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The Leeward Kai open four men's crew (Alfred Van Gieson, left, Paul Rzonca, Daryl Kila and Mana Kamakele) celebrated their win yesterday in the waters off Waikiki.

Lanikai takes Macfarlane regatta

By Kyle Galdeira

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Don't blame members of the Lanikai Canoe Club for not sticking around at Waikiki Beach yesterday afternoon to celebrate their fifth consecutive victory of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association season.

After all, many of the Windward residents were focused on making the cross-island trek back to Kailua to catch the annual Fourth of July fireworks display off Flat Island before the victory was declared official.

Lanikai tallied 86 points to claim the 65th annual Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta in front of thousands of onlookers who were situated in any vantage point possible, from the beach to hotel bars and balconies near the stretch of sand fronting the Sheraton Moana Surfrider and Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach hotels.

"Mostly we just tried to get as many crews in the race as we could, and then spread people out," said Lanikai coach Dave Smith after his club won 11 of the regatta's 39 races. "With this race, it's fun, but there's a lot of luck involved. It's kind of any-

body's race, so to win this one is really nice. There are a lot of good clubs out there right on our heels."

Host club Outrigger — which had won three of last five holiday affairs — finished in second place with 75 points. Kailua (58), Hui Nalu (55) and Hui Lanakila (47) rounded out the top five clubs.

"We had a great day, and were in contention up toward the end," said Outrigger coach Kehau Kali. "Everybody had a lot of energy and excitement, and we wanted to have a really fun and safe day. This is the fifth regatta of the summer, and we're gearing toward the (league and state) championships; we're getting close."

The results of the races did not count toward regular-season standings because of the extreme challenge created by the course's rugged surf breaks, which often cause canoes to veer off course or flip. In contrast to traditional races where paddling crews race parallel with the shore, the Macfarlane Regatta's course is set up so paddlers must negotiate and use the surf to their advantage. Each club was permitted to use experienced "open" steersman who, regardless of gender or age, could steer the canoe in as

many races of their liking to help keep the boats on course in the turbulent surf.

One such steersman was master navigator Nainoa Thompson, who guided Hui Nalu in a handful of races. Thompson was fresh off a five-month journey through the South Pacific, Micronesia and eventually Japan on the double-hulled canoe Hokulea.

"I'm just here to help, and it's funny because I have a lot of experience, but you do get rusty," said Thompson after one of the canoes he guided — Hui Nalu's Girls 15 crew — flipped after a wave upended the boat. "I just messed up, but I'm just happy the club's still letting me steer! Just coming off a 25,000-pound canoe (in the Hokulea) to a 400-pounder, I'm just trying to adjust. We tipped over because of me, but it's a lot of fun and just wonderful to be out there."

Despite finishing in fifth place as a club, Hui Lanakila came up big in two of the day's most prestigious races. The club paddled to victory in the 1½-mile senior men's race in 11 minutes, 10.31 seconds, and received the honor of sipping champagne from the Walter Macfarlane Memorial Trophy that was awarded to the win-

ning crew.

"We had a clean path to the quarter-mile mark and took on less water than the other boats (while maneuvering over the waves)," said Raven Aipa, who provided the winning crew with power out of seat three. "It's good that (the wave height) wasn't as big as expected. It was good for the kids earlier in the day, and made it fun for everyone."

The other members of the crew included Manny Kulukuluanani, Keone Joao, Mike Hangai, Adam Treinen-Aea and Kaleo Cambra.

The women of Hui Lanakila followed suit, claiming the senior women's race — also 1½ miles long — in a time of 11 minutes, 39.68 seconds. Just as their male teammates did minutes before, the victorious crew passed around the Senior Women's Bowl and swigged ice-cold champagne.

"It was so special to us because our men are awesome, and for us to be able to win seniors with the males got us excited," said Jane McKee, who sat in seat three in the winning boat. "It's great for us because we're such a small club, so to be able to compete with clubs like Lanikai and Kailua, it was an honor."

