

DAMAGE REPORT-Two unidentified members of Kailua Canoe Club check out the damage to their fiberglass cance, Po'o Kela. which collided with a surfboard during yesterdays Macfarlane Regatto at Waikiki Beach. - Star-Bulletin Photo by Alexis Higdon.

Hui Nalu 'Waves' Off Regatta Field

By Jack Wyatt Special to the Star-Bulletin

Step aside Outrigger Canoe Back to Windward Oahu. Club Lanikai, Kailua and Koolau clubs Pack up your canoe Healani, and leave the handling of Walkiki's big waves to the paddlers of Hui Nalu

In 4-to-7-foot surf that swamped dozen canoes and damaged several others, Hui Nalu paddled to an easy 24-point win over Out-rigger Canoe Club in yesterday's Walter J Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach Only last Sunday, also at Waikiki, Hui Nalu topped

Boach Boys Top Hui Wa'a

The Beach Boys Canoe Club, with 50 points, breezed to an easy victory in the Hui Wa'a Association's regatta yesterday at Kahama Bay. The Loa'a club was a distant second with 30 points followede by Windward Kai (24) (23). Kal Kaneohe Ko'o and Kataoli, 13), Lauho'e (11), Koa Kai (9), Hawali Kai (7) and Sons and Daughter 151

Outneger in the John Kaupiko Regatta by 50 points

"The crews that survived Wai-kiki's breaking surf were the ones that had the experienced steers-men," said Chris Faria, an Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association official "The ability of some of the steersmen to handle waves really showed. Hur Nalu's Fred Hemmings steered several (six) winners, plus there were others Experience was the key to survival and to winning

HAWAII'S WARM and sunny Fourth of July holiday turned Waikiki Beach into a miniature Coney Island From the hotels to the water, Waikiki's narrow strip of sand was crammed with thousands of paddlers and fans

Even the waves were crowded, as Kailua Canoe Club's Sam Hoo-

lulu quickly found out "Our men's freshman crew was head down and stroking hard for the outer mark." Hooduly explained. when suddenly I saw this guy on a surfboard coming off a water Just ahead

Our cance smashed into the board gashing the surfboard and splitting the low of our fiberglass canoe. Po'o Kela From the way water was pouring into the boat. it's a wonder we didn't sink

Kailus Canoe Club's mishap was but one of the many big wave related collisions and awampings. In the boys heat for 16-year-olds. Healani and Outrigger tangled on a wave, and later yesterday after-noon, Waikiki Surf Club's koa canoe, the Maira, cracked its bull

WITH HUI NALU winning nine heats and Outrigger winning eight races, the 27-event Macfarlane Regatta became a contest between Hawan's two cance racing DOWELP

And although Hui Nalu main tained its slight lead throughout the nine hour regatta, it wasn't until winning the final two events -the senior women and senior men's heats-that the Hawan Kai club broke the scoring open

"Hui Nalu's win didn't come easily," said Laura Thompson, the canoe club's president winning the final two events.

orews had to overcome obstacles.
"In both races, Hui Nalu drew one of the high surf lanes while Outnigger drew the easier, and more favored, smooth water lanes As defending champion of the Outrigger-sponsored Macfar lane Regatta, we wanted this win badly. she said

To win the blue ribbon senior men's event. Hur Nalu was forced to come from behind "I was hid that we were in last place mid way through the two mile men's race," said Hui Nalu's crewman Thompson, who spent Myron much of his time bailing water in stead of paddling

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