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CANOE PADDLING



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Members of Outrigger Canoe Club celebrate their victory in the Molokai Ho'e as they paddle into Duke Kahanamoku Beach.

Outrigger cashes in

**The canoe club's route proves
to be a winner as it captures its
15th Molokai Ho'e championship**

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Outrigger Canoe Club coach Kala Judd said "youth, enthusiasm, and belief in one another" helped OCC reclaim the championship it hasn't seen in almost a decade.

The Outrigger crew of Ikaika Kincaid, David Horner, William Pratt, Mark Sandvold, Andrew Glatzel, Matthew Rigg, Billy Balding, Marc Haine and Walter Guild won the 47th annual Bankoh Molokai Ho'e yesterday.

The crew completed the 41-mile race from Molokai to Fort DeRussy Beach in Waikiki in 5 hours, 16 minutes, 2 seconds.

Outrigger last won the race in 1990.

"It was a very, very good race for strong paddling," Haine said. "There was a lot of heart out there. I thought our coach had us on a course that was better than the other guys."

According to Judd, some crews took a more southerly route, giving his crew the advantage.

"We had confidence in the crew in the original course we had chosen and it paid for us today," Judd said.

Lanikai Canoe Club led early.

"I thought we had the lead. We thought it was a done deal," Lanikai's Jim Foti said. "We went too far south. They (OCC) played a smart game and they stayed their course -- a semi- northerly track."

"We had flaws in our race," Foti said. "They had no flaws and that's how you win."

Lanikai, which won in 1995 and 1996 and placed second to Outrigger Australia last year, completed the race in 5:17:25.

"We're disappointed because we wanted to win," Foti said. "We trained to win and we're good enough to win. We've won before and we were second last year and you want to win. What can you do. You win some and you lose some."

Team New Zealand rounded out the top three, finishing in 5:19:42. Defending champ Outrigger Australia finished fourth.

It was OCC's 15th victory in the event since 1956.

"It's kind of nice," Glatzel said. "We didn't have all that pressure. We were the underdogs. We just hung tough together. Once we knew we had a chance, you just rise your paddling to a whole other level. You don't want to get second. We stuck to our game plan. We just relied on each other."

"We had a meeting (Saturday) and we had a chance to talk with each other and our goal was to win this race," Judd said. "You have to realize this is a really special group of guys and credit goes to the crew."

Outrigger's victory surprised Waikiki Beach Boys' Dolan Eversole, whose team placed ninth.

"I'm stoked for them," Eversole said. "I'm a bit surprised. They do have a talented crew."

"It's really not that big of a surprise, but I didn't expect it this year. I don't think many people considered them a top contender to win this year, but certainly in the top three or four. Best of luck to those guys. They did an excellent job today."

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Molokai Ho'e

Hale O Lono to Duke Kahanamoku Beach

1. Outrigger I (Ikaika Kincaid, David Horner, Mark Sandvold, Matt Rigg, Billy Balding, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Bill Pratt, Andrew Glatzel), 5 hours, 16 minutes, 2 seconds. 2. Lanikai I, 5:17:25. 3. Team New Zealand (NZ), 5:19:42. 4. Australia Outrigger (Aus), 5:22:32. 5. Tapeatia Rangiroa (Rang), 5:23:32. 6. Maitai Shell I (Tah), 5:25:22. 7. Kai Opua, 5:27:03. 8. Waikiki Beach Boys, 5:29:46. 9. Hinano Hoe (Tah), 5:31:07. 10. Waikiki Surf Club I, 5:31:45.

11. Lanakila (Cal), 5:33:53. 12. Faaa (Tah), 5:36:17. 13. Puna I, 5:40:04. 14. Kuantum Team Hungary (Hung), 5:41:24. 15. Maitai Shell II (Tah), 5:41:39. 16. Mooloolaba (Aus), 5:45:41. 17. Lanikai II, 5:46:54. 18. Team Hawaii Tui Tonga, 5:50:24. 19. Hui Nalu I, 5:52:55. 20. Te Ui Va'a (Tah), 5:52:55.

