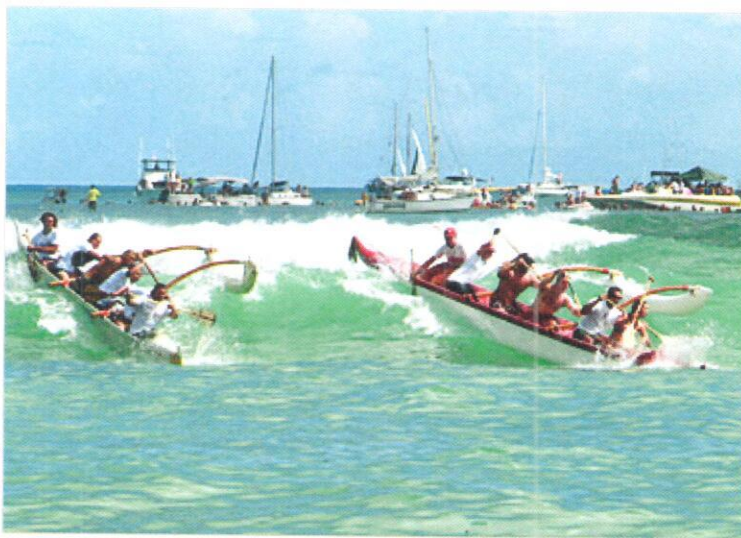


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Open mix crews from Keahiakahoe and Outrigger Canoe Clubs rode the surf at Waikiki during the 66th annual Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta yesterday.

Lanikai surges to Macfarlane victory

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When it was all over, several more perpetual trophies bore the plaques of Lanikai Canoe Club.

The warriors from the Windward side gave no quarter at yesterday's 66th Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta at Waikiki Beach, winning 15 of 39 events in steamrolling the opposition and amassing a winning total of 126 points in the traditional Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association event.

Runner-up and host Outrigger Canoe Club posted 81 points in the AAA (largest-size) division, with Kailua third at 65.

Hui Lanakila, which had dominated the prestigious men and women's senior events for the past two years, couldn't keep its streaks going but still managed to win the AA (middle-size) class with 16 points over the 14 points of New Hope and Leeward Kai.

Kai Oni took the A (smallest) class with eight points over Anuenue and Waikiki Surf Club (six points each).

The Kamaaina Hui perpetual trophy was presented for the first time since 1955 and introduced to yesterday's junior men's winner, Lanikai. It was brought out in celebration of the 100th-year anniversaries of both Outrigger and Hui Nalu.

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Members of Lanikai Canoe Club's women 40 crew celebrated yesterday's win at the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta.

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Tom Conner and Lanikai Canoe Club figured out a way to have fun on the Fourth of July, yet have their full range of novices to veterans gain some surf paddling practice in the process.

Conner, the club's head coach in his first year, had Lanikai's six Molokai Hoe open-water veterans alternate as steersman in the 39 events yesterday at the 66th Walter J. Macfarlane Canoe Regatta at Waikiki Beach, regardless of their regular positions in a canoe.

As a result, Lanikai dominated the only surf race on the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association schedule, taking an eye-popping 15 events and accruing 126 points over runner-up and host Outrigger Canoe Club (81) for their second straight Macfarlane win. Kailua Canoe Club came in third with 65.

"We're putting everybody in, throwing everything but the kitchen sink in there today," Conner said. "It's a fun race, and everyone gets a chance to race. The only criteria that I had going in was that we're going to put all our best guys in the back of the canoes (because open steersmen were allowed). We have all our Molokai veterans steering. That's the only edge that we have. Otherwise, we're putting everybody in to have fun."

It proved to be more than enough, as Lanikai powered to wins in nine of the first 18 races - the youth and novice events. The results didn't count toward standings for Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state

consideration, but the day helped serve as a tune-up for next weekend's final OHCRA regular-season regatta and association championship later this month.

Wave conditions intensified from gentle to challenging as the day went along, but the shouts of support from hundreds on the 15-yard patch of sand behind the Moana Surfrider and Royal Hawaiian hotels were constant. A good-natured mixed surf relay race, won by Kailua, capped the afternoon before numerous perpetual trophies were awarded. And yes, champagne was once again sipped from them by the winners of the prestigious men's and women's senior events.

