

It's a Big Day At Outrigger's New Clubhouse

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(Sage of the Beach Sector)

Today is the Outrigger Canoe Club's big new day. Ever since 1908 (pre-Waikiki Willie) the Outrigger has been to Waikiki what hot pohakus (rocks) are to an imu.



W. Willie
and "front."

Since that far-gone year the club has been operating more or less prosperous—often less. Today, the club has a brand new setup with a "hale" to go with it and many of the old faces still to be seen around together with some new ones.

It's the same old spirit but with a modern setting

Ever since Alexander Hume Ford, otherwise known as Pop, started the Outrigger together with Leslie Hicks, Jack Mackenzie, Joe Stickney, Harry Steiner, Platt Cooke and many others back there in '08, the old boys still have an aloha for the old spot.

In the next decade there were the kanes about like Joe Farrington, Potter (Lorrin) Thurston, Dad Center, Jinky Crozier, Sam Fuller, Fran-

cis Cooper, Murray Johnson, Harold Harvey, Gay Harris, Fred Carter, and others who were active in club activities which included plenty of canoe and board surfing and an occasional bit of canoe and surfboard sailing.

In the '20s fellows like Walter Macfarlane, who is now the person most responsible for the new club being a reality instead of a vague dream, came around and were the clubmen of that era. Norman Gilliland, Bill Hoilinger, Buster Crabbe, Buddy Crabbe, Hawkshaw Howell, George Perry, Pump Searle, and hosts of others were the kanes who got around in those rip snorting days of the fast '20s.

When 1930 rolled along the "malo" gang had its day. These were fellows like Wilbur Crow, Lex Brodie, Waldo Bowman, Mickey Carmichael, Roy Crow, "Mahat" Lyman, and even I was in my prime in those not so bad days.

As the '40s rolled along most of the old boys had retired to the fireside but some of the fellows are still around or out on pass by permission of the lady boss at home. They should all get passes for this afternoon's welakahao.

For the sake of the record it may be said that those stalwarts like Duke Kahanamoku, Ernie Stenberg, Roy Johnson, Alex Tulloch, Sally Hale, Francis Cooper, Johnny Hollinger, Harold Hustace, David and Sam Kahanamoku, Fred Bailey, Tom Singlehurst, Toots Minvielle (I and II), Chubby Hollinger, Sam Poepoe, Doc Blum, "Beans" Waters, Clarence Ritchie, Malcolm Love, Wilfred Godbold, Ronald Smith and Pop Haenlehn, are still standing by the club.

Today while the front of the club has changed from the old canoe shed with the second deck pavilion the spirit of the new members has been an incentive. Some of the malihinis who have renounced their coast and mainland citizenship for an Hawaiian outlook on life have entered the activities of the new Outrigger in a vigorous and aggressive manner that would have brought much happiness to those old time founders and members who in the past years have caught their last wave.

These new members such as Bill Bowman, Tom Blake, Herb Fox, Fred Gentry, Bob Hogan, Bob Topping, George Vanderbilt, Art Schofield, Cliff Weaver, Joe Banana Fawkner, Al Pettingill, Mason Sheehan, George Brangier, Walter and Bill Flanders, George McLanahan, Curt Leser, Walter Lynes, Gordon Fisher and Major Botts, have brought new life to the Outrigger of 1941.

(Enough for now. Tomorrow, with the Outrigger club spirit still strong, I'll give you another load of beach reminiscences.)

Settle It NOW!



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