

WALTER J. MACFARLANE REGATTA

Lanikai catches wave of momentum

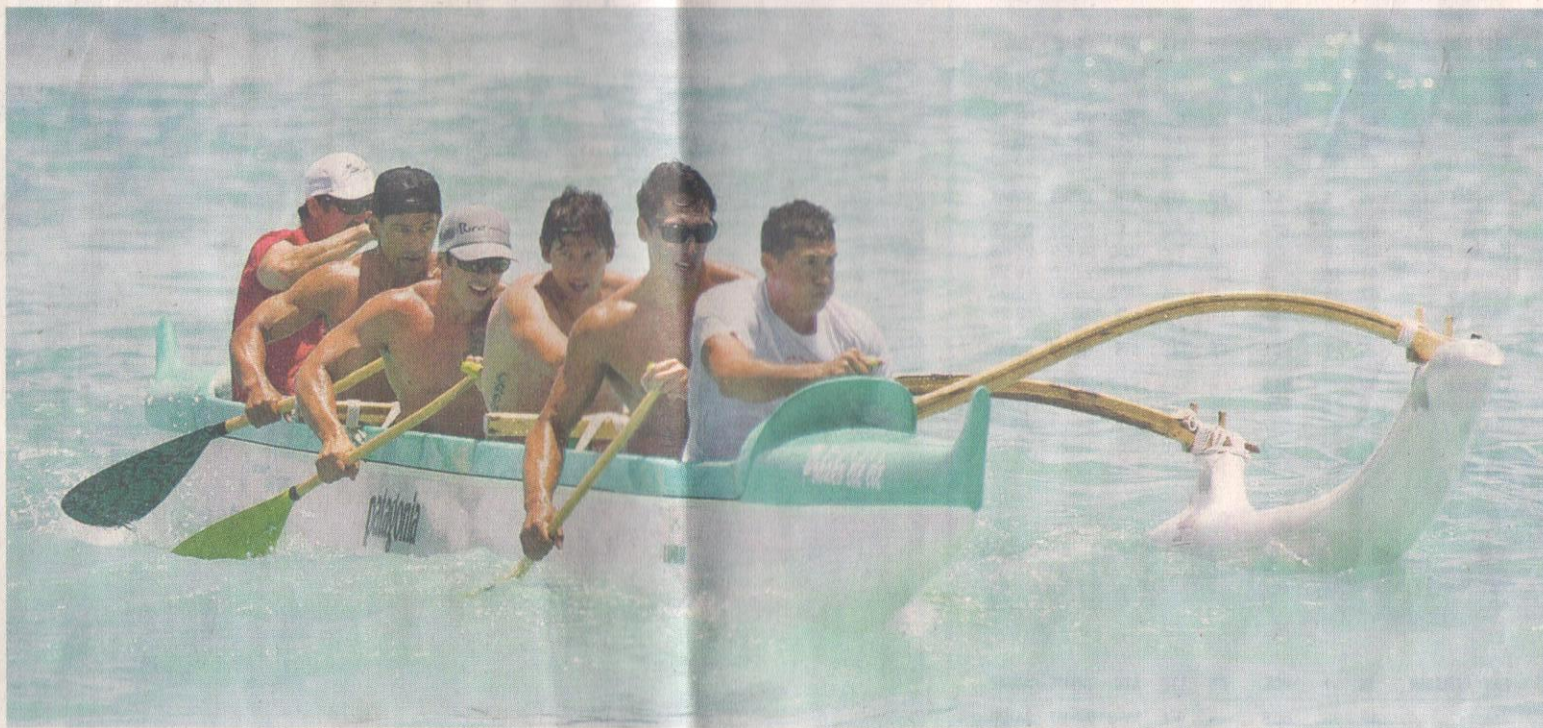
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Even though the annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta is technically a series of exhibition races, the tradition and history associated with the event enhance the level of pomp and prestige that motivates outrigger canoe paddlers.