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MACFARLANE REGATTA

At Waikiki Beach

Team standings

1. Lanikai, 86; 2. Outrigger, 75; 3. Kailua, 58; 4. Hui Nalu, 55; 5. Hui Lanakila, 47; 6. Leeward Kai, 33; 7. Healani, 28; 8. Keahiakahoe, 17; 9. Waimanalo, Anuenue, Kaioni, New Hope, 6; 13. Waikiki Surf Club, 5; 14. Keola O Ke Kai, 1; 15. Puuloa Outrigger, Honolulu Pearl, Keala, Makaha, 0.

Boys

12 & under—1. Hui Nalu (Jonathan Kobayashi, Shayne Robello, Davin Wallace-Agustin, Joshua Ah Sing, Nakoa Gumapac-Mcguire), 1:51.68; 2. Lanikai, 1:52.26; 3. Leeward Kai, 1:54.33; 4. Outrigger, 1:54.75.

13—1. Keahiakahoe (Jonah Flores, Dylan Matsuda, Jonathan Mahelona, Isaac Dela Cruz, Shawn "Kalei" Kahookele, Kamuela "Kamu" Lau), 1:33.11; 2. Leeward Kai, 1:33.48; 3. Outrigger, 1:50.56; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:50.81.

14—1. Leeward Kai (Daniel Rzonca, Kekoa Kau, Cyrus Meletia-Ching, Stephen "Kawika" Kila, Jared Ku, Ryan Van Gieson), 1:33.16; 2. Outrigger, 1:39.81; 3. Lanikai, 1:40.76; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:42.02.

15—1. Healani (Ridge "Ridge" Souza, Keli'i Ruth, Jordyn Ah Chong, Koa Webster, Drexton Choi, Tad Yamashita), 3:45.50; 2. Leeward Kai, 3:47.48; 3. Outrigger, 4:00.28; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:07.57.

16—1. Hui Nalu (Kainoa Lopes, Alexander Loomis, Alec Totto, Daven Astrero, Noa Chung, Dylan Fern), 3:52.17; 2. Outrigger, 3:53.98; 3. Lanikai, 4:02.45; 4. Healani, 4:04.13.

18—1. Lanikai (Damien Casken, Roarke Clinton, Ryan Dolan, Jack Roney, Troy Thompson, Zane Chess), 7:16.77; 2. Outrigger, 7:28.20; 3. Hui Nalu, 7:29.54; 4. Keahiakahoe, 7:34.20.

Girls

12 and under—1. Healani (Dovelyn Kakalia, Jess Pontes, Napua Lum, Jessi Arnold, Anuhea Paiva, Mike Lum), 1:43.85; 2. Outrigger, 1:53.03; 3. Kailua, 1:56.25; 4. Lanikai, 2:01.81.

13—1. Hui Nalu (Bruce Blankenfeld, Caitlyn Chandler, Kayla Perreira, Calla Camero, Kilali Gibson, Rebecca Sekban), 1:34.93; 2. Kailua, 1:47.86; 3. Kaioni, 1:48.30; 4. Leeward Kai, 1:48.68.

14—1. Lanikai (Chelsea Kahihikolo, Hannah Kress, Sophie Friedheim, Dailey Parker, Isy Picciotto, Mike Judd), 1:28.56; 2. Hui Lanakila, 1:28.58; 3. Kaioni, 1:30.48; 4. Outrigger, 1:46.01.

15—1. Lanikai (Andrea Herndon, Kanoelani Irvine, Hannah Smith, Aloha Yoza, Tarah Sullivan, Mike Judd), 4:18.05; 2. Outrigger, 4:20.13; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:24.82; 4. Keola O Ke Kai, 5:00.26.

16—1. Kailua (Pua Pinto, Shelby Singlehurst, Rochynn Nosaka, Courtney Singlehurst, Victoria "Kaehu" Morgado, Patrick Von), 3:52.60; 2. Hui Lanakila, 4:06.49; 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:08.42; 4. Lanikai, 4:08.90.

18—1. Kailua (Kelly Radovich, Hoku'ala Malama-Custer, Ke'ala Kamalu, Chani Bautista, Alicia Wallehua-Hansen, Patrick Von), 4:00.28; 2. Healani, 4:08.36; 3. Outrigger, 4:09.58; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:18.57.