Outrigger ended a 17-year drought by winning the senior men's event for the first time since 1991, beating out Kailua and powerhouse Lanikai with a time of 10 minutes, 30.56 seconds.

Doing it on the club's 100-year anniversary at its host event was even sweeter for steersman Jimmy Austin, who was an 11-year-old neophyte with the club the last time Outrigger won the Walter Macfarlane Memorial Trophy in the senior event.

"Oh man, it means a lot," Austin said. "We've been trying for so many years here, and it makes it that much sweeter that we lost a lot of our top paddlers this year. And Lanikai this year has just been phenomenal, winning every race by 35, 40 seconds. To finally win one, just that race, it means so much to us."

Outrigger men's coach John Puakea thought his team did just enough heading out to the flag, then caught the right amount of waves on its way in. He added that their Diamond Head-facing lane assignment unquestionably helped, but it was a special win because of the youth of his crew; Austin, 28, is oldest, and three new crew members this year - Simeon Ke-Paloma and Craig and Scott Gamble - replaced departed veterans.

Lanikai's senior women team captured the other blue-ribbon event - and the senior women's bowl - for the first time since 2003, with the help of steersman Jim Foti.

Ann Dewey, sitting at No. 2, and Lisa Sauer, at 5, were grateful for the help of Foti and the other veteran steersman who assisted numerous crews.

"They've all done very well, and they've been enthusiastic about it," Sauer said.

Foti was just happy to be in on a senior win.

"It's real special," Foti said. "I'll slip in on that champagne any way I can get it, I suppose."

Hui Lanakila had a three-year streak in the Macfarlane senior men race snapped, and two-year streak in the senior women broken. But the club captured the AA division (middle-size) with 16 points, while Kai Oni took the A class (smallest) with eight points.

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Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial

At Waikiki

AAA-1. Lanikai 126; 2. Outrigger 81; 3. Kailua 65; 4. Hui Nalu 40; 5. Healani 26.

AA-1. Hui Lanakila 16; 2. (tie) New Hope, Leeward Kai 14; 4. Keahiakahoe 12; 5. Waimanalo 10.

A-1. Kai Oni 8; 2. (tie) Anuenue, Waikiki Surf Club 6; 4. Pu'uloa Outrigger 4; 5. Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club 1.

Girls 12-1. Lanikai (Gigi Abcarian, Heather Foti, Avery Walsh, Taylor Hackney, Paige Hackney, John Foti) 1:50.27; 2. Outrigger 1:50.83; 3. Kailua 1:51.53.

Boys 12-1. Lanikai (Scott Freitas, Alakai Freitas, Colin McCreary, Hunter Wasson, Renesh Wainscoat, Cameron Miscovich) 1:59.96; 2. Hui Nalu 2:00.62; 3. Leeward Kai 2:02.99.

Mixed boys and girls 12-1. Kailua (Shianne Hybbert, Naia Singlehurst, Logan Spencer, Hannah Gibson, Jordan Wong, Macie Shigeta) 2:03.14; 2. Hui Nalu 2:07.38; 3. Kai Oni 2:10.78.

Girls 13-1. Lanikai (Kylie Courtney, Tatjana Perrin, Taylor Soldat, Jacqueline Thomas, Holly Dickens, Karel Tresnak) 2:00.97; 2. Pu'uloa Outrigger 2:01.57; 3. Kailua 2:03.50.

Boys 13-1. Hui Nalu (Joshua Ah Sing, Nakoa Gumapac-Mcguire, Jonathan Kobayashi, Nolan Saffery, Shayne Robello, Bruce Blankenfeld) 1:22.50; 2. Leeward Kai 1:25.64; 3. Lanikai 1:33.62.

Girls 14-1. Healani (Nohea Miller, Kalei Naauao, Amber Ah Yuen, Shay Revuelto, Kawailele Miller, Patrick Von) 1:59.09; 2. Outrigger 1:59.55; 3. Waimanalo 2:00.07.

Boys 14-1. Outrigger (Akea Kahikina, Chris Deweese, Easton Watumull, Connor Grune, Sean Michael Sunoo, Walter Guild) 1:44.33; 2. Lanikai 1:44.94; 3. Leeward Kai 1:45.56.

