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The Outrigger Club was organized in April of that year of 1908, an outgrowth of an idea among the many advanced by the late Alexander Hume Ford for the development of Hawaii's natural attractions. It was intended to devote the club's principal efforts to the perpetuation of surfboard riding and outrigger canoeing. Another of the organization's original plans was to undertake the manufacture of surfboards and their distribution "at reasonable prices."

The club grew beyond the most optimistic predictions for its future, but did not develop into a manufacturing enterprise of the proportions envisioned by Mr. Ford's fertile brain. However, it has produced world-famous swimmers and some movie stars, among these latter "Buster" Crabbe who has gone a long way in his particular field of picture making.

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