Lanikai Canoe Club's senior men's crew was one of many hard at work while throngs of spectators packed Waikiki Beach to enjoy Friday's Independence Day holiday. Paddlers braved humid conditions, light and variable winds and mild surf that escalated as the day went on.

Lanikai's experienced crew of Kekoa Bruhn, Jack



Roney, Matt Crowley, Manny Kulukulualani, Andreas Gaeta and Jim Foti claimed the prestigious senior race for the fourth consecutive year, navigating the 1.5-mile course in 11 minutes, 27.51 seconds.

Lanikai was flanked by Kailua, Hui Lanakila and Hui Nalu for most of the race, and held off a late charge from the bright-yellow Hui Nalu canoe, which finished nearly four seconds later and secured the runner-up spot.

"This will give your club momentum if you win this race," said Lanikai coach Scott Freitas. "We're in Waikiki; can't do any better than this, right?"

The perpetual Walter Macfarlane Memorial Trophy and Senior Women's Bowl were awarded to the victorious crews in the men's (Lanikai) and women's (Hui Nalu) senior races. Both winning crews were presented with the trophies in a post-race ceremony fronting Duke's, which stands in the area formerly occupied by the Outrigger Canoe Club's original headquarters. Following tradition, the winning crew members took sips of champagne from the cups topping both trophies. Lanikai navigated the

calm waters efficiently and rode the slight swells to an overall victory at the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's 71st Macfarlane Regatta for the fourth time in five years. OHCRA's traditional Fourth of July event was held in the waters fronting the iconic Royal Hawaiian and Outrigger hotels as thousands of spectators looked on from the beach and hotel balconies.

"We were looking for a building block," said a relieved Freitas, who finally flashed a smile after anxiously waiting for the final point tally. "All season, we've been doing everything with smoke and mirrors. We're always at a disadvantage because we don't enter as many crews (as other large clubs)."

Lanikai's victory represents the club's first AAA Division (27-39 crews entered) title of the season with 173 points, while Outrigger (167 points), Hui Nalu (146 points) and Kailua (130 points) rounded out the large division.

"This is a good jumping point for us, we've been close all season," Freitas said. "We have to paddle a perfect race — we can't afford to make any mistakes.

All in all, it was fantastic."

Keahiakahoe claimed the AA Division (14-26 crews entered) crown with 59 points, while Hui Lanakila took the A Division (1-13 crews entered) with 34 points.

The event serves as the longest continually run outrigger canoe paddling event in the world. For the first time, paddlers and onlookers caught a glimpse of the koa steering blade Duke Kahanamoku used to help his team win the inaugural event in 1943. The paddle was on display

under Outrigger's club tent along with other historic trophies from the race. Outrigger and Lanikai have combined to win the last 21 Macfarlane regattas, with Lanikai claiming 12 victories in that time span.

The Macfarlane Regatta had no bearing on the organization's cumulative point standings, which determine state championship berths. It is a favorite of many paddlers, as the course is set up perpendicular to the shore, and allows crews to catch ocean bumps as they race

toward the finish line. Races were often won and lost based on catching the right wave at the right time. Many crews used the open steering exemption that allows experienced steersmen to paddle in as many races as necessary to help the club keep its paddlers and canoes safe.

One of the day's exhibition events featured members of the armed forces competing in a special Independence Day race for bragging rights. Various clubs sponsored a branch of the military that

Above: Lanikai took the senior men's race at the Macfarlane regatta in Waikiki on Friday. Paddling for the winners were Kekoa Bruhn, right, Jack Roney, Matt Crowley, Andreas Gaeta, Manny Kulukulualani and Jim Foti. Left: Hui Nalo won the senior women's race. Team members were Violet Carrillo, left, Julie Aio, Madisen Minkel, Tayte Brock, Claire Townsend and Adam Treinen-Aea.

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in turn used that club's canoe and an experienced steersperson. The quarter-mile exhibition featured eight canoes, and the Navy SEALs squad using Waimanalo's canoe netted the gold.

