

# Lanikai is the real thing

## Paddlers win at Waikiki for fourth victory

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The historic and breakthrough year for the Lanikai Canoe Club continued yesterday.

Lanikai won 13 of 33 races to win the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach. No one from the club could recall when they last won the prestigious event.

"I asked all my older paddlers," said Lanikai head coach Bob Puakea. "They all said that they had never won it during their time, and

some of them have been here over 30 years."

In any case, Lanikai proved yesterday that it is the team to beat this year. After not winning an Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regatta in 24 years, Lanikai has won four out of five in the last two months.

"About two weeks ago, I was still unsure," said Puakea. "But now, I think we can do it. I see the way our paddlers are performing and I can see the confidence growing. The papers and the TV and the radio were all saying that Lanikai is on a roll. I would say that right now, we are."

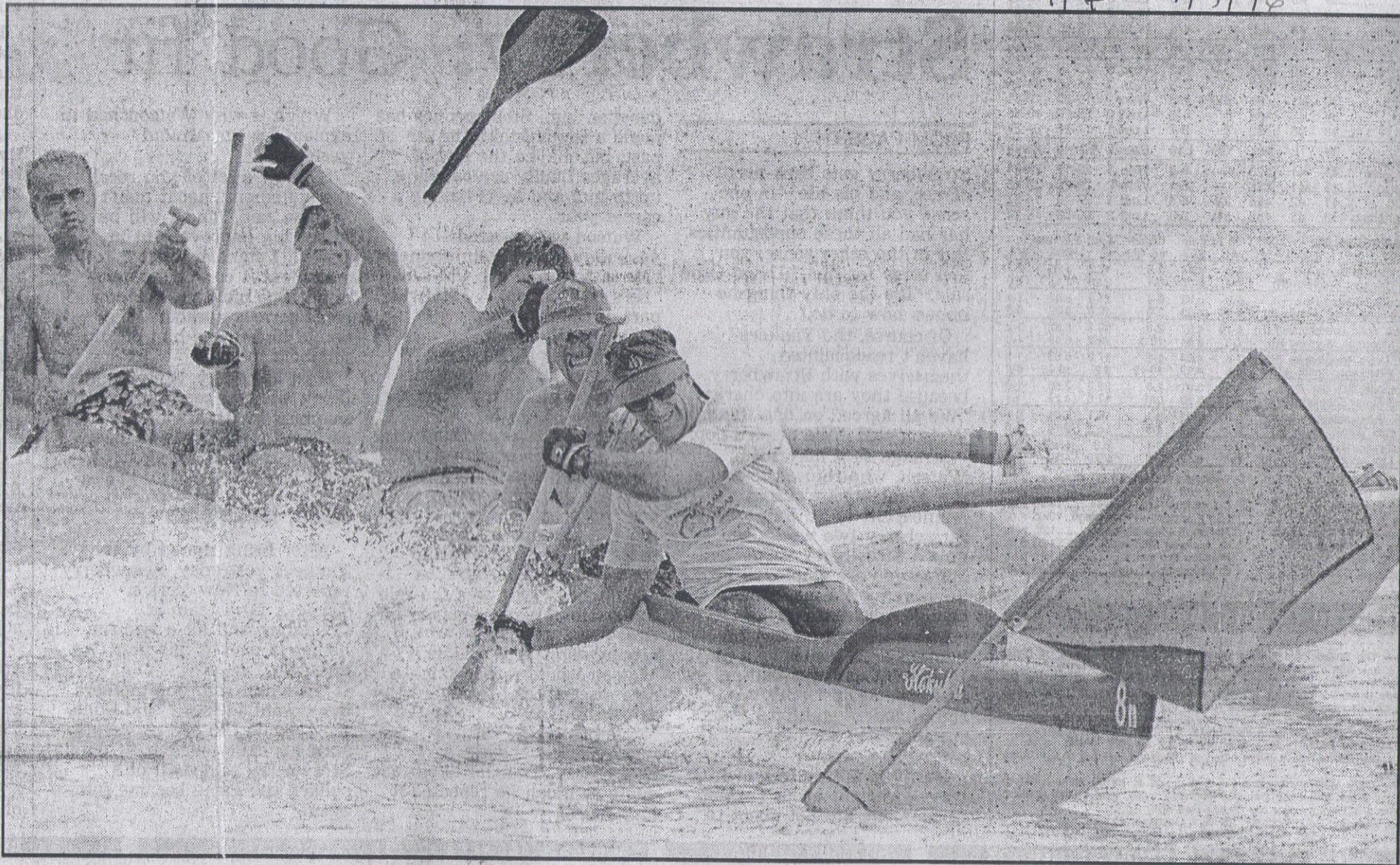
Yesterday, it got rolling early. Lanikai won six of the 11 youth races (for ages 18-under) to jump to an