Women novice B-1. Healani (Pua Fola, Jill Narimatsu, Taka Kendall, Marcelle Risso, Stephanie Longwell, Kea Paiaina) 1:40.41; 2. New Hope 1:47.70; 3. Lanikai 1:53.31.

Mixed novice B-1. Lanikai (Jill Johnson, Holly Kemsley, Nick Youngleson, Michael Hallinan, Ariel Merritt, Jim Foti) 1:30.42; 2. Kailua 1:30.63; 3. Kai Oni 1:32.29.

Men novice B-1. Outrigger (Regino Palma, Craig Neher, Andrew Lautenbach, Ian MacNaughtan, Matthew Esecson, Billy Lawson) 3:43.02; 2. Healani 3:44.19; 3. New Hope 3:46.70.

Girls 15-1. Leeward Kai (Melanie Say, Wailani Inay-Kekahuna, Reba Helm, Jazlin Porter, Keola Wright, Kehaulani Kelii) 4:25.47; 2. Kailua 4:31.24; 3. Kai Oni 4:32.16.

Boys 15-1. Lanikai (Mike Judd, Connor Clinton, Kalai Stern, Connor Stewart, Taylor Hopkins, Ukali Whaley) 3:34.52; 2. Keahiakahoe 3:36.57; 3. Kai Oni 3:56.24.

Girls 16 and under-1. Lanikai (John Foti, Sarah Lockwood, Hannah Smith, Tarah Sullivan, Kanoelani Irvine, Aloha Yoza) 3:43.76; 2. Outrigger 3:45.39; 3. Keahiakahoe 4:22.95.

Boys 16 and under-1. Hui Nalu (Jordan Barlan, Kimo Carpenter, Sky Takemoto, Vincent Eiserloh, Kainoa Blaisdell, Ryan Robello) 3:47.36; 2. Kailua 3:47.87; 3. Outrigger 3:48.14.

Girls 18 and under-1. Waikiki Surf Club (Anna Koethe, Samantha Leong, Jessica Lum, Francesca Koethe, Elizabeth Leong, Maile Demello) 4:00.21; 2. Lanikai 4:01.70; 3. Healani 4:03.37.

Boys 18 and under-1. Lanikai (Conner Dowsett, Caton Smith, Jack Roney, Devon Ferguson, Roarke Clinton, Kai Bartlett) 7:09.97; 2. Kailua 7:18.34; 3. Outrigger 7:19.81.

Women novice A-1. Hui Nalu (Kay Hardy, Eveline Seidl, Christine Tang, Vanya DeJung, Aulani Hall, Russell Amimoto) 4:04.70; 2. New Hope 4:04.92; 3. Lanikai 4:05.48.

Men novice A-1. Outrigger (Gary Johnson, Allan Darling, Nathaniel Jenkins, Ryan Woodward, Kealakai Hussey, Billy Lawson) 7:16.84; 2. Lanikai 7:18.71; 3. Hui Nalu 7:38.80.

Women freshman-1. Hui Lanakila (Madison Minkel, Whitney Martinez, Kelsi Campos, Leah Frias, Lori Nakamura, Catia Garell) 7:32.15; 2. Lanikai 7:34.01; 3. Hui Nalu 7:553.97.

Men freshman-1. Lanikai (Kahaku Aspelund, Thomas Cavaco, Patrick Dolan, Eckhart Diestel, Matt Crowley, Karel Tresnak) 6:56.53; 2. Outrigger 7:06.44; 3. Healani 7:09.39.

Sophomore women-1. Lanikai (Nicole Radford, Kimberly Morris, Janice Smith, Kimberly Tice, Kate Dennis, Kai Bartlett) 7:45.40; 2. Hui Lanakila 7:48.90; 3. Healani 7:51.58.

Sophomore men-1. Kailua (Nicholas Ho, Donovan Leandro, Chris Tseu, Luke Evslin, C.J. Day, Kekama Akana) 6:55.38; 2. Lanikai 6:56.90; 3. Outrigger 7:10.58.

Women junior-1. Hui Lanakila (Leila Albino, Deborah Rosenblum, Shannon Van Gieson, Lisa Martin, Ally Sokei, Violet Coito) 7:49.45; 2. Lanikai 7:51.53; 3. Keahiakahoe 8:07.52; 3. Keahiakahoe 8:07.52.