OHCRA clubs have the weekend off and return to action July 13 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe for the annual John D. Kaupiko Regatta. The Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a organization returns to action Sunday at Keehi Lagoon for the Lokahi Regatta.

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**WALTER J. MACFARLANE
REGATTA**

At Waikiki Beach

AAA—1. Lanikai, 173; 2. Outrigger, 167; 3. Hui Nalu, 146; 4. Kailua, 130.

AA—1. Keahiakahoe, 59; 2. Leeward Kai, 48; 3. New Hope, 22.

A—1. Hui Lanakila, 34; 2. Healani, 24; 3. Waikiki Surf, 23; 4. Koa Kai, 20; 5. Waimanalo, 17; 6. Keola O Ke Kai, 13; 7. Anuenue, 12; 8. Honolulu Pearl, 4; 9. Makaha, 2.

Girls 12—1. Leeward Kai (Shaey Van Gieson, Sasha Kauhane, Taylor Pasion, No'eau Kaleikini, Loea Kealoha, Ryan Van Gieson), 2:04.78; 2. Outrigger, 2:05.84; 3. Lanikai, 2:06.61.

Boys 12—1. Outrigger (Keawenui Pederson, Hobey Moss, Riley Haine, Bud Robinson, Noa Haine, Marc Haine), 1:42.81; 2. Lanikai, 1:43.53; 3. Koa Kai, 1:45.03.

Mixed 12—1. Lanikai (Joseph Correa, Halia Bruhn, Helani Aspelund, Edward McDonald, Emily Leafchild, John Foti), 1:59.30; 2. Hui Lanakila, 1:59.78; 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 2:00.46.

Girls 13—1. Outrigger (Hina Kahikina, Leiana Leong, Lia Wong, Chantel Montayre, Asia Kimura, Casey Kahikina), 1:52.93; 2. Kailua, 1:53.16; 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 1:55.16.

Boys 13—1. Kailua (Jeremiah Creighton, Tucker Erickson, Ryan Drinen, Fisher Bricker, Campbell Duncan, Brad Wong), 1:54.69; 2. Lanikai, 1:57.07; 3. Outrigger, 1:57.96.

Girls 14—1. Outrigger (Kiana Sandvold, Micaela Kauhane, Leia Deer, CC Konikson, Lauren Bloom, Mark Sandvold), 2:00.89; 2. Hui Nalu, 2:02.40; 3. Lanikai, 2:04.07.

Boys 14—1. Hui Nalu (Nick Dworshak, Kamuela-Spencer Wallace, Riley Lathrop, Cassidy Cain, Matthew Kodama, Daniel Sheard), 1:32.12; 2. Kailua, 1:33.37; 3. Lanikai, 1:42.84.

Girls 15—1. Keahiakahoe (Keaka Rodriguez, Shaina Estepa, Harlee Jay-Pedro, Shaienne Estepa, Tate Kelihoomalua, Kalei Kahookole), 4:12.62; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:23.50; 3. Lanikai, 4:37.52.

Boys 15—1. Outrigger (Keolala'i Edwards, Peter Cross Jr., Cole Pelayo, Tema Kahikina, Riley Martinez, Billy Lawson), 3:55.89; 2. Lanikai, 3:57.25; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:11.87.

Girls 16—1. Keahiakahoe (Kainani Bradley, Katelyn Kong, Lei Charles, Kaila Malama, Alisa Cormack-Keohokapu, Ty Fu), 4:15.83; 2. Lanikai, 4:16.5; 3. Kailua, 4:18.16.

Boys 16—1. Leeward Kai (Matthew Akopali, Noah Lono-Soures, Kaulana Stanley, Kaleihoku Aweau, Kapena Kaaihue, Dayne Van Gieson), 3:48.22; 2. Keahiakahoe, 3:48.91; 3. Lanikai, 3:49.21.

Girls 18—1. Lanikai (Maya Peterson, Morgan Tomlinson, Kala Stern, Jessica Bersson, Sara Eichler, John Foti), 4:11.28; 2. Outrigger, 4:23.09; 3. Kailua, 4:25.93.