Mixed

12 & under—1. Kailua (Nalani Bishaw, Kialoa Makua, Rachel Stogner, Naia Singlehurst, Kai Morse, C.J. Day), 1:36.45; 2. Leeward Kai, 1:37.75; 3. Hui Nalu, 1:55.66; 4. Hui Lanakila, 2:09.53.

Novice B—1. Leeward Kai (Alfred Van Gieson, Lisa-Marie Patronis, Maia Sonoda, Sean Avilla, Neric Mangrobang, Jaime Rieth), 1:37.56; 2. Lanikai, 1:38.29; 3. Kaioni, 1:39.27; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 1:49.83.

Masters 40—1. Lanikai (Patty Bell, Cindi Chess, Malia Maldonado, Thomas Conner, Scott Freitas, Zane Chess), 3:53.38; 2. Kailua, 3:54.34; 3. Hui Nalu, 3:55.32; 4. New Hope, 4:24.60.

Masters 55—1. Outrigger (Ken Bailey, Jim Iams, Geraldine Debenedetti, Thomas Arnott, Darcy Iams, Kristin "Kisi" Haine), 3:57.11; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:03.56; 3. Lanikai, 4:11.36; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:22.92.

Open—1. Lanikai (Marianne "Maya" Cooper, Janelle Jinbo, Stacey Lapierre, Christopher Thomas, Brett Fillmore, Jim Foti), 3:49.87; 2. Keahiakahoe, 3:56.97; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:00.75; 4. Healani, 4:06.49.

Men

Novice A—1. Keahiakahoe (Paul Lee, Justus Jenkins, Mark Mayo, Charles "Charlie" Buckingham, David "Kula" Stone, Ty Fu), 7:07.39; 2. Healani, 7:07.84; 3. New Hope, 7:19.60; 4. Hui Nalu, 8:20.52.

Novice B—1. Lanikai (Sam Bello, Bill Kehoe, Zach Luechauer, Derek Esibill, George Kane, Michael Smith), 3:46.57; 2. Hui Nalu, 3:48.87; 3. Kailua, 3:59.76; 4. Healani, 4:03.10.

Freshmen—1. Hui Lanakila (Akeo Cuban, Byron Martinez, Kaleo Cambra, Keone Joao, Kelly Foster, Peter Olson), 6:59.96; 2. Outrigger, 7:01.16; 3. Kailua, 7:16.07; 4. Hui Nalu, 7:16.95.

Sophomore—1. Leeward Kai (Keola Wright, Ryan Van Gieson, Michael Beyer, Timothy "Tim" Ekau, James Norman "Norm" Bradley, Alfred Van Gieson), 6:57.90; 2. Kailua, 7:08.40; 3. Outrigger, 7:10.98; 4. Lanikai, 7:14.17.

Junior—1. Outrigger (Evan Rhodes, Jeremiah Gushman, Gunner Schull, Tapa Worthington, Franz "Robi" Solmssen, Jimmy Austin), 6:53.22; 2. Lanikai, 7:08.96; 3. Kailua, 7:23.28; 4. Leeward Kai, 7:32.91.

Senior—1. Hui Lanakila (Keone Joao, Mike Hangai, Manny Kulukuluanai, Adam Treinen-Aea, Kaleo Cambra, Raven Aipa), 11:10.31; 2. Lanikai, 11:14.01; 3. Hui Nalu, 11:24.48; 4. Outrigger, 11:24.75.

Masters 40—1. Lanikai (Jeff Cummings, Eckhart Diestel, Jim Foti, Daniel Kauai, David Smith, Thomas Conner), 7:06.22; 2. Outrigger, 7:22.56; 3. Hui Nalu, 7:23.04; 4. Kailua, 7:41.14.

Masters 50—1. Hui Lanakila (Lindsey Todd, Karl Henry, Darrell Camat, Nathan Butch Ushima, Reed Sumner, Adam Treinen-Aea), 3:36.66; 2. Outrigger, 3:38.27; 3. Lanikai, 3:39.38; 4. Hui Nalu, 3:58.48.

