

Waikiki Surf wins

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a victory, dampened the crowd of about 2,000 as the canoe touched the sand.

The winning crew also met a shower of about 10 trophies presented by businessmen and the royal court of Aloha Week.

Defending champions of the Outrigger Canoe Club had to be towed ashore after repeated swampings.

Reports from other paddlers say the canoe of the Order of Kamehameha broke in half after hitting a giant swell. No one was injured.

The koa canoe entry from Kailua was so badly battered it had to be lifted on to a convoy boat.

The Lani Kai canoe also had to be towed ashore as did one paddled by Maili Sons.

Many paddlers and back-up men suffered from sea sickness.

Finishing behind Waikiki Surf Club with a time of 6:40.46 was Healani, led by captain Richard Bell. The team captured first place in the non-koa canoe division.

Coach Clement Paiaina said the canoe also swamped three times, the first time three miles from the starting line.

Crossing the finish line third to capture second place in the koa division was a greatly improved Molokai team. The team, which has been paddling for only three years, kept the canoe upright throughout the 6:47.02 trip.

Also placing in the non-koa division were Lanikai with a time of 7:01.53 and Waikiki Surf Club, 7:11.14.

Third place in the koa division went to Hui Nalu with a time of 7:20.48.