

## PADDLING

## MOLOKAI: Offshore completes the sweep

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approximately 2½ hours after the Hale O Lono Harbor dawn start. The channel was unusually calm, favoring the flat-water paddling visitors. "We had a bad race. And having to paddle a calm channel didn't help matters," Outrigger steersman Tom Conner said.

Most Island teams, including defending champ Outrigger, are experienced in wave riders and had hoped for big surfing seas to push them along. "Channel conditions are beyond our control. Crews have to take what's there. Our day will come," Conner said.

Hui Nalu paddler Mark Hamilton of Louisville, Ky., paddling his first Molokai Hoe, was disappointed of the calm. "I've heard about Molokai Channel's big surfing waves for years. I was anxious to give them a try." Mike Harbold and Billy Robello, two nationally-ranked kayakers from Hawaii, contributed to Hui Nalu's lofty finish.

Offshore's crew included two Olympic kayak paddlers, two Olympic coaches, a former Olympic volleyball player; at least three nationally-ranked canoeists, and in Serge Corbin, Canada's best marathon canoe paddler. Steersman Whitford is an Olympic kayak development coach based in Hawaii and California. "Most of our crew have paddled the Molokai before. I think we could have handled it whatever the (sea) conditions," said Offshore's Greg Barton, winner of three Olympic medals in kayaking — two gold last year at Seoul and a bronze in '84 at Los Angeles.

While the race leaders reaped most of the trophies and attention, the veteran paddlers competing in the masters (35-44) and senior masters (45 and over) divisions believe "older" guys are the wave of the future.

"We may not have finished up there with the leaders but we beat a lot of teams with people a lot younger than we were," said John Goody, 46, a paddler on Kailua's winning senior masters team. Kona's Kai O Pua topped the masters division.

40.8 miles, Hale O Lono to Waikiki  
(Entries from Oahu unless otherwise noted)  
Offshore Canoe Club (Cal.) 5:06:29. Course record; old record Outrigger Canoe Club 5:08:11, 1989. Crew: Greg Barton, Serge Corbin, Randy Drake, Mike Fries, Terry Kent, Willie Raichenstein, Alan Rudquist, Bob Staiford, steersman Billy Whitford.

2. Hui Nalu I, 5:11:38. 3. Iliani (Tah.) 5:13:30. 4. Punanuu (Tah.) 5:17:57. 5. Outrigger (Aust.) 5:19:22. 6. Lanikai, 5:20:41. 7. Outrigger I, 5:22:16. 8. FPPP (Tah.) 5:23:21. 9. Kailua, 5:27:40. 10. Imua (Cal.) 5:29:06. 11. Healani, 5:30:00. 12. Kamehameha I (Hi), 5:32:37. 13. Waikiki Surf Club, 5:34:30. 14. Outrigger II, 5:36:32. 15. Manoa (Hawaii), 5:39:29. 16. Lokahi, 5:39:52. 17. Surf Sports, 5:39:45. 18. False Creek I (Can.) 5:40:23. 19. Kai O Pua I (Hi), 5:41:03. 20. False Creek II (Can.) 5:43:25. 21. Kihai I (Maui), 5:43:59. 22. Kai O Pua I (Hi), 5:45:55. 23. Outrigger III, 5:45:56. 24. Great Lakes (U.S. East Coast), 5:46:09. 25. Hui Lanaike, 5:46:24. 26. Nahaia (Cal.) 5:46:27. 27. Hanalei (Kauai), 5:48:30. 28. Royal Canoe Club (Eng.) 5:49:37. 29. Keoua-Honunuu (Hi), 5:52:08. 30. Kailua II, 5:58:37. 31. False Creek II (Can.) 5:55:33. 32. Waikiki Yacht Club, 5:57:56. 33. Lanikai II, 5:58:10. 34. Kailua III, 5:58:37. 35. Royal Hawaiian, 5:58:54. 36. Kamehameha II (Hi), 5:59:04. 37. Kai E Hiiu (Hi), 6:00:87. 38. Hui Nalu II, 6:01:36. 39. Kailua III, 6:03:02. 40. Outrigger IV, 6:04:23. 41. Healani, 6:05:31. 42. Napili (Maui), 6:11:09. 43. Hawaiian I (Maui), 6:12:18. 44. Hawaiian II (Maui), 6:13:13. 45. Leeward Kai, 6:16:14. 46. Lokahi I, 6:17:07. 47. Honolulu, 6:23:03. 48. Kihai II (Maui), 6:23:23. 49. Kai O Pua III (Hi), 6:27:34. 50. Windward Kai, 6:36:53. 51. Manu O Ke Kai, 6:45:06. 52. Koa Kai, 6:54:35. 53. Haleakala, 7:04:14.

Key—Aust.: Australia; Cal.: California; Can.: Canada; Eng.: England; Hi.: Big Island; Tah.: Tahiti.

Divisions  
Overall/Riberglass: Offshore.  
Hoe: 1. Hui Nalu I, 2. Kamehameha I, 3. Kai O Pua I, 4. Kailua II.  
Masters (35-44): 1. Kai O Pua II, 2. False Creek II, 3. Outrigger III, 4. Great Lakes Brigade, 5. Kailua II.  
Senior masters (45-over): 1. Kailua III, 2. Outrigger IV, 3. Lokahi II, 4. Kihai II.



Outrigger of Australia takes a moment to pray before the start of yesterday's race.

Photos by Mike Teukamato, Star-Bulletin



Canoes and their escort craft sort themselves out . . .



. . . then the canoes line up for the start.



Olympians Terry Kent, left, and Greg Barton.