger canoes all over Waikiki Bay. George Stepp apparently showed the better judgement and reached the third buoy first, being hard pressed by Makua, who was followed by David K., John Dee, Briscoe, Sam K., Amalu and Steiner.

### Waves Play Tricks

On the home stretch David K., with Jayne Shadduck Topping as part of the crew, had a good chance to place third but due to a sudden rise in the surf they were swamped and John Dee passed them. The canoe was bailed out and managed to finish in fourth place. Sam K. and Charlie Amalu were fighting it out when they reached Queen's Surf and the waves played tricks on them, also capsizing the Sam K. canoe, which

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