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Outrigger Canoe Club's men's masters team collides with the flag as one of the crew breaks his paddle in the final race of the day, won by Lanikai, below.



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early lead. By the time Lanikai's 18-year-old boys won their race, the club from Windward Oahu had a 20-point lead over the defending champs, Outrigger.

"The kids start it all," said Puakea. "If they do well, the rest of the day will go well."

And so it went, even though Outrigger head coach Kalani Schrader said he was not ready to concede after the youth races.

"The men have only four races," said Schrader, "so I thought we still had a chance. But I knew it was going to be tough."

The lead would prove insurmountable. As usual, the Lanikai men made their contribution, winning the freshman, junior and senior races. That only made the final score lopsided.

In the final tally, Lanikai had 98 points. Outrigger was second with 62 and Kailua third with 61. Hui Lanakila won the A Division (for clubs entering 15 crews or less) with 15 points, edging Anuenue by three.

Although the ocean off Waikiki was calm yesterday, clubs were allowed to use veteran steersmen for every race for safety reasons. Puakea had lots of praise for two of his primary steersmen — brothers John and Jim Foti.

"I would say they are our best," said Puakea. "The waves were flat, but any little bump can help push you along and our guys can do that with the best of them."

Of Lanikai's 13 victories yesterday, John Foti steered five and Jim Foti guided four.

"There were a few little ripples," said Jim. "You just had

to work to get 'em."

Schrader, whose Outrigger teams have won 11 of the last 12 state championships, said Lanikai is the clear-cut favorite to win it all this year.

"We would have to be at our absolute best to beat them," he said. "They have a lot of momentum. It would take an unbelievable effort to beat them this year."

"I congratulate them wholeheartedly, but I have to be honest — this hurts."

### ■ Team Standings

#### AA Division

1. Lanikai 98. 2. Outrigger 62. 3. Kailua 61. 4. Waikiki Surf Club 46. 5. Hui Nalu 38.

#### A Division

1. Hui Lanakila 15. 2. Anuenue 12. 3. Keahiakhoe 10. 4. Leeward Kai 5. 5. Koolau and Healan 2. 7. Waimanalo 1. 8. Honolulu, Kai Oni and Makaha 0.

#### ■ 1/4-mile

##### Male

**Boys 12 and under:** 1. Outrigger (Aka Beaumont, William Dornbush, Andy Cavanah, Thomas Finney, Matthew Cornt, Marc Haine), 1:48:97. 2. Lanikai, 1:49:20. 3. Kailua, 2:01:98. **Boys 13 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Milan Tresnak, La'akea Ka'awa, Evan Pacowicz, Makena Hart, Mac McMDird, Jim Foti), 1:49:50. 2. Keahiakhoe, 1:49:91. 3. Outrigger, 1:50:28. **Boys 14 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Casey Nickle, Karel Tresnak, Ben Smith, Kawohi Aspelund, Ted Hayward, Jim Foti), 1:47:96. 2. Leeward Kai, 1:51:03. 3. Hui Nalu, 1:52:20. **Makule:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Mike Towne, Scott May, Earl Santimer, Bob Milne, Charlie Arizumi, Sword Murakami), 1:30:66. 2. Outrigger, 1:31:07. 3. Anuenue, 1:31:75.

