Cops Molokai To Oahu Paddle Event

Blue Makua Is Captain Of Winning Crew; Molokai Third

Waikiki Surf Club teams No. 1 and 2 rowed away with top honors finishing first and second, respectively, yesterday afternoon in the annual Aloha Week outrigger canoe race from Molokai to Oahu. Their trip, official time of which had not yet been computed, was without mishap through the choppy seas between the two islands.

One of the crewmen of the winning club, Hardy Freitas, had to be taken of at the approximate half-way point. He was substituted by Blacky Makaena.

Winning team members, introduced to an estimated 3,500 beach spectators, were George Downing, Moki Perkins, Dutchy Kino, Makaena, Wally Froiseth, the steersman, and Blue Makua, team captain.

Waikiki Surf Club No. 2, which was second was made up of George McCarthy, Edward Whaley, David Makaena, Herbert Bessa, Rudy Choi and Robert Kekai.

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Aloha Week High Priest Solomon Kalama on behalf of the King and Queen, presented the winning team with the perpetual trophy—a wooden model of an outrigger—and a gold cup which will remain permanently in the possession of the team.

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Other teams were presented with wooden bowls to commemorate this year's race. Molokai was third and Hui Kalia fourth.

Confused reports involving sharks in the vicinity of the canoes caused some alarm among the waiting spectators. At one time, prior to the winners' arrival, a report came over that some shots had been fired by guards on accompanying power boats at what appeared to be sharks. Later, the report was changed and the "shark" turned out to be a hat in the water. Still later, there was a report came over that there had been a shark in the vicinity of the canoes.