Boys 18—1. Outrigger (Riggs Silva, Kyle Chang, Trevor Carlyle, Kaiko Manson, Solomon Souki, Kapono Fujitani), 3:51.09; 2. Lanikai, 3:55.66; 3. Kailua, 3:57.20.

Open Keiki—1. Kailua (Kylie Cacal, Bella Miki, Kalei Asam, Jessie Solomon, Haylie DeCorte, Ho'oulu Holt), 1:43.78; 2. Lanikai, 1:50.25; 3. Outrigger, 1:50.42.rigger, 2:18.63.

Women novice A—1. Lanikai (Caroline Hovdesven, Michelle Berry, Kylee-Alise Chan, Stacey Alonzo, Monica Esquivel, Matthew Mench), 4:09.96; 2. Outrigger, 4:11.05; 3. Keola O Ke Kai, 4:13.60.

Men novice A—1. Hui Lanakila (Kaleo Mauricio, Christian Coito, Michael Yeager, Micah Doi, Michael Bravo, Kalama Heine), 3:35.85; 2. Lanikai, 3:38.67; 3. Hui Nalu, 3:39.80.

Women novice B—1. Outrigger (Britta Bourne, Caryn Davies, Tiffany Rabacal, Tina Larson, Natasha Haine, Marc Haine), 1:47.02; 2. Lanikai, 1:57.89; 3. Kailua, 1:59.95.

Mixed novice B—1. Lanikai (Pia Machado, Zach Wilson, Kirsten Carlson, Kenny Esquivel, Katie Gerling, Jim Foti), 1:40.73; 2. Outrigger, 1:41.58; 3. Waimanalo, 1:47.32.

Men's novice B—1. Outrigger (Peter Cross, Cody Tavares, Tanner Paultz, Chris Jensen, Scott Riggs, Karel Tresnak), 3:56.96; 2. Koa Kai, 3:57.57; 3. New Hope, 3:58.10.

Women freshmen—1. Lanikai (Amber Kuhlmann, Kimberly Robinson, Tori Martin, Zoe Coffman, Joey Foti, John Foti), 1:48.12; 2. Leeward Kai, 1:49.28; 3.

Keahiakahoe, 1:51.08.

Men freshmen—1. Hui Nalu (Nakoa Gumapac-McGuire, Mario Mausio, Dominic Rattley, Jesse Robello, Nicholas Engbretson, Daniel Sheard), 1:38.73; 2. Outrigger, 1:39.63; 3. Healani, 1:44.71.

Sophomore women—1. Hui Nalu (Kehau Lau, Lianne Cameron, Nikki Queyrel, Jessica Carew-Takei, Rachel Fujita, Heath Hemmings), 4:00.09; 2. Kailua, 4:03.21; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:14.75.

Sophomore men—1. Lanikai (Tapa Worthington, Jack Roney, Chauncey Cody, Matt Crowley, Manny Kulukulualani, Andreas Gaeta), 3:27.73; 2. Kailua, 3:37.16; 3. Hui Nalu, 3:45.69.

Women junior—1. Lanikai (Brittney Keith, Jenna Strapple, Jami Strapple, Donna Bareng, Tiffany Asuncion, Jim Foti), 8:30.81; 2. Outrigger, 8:32.82; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:40.77.

Men junior—1. Kailua (Gavin Hanoa, Jason Akamine, Bobby Pratt, Nicholas Ho, BJ Bagood, Maui Cambra), 7:47.04; 2. Hui Nalu, 7:51.73; 3. Healani, 8:06.93.

Women senior—1. Hui Nalu (Tayte Brock, Madison Minkel, Claire Townsend, Violet Carrillo, Julie Aio, Adam Treinen-Aea), 12:26.15; 2. Hui Lanakila, 13:21.42; 3. Outrigger, 3:34.09.

Men senior—1. Lanikai (Kekoa Bruhn, Jack Roney, Matt Crowley, Manny Kulukulualani, Andreas Gaeta, Jim Foti), 11:27.51; 2. Hui Nalu, 11:31.28; 3. Keahiakahoe, 11:41.65.