##### Female

**Girls 12 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Pam Whitlock, Kristin Hook, Julia White, Keeley Cestare, Emily Zienkiewicz, John Foti), 1:57:24. 2. Outrigger, 2:01:75. 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 2:06:59. **Girls 13 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Jessie O'Gorman, Tai Hawkins, Chrissie Twoney, Irie Richards, Elizabeth McWilliams, Jim Foti), 1:48:41. 2. Hui Nalu, 1:53:45. 3. Kailua, 1:57:26. **Girls 14 and under:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Kahaelani David, Kuuwainani Eaton, Sable Bruce, Nani Kalua, Joni Harada, Wes Oda), 1:52:84. 2. Lanikai, 1:57:89. 3. Outrigger, 1:59:18. **Women's Novice B:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Elizabeth Rockett, Lehua Kalima, Jonna Meamber, Jasean Hall, Kate Thomas, Michael A. Tongg), 1:51:57. 2. Lanikai, 1:52:92. 3. Keahiakhoe, 1:54:67.

##### Mixed

**Boys and Girls 12 and under:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Luukia Keaunui, Kaehu Hironaka-Tampon, Kai Fujioka, Jess Aniban, Melissa Jasper, Billy Philpotts), 2:06:88. 2. Kailua, 2:07:16. 3. Hui Lanakila, 2:07:54.

#### ■ 1/2-mile

##### Male

**Men's Novice B:** 1. Kailua (Mike Long, Todd Banez, Tom Viattas, Kaila Malama, Manuel "Mannie" Vidinha, Kamou Kalama), 3:50:12. 2. Waikiki Surf Club, 3:53:58. 3. Koolau, 4:03:98. **Boys 16 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Mike Stock, Pat Boltz, Gerry Kahookano, Bobby Kila, Jacob Espiau, John Foti), 3:48:68. 2. Kailua, 3:49:80. 3. Hui Lanakila, 3:50:56. **Golden Men Masters:** 1. Kailua (Howard Keller, Pat Goldstein, Rem Mikus, Phil Schmidt, Bob Thurston, Gary Oakland), 3:58:94. 2. Outrigger, 4:00:58. 3. Anuenue, 4:03:15. **Senior Men Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Bill Danford, Bill Bright, Jeff Metzger,

John Finney, Mark Buck, Brant Ackerman), 3:43:57. 2. Anuenue, 3:47:68. 3. Kailua, 3:51:82. **Men Open Four:** 1. Kailua (Chad Dunhour, Dustin Dawson, Donovan Leandro, Kelli Heen), 3:51:63. 2. Lanikai, 3:56:04. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:00:23.

##### Female

**Girls 16 and under:** 1. Outrigger (Sandy Dunn, Melana Blach, Tiffany Lee, Molly Pietsch, Kiana Henry, Marc Haine), 4:07:76. 2. Lanikai, 4:09:42. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:13:65. **Girls 18 and under:** 1. Keahiakhoe (Kupa Lindsey, Kauai Dias, Tori Taylor, Keiki Friel, Iluka Rogerson, Ron Lee), 4:02:89. 2. Kailua, 4:05:87. 3. Lanikai, 4:06:35. **Women's Novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Allison Guard, Ann Marie Kavanagh, Nola Donahue, Katherine Belhert, Elizabeth Lacy, Walter Guild), 3:59:67. 2. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:14:54. 3. Kailua, 4:15:17. **Golden Women Masters:** 1. Lanikai (Mary Lerps, Happy Smith, Alice Zacharie, B.J. Yap, Georgia Mitchell, Pat Von), 4:21:11. 2. Outrigger, 4:23:01. 3. Anuenue, 4:36:90. **Senior Women Masters:** 1. Hui Nalu (Marilyn Kiner, Nancy Rocheleau, K.T. Scott, Trudy Lacro, Liz Sutter, Darryl Hara), 4:10:14. 2. Outrigger, 4:16:09. 3. Kailua, 4:26:17. **Women Open Four:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Cheryl Kauhane, Misty Hironaka, Malissa Tongg, Jim Beaton), 4:01:06. 2. Kailua, 4:24:31. 3. Lanikai, 4:31:57.