Masters 55—1. Hui Lanakila (Meiner "Loka" Lii, Raymond Lii, Harvey Aki, Richard Mahi, William "Bill" Ward, Jeffery Tario), 3:41.61; 2. Kailua, 4:02.15; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:02.47; 4. Lanikai, 4:12.56.

Masters 60—1. Lanikai (Clinton Mathews, William "Bill" Monahan, John Myrdal, Melvy Chow, William Watson, Fred Hemmings), 3:52.22; 2. Kailua, 3:52.21; 3. Outrigger, 3:56.55; 4. Anuenue, 4:14.43.

Open 4—1. Leeward Kai (Travis Mana Kamakele, Darryl Kila, Paul Rzonca, Alfred Van Gieson), 3:53.33; 2. Kailua, 3:48.37; 3. Waimanalo, 3:49.41; 4. Keahiakahoe, 3:54.97.

Women

Novice A—1. Lanikai (Joelle "Joey" Foti, Kris Krengel, Stacey Olson, Tanya Pertzoff, Hillary Radovich, Jim Foti), 3:55.39; 2. Healani, 4:01.87; 3. Hui Lanakila, 4:22.91; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:23.95.

Novice B—1. Lanikai (Edmee Haworth, Sally Liesemeyer, Kara Spheeris, Lydia Hemmings, MaryPat Kinsey, Jim Foti), 1:39.75; 2. Outrigger, 1:42.25; 3. Kailua, 1:49.99; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:51.82.

Freshmen—1. Outrigger (Robin Beck, Keala Kilcoyne, Lindsay Wessberg, Erika Eberhart, Angela Giancaterino, Scott Hendricks), 8:04.37; 2. Kailua, 8:10.11; 3. Hui Lanakila, 8:14.34; 4. Hui Nalu, 8:15.01.

Sophomore—1. Hui Lanakila (Jennifer "Jen" Asano, Jamie "Jaimie" Kinard, Sarah Vandevanter, Michelle "Mikala" Bradley, Katie Slocumb, Lisa Martin), 8:02.82; 2. Outrigger, 8:16.84; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:26.20; 4. Healani, 8:26.72.

Junior—1. Hui Lanakila (Deborah Rosenblum, Pauahi Ioane, Shannon Van Gieson, Clementine-Siaosi, Colleen McCormick, Ilima Kim), 8:34.07; 2. New Hope, 8:53.36; 3. Anuenue, 8:54.08; 4. Waimanalo, 8:57.91.

Senior—1. Hui Lanakila (Jamie "Jaimie" Kinard, Arlene Holzman, Jessica Eames, Jane McKee, Sarah Vandevanter, Adam Treinen-Aea), 11:39.68; 2. Lanikai, 12:15.01; 3. Hui Nalu, 12:33.30; 4. Outrigger, 12:49.08.

Masters 40—1. Lanikai (Cynthia Bostick, Ann Dewey, Lisa Sauer, Heidi Smith, Kelly Smith, Zane Chess), 8:03.67; 2. Outrigger, 8:04.34; 3. Healani, 8:31.49; 4. Hui Nalu, 8:43.70.

Masters 50—1. Kailua (Kathy Erwin, Chrystal Hogue, Vivian Griffin, Lois Wise, Carleen Ornellas, Kamoa Kalama), 4:00.13; 2. Outrigger, 4:14.53; 3. Waimanalo, 4:32.57; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:34.71.

Masters 55—1. Outrigger (Carol Arnott, Maureen Kilcoyne, Sandra Simons, Gerri Pedesky, Ruby Iverson, Walter Guild), 3:57.33; 2. Hui Nalu, 3:59.60; 3. Lanikai, 4:14.96; 4. Waimanalo, 4:58.03.

Masters 60—1. Outrigger (Ann Buck, Carol Cook, Michele St. John, Barbara Bryan, Susan Heitzman, Scott Hendricks), 4:28.69; 2. Anuenue, 4:30.72; 3. Lanikai, 4:33.02; 4. Kailua, 4:37.13.

Open 4—1. Kailua (Leyla Samimi, Tiffany "Tiff" Byrne, Heidi Berengue, Kelii Heen), 4:05.28; 2. Healani, 4:08.81; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:09.15; 4. Hui Lanakila, 4:21.51.