Women masters 40—1. Lanikai (Mia Coffman, Michele Tavares, Ingrid Seiple, Dana Miller, Madeline Murphy-Lopez, Cheyne Mench), 4:11.80; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:13.11; 3. Kailua, 4:13.58.

Men masters 40—1. Lanikai (Kekoa Bruhn, Gio Camuso, Thomas Cavaco, Jim Foti, Derek Parker, John Foti), 3:36.35; 2. Hui Nalu, 3:40.78; 3. Kailua, 3:41.90.

Mixed masters 40—1. Lanikai (Leinaala Hall, Michael Hall, Robin Aipa-Nagami, Ali'i Napoleon, Leimomi Dierks, Jim Foti), 4:03.21; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:05.72; 3. Leeward Kai, 4:12.14.

Senior women masters 50—1. Lanikai (Cyndi Sheehan, Robin Lloyd, Susan Butterbaugh, Laura Beauregard, Barrie Morgan, Cheyne Mench), 4:19.44; 2. Kailua, 4:27.37; 3. Anuenue, 4:29.68.

Senior men masters 50—1. Lanikai (Jeff Cummings, Chauncey Wallwork, Bill Oliver, Carson Perry, Kanai Kauhane, Scott Freitas), 3:42.85; 2. Outrigger, 3:44.17. 3; Keahiakahoe, 3:58.01.

Women golden masters 55—1. Outrigger (Linda Fernandez, Laurie Lawson, Katy Bourne, Paula Crabb, Kimberley Darling, Billy Lawson), 3:59.09; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:16.05; 3. Lanikai, 4:27.45.

Men golden masters 55—1. Outrigger (Marc Haine, John Foy, Karl Heyer, Vik Watumull, Brent Cullinan, Alfred Van Gieson), 3:56.82; 2. Kailua, 3:57.99; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:11.85.

Mixed masters 55—1. Keahiakahoe (Lani Mann, Kelly Ahu, Marcia Grozen-Smith, Darrell Camat, Kuuipo Mcfadden-Shimizu, Boy Geron), 4:16.51; 2. Outrigger, 4:21.91; 3. New Hope, 4:23.36.

Women masters 60—1. Hui Nalu (Christine Gibson, Lurline McGregor, Katie Scott, Lita Blankenfeld, Linda Nishimura, Nalu Kukea), 4:19.50; 2. Kailua, 4:20.92; 3. Outrigger, 4:41.74.

Men masters 60—1. Outrigger (Mel Mau, Bernie Paloma, Cormac O'Carroll, Murray Hixson, William Meheula, Simeon Ke-Paloma), 4:02.51; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:05.28; 3. Lanikai, 4:06.05.

Women masters 65—1. Kailua Mauiola Aspelund, Lani Medeiros, Pua Carvalho, Margee Ralston, Leina'ala Davis, Rob Cates), 4:44.66; 2. Outrigger, 4:45.56; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:58.79.

Men masters 65—1. Outrigger (Mark Buck, Juvie Coito, Glenn Perry, William Mowat, William Johnson, Billy Lawson), 4:03.80; 2. Keahiakahoe, 4:09.33; 3. Lanikai, 4:19.42.

Women open four—1. Kailua (Maegan Best, Leyla Samimi, Leeanna Provost, Brad Wong), 1:40.37; 2. Healani, 1:55.18; 3. Leeward Kai, 1:55.47.

Men open four—1. Healani (Peter Valenti, Christophe Jackson, Kainoa Aki, Patrick Von), 1:43.56; 2. Outrigger, 1:43.88; 3. Leeward Kai, 1:44.17.

Mixed men and women—1. Hui Nalu (Ezra Kao, Bozo Vierra, Ian Kemsley, Carol Jaxon, John Arapari, Dondi Dawson), 3:59.45; 2. Waimanalo, 4:06.86; 3. Kailua, 4:09.62.