

Na Wahine Canceled Due to Wind and Waves

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After the most successful regatta season in many years, winning the senior division in all six OH CRA regattas plus the OH CRA championships, then placing second at the State Championships, the open women trained very hard to prepare for the distance season.

The season kicked off really well for the OCC women with a close third place in the Dad Center race from Kailua to OCC. The only crews in front of the OCC women were Waikiki Beach Boys (the current Na Wahine O Ke Kai champions) and the all star Team Bradley (second place in 2014 Na Wahine).

The girls followed this up with another third placing in the E Lau Hoe from Hawaii Kai to Nanakuli. After falling behind the top crews in the first hour because one of the girls was ill, the crew showed character and great fitness to fight their way back into contention and again finish with only the Waikiki Beach Boys and Team Bradley in front of them across the finish line

After an outstanding fourth place in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai in 2014 all indicators were that the girls were primed for another strong showing in the 2015 event. Unfortunately Mother Nature did not play ball and the race was cancelled due to big seas and very strong winds making conditions very dangerous.

Very disappointing for all the girls, but in the end it was the right call by the race organizers.