##### Mixed

**Men and Women:** 1. Kailua (Sonja Lambert, Krissey Ornellas, Ikalka Kincaid, Brad Nishimitsu, Tommy Stanley, Loretta Toth), 3:32:83. 2. Hui Lanakila, 3:39:18. 3. Hui Nalu, 3:47:92.

#### ■ 1-mile

##### Male

**Boys 18 and under:** 1. Lanikai (Kahaku Aspelund, Mark Benghiat, Adam Silva, Brian Culver, Prom Gould, John Foti), 7:29:84. 2. Waikiki Surf Club, 7:31:11. 3. Hui Nalu, 7:45:41. **Men's Novice A:** 1. Anuenue (J. Norm Bradley, Kalani Wilson, Christian Fern, Ryan Nobriga, Maui Quizon, Nappy Napoleon), 7:23:14. 2. Waikiki Surf Club, 7:24:10. 3. Outrigger, 7:32:36. **Men's Freshmen:** 1. Lanikai (Chris Sharrer, David "Ikalka" Harbottle, James Clapp, Bo Eastabrooks, Mark Polzien, Pat Von), 7:13:28. 2. Outrigger, 7:25:57. 3. Hui Nalu, 7:29:87. **Men's Sophomores:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Tim Twigg-Smith, Eric Tama, Greg Edwards, Jim Beaton, Michael Judd, Billy Balding), 6:49:84. 2. Hui Nalu, 6:51:11. 3. Lanikai, 6:51:38. **Men's Masters:** 1. Lanikai (Duane Webster, Rich Lambert, Bill Keller, Mike Knott, Curtis Hawkins, James Kodama), 7:23:99. 2. Kailua, 7:25:17. 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:39:58.

##### Female

**Women Freshmen:** 1. Lanikai (Melanie Bailey, Megan Clark, Julie Horner, Libby Fulk, Roselle Costa, John Foti), 7:53:06. 2. Outrigger, 8:13:44. 3. Hui Nalu, 8:29:81. **Women Sophomores:** 1. Kailua (Donna Meyers, Kathy Erwin, Cathy Whitford, Karen Kiefer, Donna Kohls, Kamoa Kalama), 7:49:59. 2. Outrigger, 7:53:02. 3. Lanikai, 8:10:96. **Women Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Genie Kincaid, Patricia Nagatani, Tiare Finney, Naunani Kama'i, Tracy Selling, Walter Guild), 7:56:38. 2. Lanikai, 8:06:31. 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 8:19:02. **Women Masters:** 1. Lanikai (Ann Farrell, Lynn Sorenson, Debra Cheever-Follett, Chrystal Hogue, Lisa Dodson, John Foti), 7:41:24. 2. Kailua, 7:41:54. 3. Outrigger, 8:24:74.

#### ■ 1 1/2-mile

##### Male

**Men Junior:** 1. Lanikai (Kalani Young, Cory Mehau, Pete Roney, Alan Lipp, Vince Olds, Scott Freitas), 11:30:08. 2. Waikiki Surf Club, 11:49:85. 3. Outrigger, 11:50:17.

##### Female

**Women Senior:** 1. Kailua (Cindy Nash, Makaanani Wong, Sonia Lambert, Lesline Connors, Kristen Ornellas, Kamoa Kalama), 11:55:75. 2. Lanikai, 12:06:84. 3. Outrigger, 12:27:21.

#### ■ 2-mile

##### Male

**Men Senior:** 1. Lanikai (Mike Pederson, Rich Lambert, Bobby Nottage, Bo Eastabrooks, John Foti, Jim Foti), 14:20:27. 2. Hui Nalu, 14:25:54. 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 14:28:62.