21. Kawaihae I, 5:53:09. 22. Dana Point (Cal), 5:54:09. 23. Kailua I, 5:56:03. 24. Hui Lanakila II, 5:57:53. 25. Hawaiian, 5:58:41. 26. North Shore, 5:58:49. 27. Kailua III, 6:01:05. 28. Hui Lanakila, 6:02:22. 29. Lokahi I, 6:04:22. 30. Jerico (Can), 6:04:34.

31. Team Slovakia (Slo), 6:05:03. 32. Anuenue I, 6:07:21. 33. Waikiki Yacht Club I, 6:07:22. 34. Waikiki Surf Club II, 6:07:49. 35. Kanu Connection (Md), 6:08:20. 36. Outrigger II, 6:11:44. 37. Lanikai V, 6:12:28. 38. Lanikai III, 6:12:48. 39. He'e Nalu O Marin (Cal), 6:14:16. 40. Koa Kai II, 6:16:58.

41. Kona Athletics, 6:18:11. 42. Malama Ulu I, 6:18:34. 43. Hanalei, 6:19:21. 44. Puna II, 6:20:06. 45. A.S. Kara New Caledonia (NC), 6:20:39. 46. Napili I, 6:20:44. 47. Kailua II, 6:21:46. 48. Manuiwa (East Coast), 6:22:35. 49. Kawaihae II, 6:38:01. 50. Malama Ulu II, 6:28:22.

51. Kamehameha-Big Island, 6:29:02. 52. Kahana, 6:29:37. Team Niumalu, 6:29:42. 54. Kainani, 6:30:13. 55. Hui Lanakila III, 6:32:22. 56. Malanuka Australia (Aus), 6:32:24. 57. Waikiki Surf Club II, 6:32:41. 58. Taki Eka Hoe Marquesas (Tah), 6:36:27. 49. Leeward Kai, 6:36:58. 60. Puuwai, 6:36:56.

61. Kihei, 6:37:45. 62. Lokahi II, 6:38:56. 63. Mountain Home (Ore), 6:39:18. 64. Hui Lanakila IV, 6:40:36. 65. Keauhou II, 6:41:26. 66. Kailua V, 6:46:59. 67. Hawaiian II, 6:48:28. 68. Keaukaha, 6:48:45. 69. Kailua VI, 6:51:05. 70. Hui Nalu, 6:51:17.

71. Waikiki Beach Boys II, 6:51.29. 72. Na Kai Ewalu, 6:52.56. 73. Lanikai IV, 6:53.00. 74. Salish Warriors (Can), 6:53.40. 75. Healani II, 6:53.59. 76. Lokahi III, 6:54.02. 77. Koa Kai III, 6:58.24. 78. Imua, 6:59.03. 79. Keauhou I, 7:00.30. 80. Waikiki Yacht Club II, 7:02;24.

81. Lae Ula O Kai, 7:07.44. 82. Kamehameha-Oahu, 7:10.51. 83. Kailoa, 7:13.36. 85. Na Kai Ewalu III, 7:15.30. 86. Elks Club, 7:17.02. 87. Kai Poha, 7:26.42. 88. Lanikai VI, 7:30.54. 89. Alapahoe, 7:36.33. 90. Na Koa Kupuna, 7:38:27.

91. Kailua IV, 7:39.37. 92. Kailua VII, 7:40.25. 93. Na Kai Ewalu I, 7:46.30.

Division winners

Masters: 1. Mooloolaba (Aus), 5:45.51. 2. Hawaii Tui Tonga, 5:50.24. 3. Dana Point Masters, 5:54.09.

Sr. Masters: 1. Outrigger II, 6:11.44. 2. Kona Athletics, 6:18.11. 3. Kawaihae II, 6:28.01.

Koa: 1. Lanikai V, 6:12.28.