Men junior-1. Lanikai (Peter Abcarian, Keanu Kuna, Nahina Leeloy, James Bustamante, Justin Akana, Scott Freitas) 6:51.09; 2. Outrigger 6:51.65; 3. Healani 6:54.02.

Women senior-1. Lanikai (Sarah Gilman, Lisa Sauer, Nicole Radford, Ann Dewey, Torrey Goodman, Jim Foti) 11:23.52; 2. Hui Lanakila 11:42.38; 3. Outrigger 11:44.27.

Men senior-1. Outrigger (Kristin Brown, Craig Gamble, Simeon Ke-Paloma, Michael Kane, Scott Gamble, Jimmy Austin) 10:30.56; 2. Kailua 10:32.52; 3. Lanikai 10:45.85.

Woman masters 60-1. Outrigger (Susan Heitzman, Ann Buck, Maureen Kilcoyne, Billy Lawson, Patty Mowat, Carol Cook) 4:12.69; 2. Lanikai 4:25.56; 3. Kailua 4:32.70.

Men masters 60-1. Kailua (Howard Keller, Hank Leandro, Bill Bockyer, Robert THurston, Gary Oakland, Heath Hemmings) 3:45.68; 2. Lanikai 3:45.97; 3. New Hope 3:46.38.

Women golden masters 55-1. Outrigger (Michele St. John, Ruby Ifverson, Babara Giles, Maile Ostrem, Sandra Simons, Billy Lawson) 4:06.47; 2. Kailua 4:06.67; 3. Lanikai 4:07.11.

Men golden masters 55-1. Waimanalo (Loka Lii, Dennis Sallas, Joseph Perry, Harvey Aki, Bernie Paloma, Raymond Lii) 3:27.19; 2. Outrigger 3:27.97; 3. Lanikai 3:47.28.

Senior women masters 50-1. Lanikai (Cathy Bender, Cindi Chess, Renee Conner, Hillary Radovich, Kathleen McGovern-Hopkins, Jim Foti) 3:53.08; 2. Kailua 3:54.17; 3. Outrigger 3:55.04.

Women masters 40-1. Lanikai (Cynthia Bostick, Heidi Smith, Lisa Sauer, Ann Dewey, Torrey Goodman, Scott Freitas) 7:52.42; 2. Hui Nalu 8:08.12; 3. Healani 8:08.37.

Men masters 40-1. Kailua (Kahai Canario, Tracy Kim, Bob Eheler, Mike McCue, Kanai Kauhane, Michael Willett) 7:06.37; 2. Outrigger 7:07.41; 3. Lanikai 7:19.91.

Senior men masters 50-1. Lanikai (Stephen Freitas, Ray Rosa, Marc Cunningham, Bruce Lukas, Peter Roney, Karel Tresnak) 3:49.16; 2. Outrigger 3:49.93; 3. Keahiakahoe 3:50.35.

Women open four-1. Lanikai (Stacey Lapierre, Kris Krengel, Maya Cooper, John Foti) 4:26.73; 2. Outrigger 4:40.19; 3. Kailua 4:41.46.

Men open four-1. Kailua (Keola Lindsey, Vili Malamala, Kekama Akana, Boyd Nobriga) 3:36.67; 2. Outrigger 3:39.20; 3. Keahiakahoe 3:49.24.

Mixed masters 55-1. Lanikai (Mary Duryea, Kern Rogerson, Carl Woehrle, Pamela Monahan, Joy Schoenecker, Karel Tresnak) 3:48.22; 2. Anuenue 3:53.77; 3. Outrigger 4:07.93.

Mixed masters 40-1. Hui Nalu (Brett Fee, Danny De Fries, Dorothy Clegg, Lisa Ah Sing, Jane Fee, Bruce Blankenfeld) 3:52.62; 2. Outrigger 3:54.63; 3. Anuenue 4:03.71.

Mixed men and women-1. Kailua (Eli Hedani, Maria Day, Shaun Mccue, Jordan Wong, Phillip Johnson, Mele Coelho) 3:51.59; 2. Lanikai 3:52.51; 3. Hui Nalu 3:52.77.