

# OCC Paddlers Break Long-Distance Mark

Racing in ideal conditions, Outrigger Canoe Club shattered by 40 minutes the course record in yesterday's Duke Kahanamoku 23-mile event to launch the men's long-distance canoe racing season.

The nine-man crew of Ed Pickering, Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Brant Ackerman, Henry Ayau, John Finney and Gibb Bintliff encountered calm, sunny, almost windless waters from Magic Island to Lanikai Beach to post a time of three hours, 12 minutes, 11.9 seconds.

OCC held off host Lanikai Canoe Club, which placed second in 3:16:23.0, and bested Hui Nalu's previous record of 3:52:46 set in 1979.

"Once we rounded Makapu'u (Point)," Ackerman said, "we bailed our boat dry, put in a new crew (making a three-man change) and started to run downwind, and we opened up the gap again."

In a remarkable show of team depth, OCC's second entry placed third with a relatively young crew of two novices, one freshman and four sophomore paddlers.

HUI NALU MADE IT a clean sweep of the two women's races this weekend. After edging out host OCC by 40 seconds to win the 17-mile Dad Center Wahine race Saturday, five of the 10 winning crew members came back to beat OCC again yesterday—this time by 34 seconds.