

# *Outrigger wins state title again*

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The instant-replay rule made its debut in the state canoe regatta yesterday — which was fitting, considering the race outcome was a replay of recent state championships.

The Outrigger Canoe Club, showing that all seasons need not end in suspense, amassed 159 points to easily win its fourth consecutive Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship yesterday at Keehi Lagoon.

The next three finishers also came from the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, the state's largest outrigger canoe organization. Hui Nalu scored 108 points, Kailua 100 and Healani 88.

While the end result — an Outrigger victory — was the same, there was one noticeable change in the regatta.

For the first time, an instruc-

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# OCC continues dominance with fourth state title

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tional television mobile, borrowed from Punahou School, was placed along the finish line to help settle disputes over lane violations and close finishes.

While the videotape machine solved several small problems, many clubs were still left wondering if there was anything that could be done to solve one universal dilemma: Outrigger's domination.

"Let's face it, nobody's going to beat Outrigger one on one," Hui Nalu's Kala Kukea said. "You need a lot of help from other clubs."

Said Kailua coach Scott Jacobs: "They're very solid. They can be beat, but not in the state regatta. They just seem to rally for the states better than us; better than anybody."

"They have a lot of numbers" — Outrigger qualified for 28 of the regatta's 31 races — "and a lot of depth."

Outrigger proved as much yesterday. After a slow start, the Waikiki-based club turned lava-hot.

Outrigger won the regatta's 10th race, the women's masters, to cut its deficit to 37-29, and then passed the Hawaiian Canoe Club with a victory in the next race, the senior women's masters.

Outrigger pulled away with victories in four of the next six races.

After that, the only drama remaining was in the men's junior and senior races.

The two-mile junior race matched Outrigger and the Big Island's Kamehameha, two crews that were unbeaten over the last two years. Outrigger retained many of its paddlers from its junior crew last year, while Kamehameha's crew was made up mostly from last year's unbeaten sophomore crew.

Outrigger broke to a quick lead and then went ahead by the length of two boats at the halfway point. It was smooth paddling after that, as Outrigger won in 15 minutes and 24.93 seconds.

Outrigger stroker Kainoa Downing said that after his crew grabbed the early lead, it tried to lengthen its strokes. That provided the crew with a smoother, but still powerful, ride.

"We were able to glide," Downing said.

Kamehameha's Steven Blyth, however, said his crew gave away too much after struggling around the first of the five turns.

"It's hard to come back, especially with the boat they have," Blyth said. "It's an expensive boat they have. It's not slow."

"My heart was burning trying to catch them."

The men's senior was just as suspenseful as Kauai's Hanalei Civic Canoe Club narrowly beat Outrigger over the 2½-mile course.

It was the second year in a row Hanalei beat the highly touted Outrigger crew in the senior race. What's more, Hanalei actually crossed the finish line ahead of Outrigger in the state race two years ago, but forfeited the victory because of a lane violation.

Hanalei appeared to be in for a rough time yesterday. At the buoy marking the half-mile point, Hanalei steersman Steve Cole, who serves as the rudder for the crew, broke his paddle

during a turn.

"The boat just went crazy," Cole said. "Luckily I had another paddle, which I just grabbed. But I had to have the guys in the front pull us around the turn instead of me."

Hanalei fell behind during the mishap, but gradually closed the gap. On the final turn, which leads to the quarter-mile stretch, Hanalei and Outrigger came out dead even.

"On the last leg, I told everybody, 'Give it all you've got,'" Cole recalled.

Hanalei beat Outrigger by six seconds.

"They did the little things — a second here, a half stroke there — and the little things helped them," Outrigger coach Walter Guild said. "They're a very excellent crew."

Guild, obviously disappointed in the race's outcome, paused and then said: "But you have to remember, each one of these races is a battle in the big war. That's what we were concerned about, winning the war."

And, as in previous regattas, Outrigger proved to have more than enough ammunition. Although its younger crews struggled, Outrigger received strong efforts in the boys' 16 and women's 18 freshmen and novice races, as well as predictably high finishes in the upper divisions.

"We don't expect to win every race," Guild said, "but we like to consistently score points. That makes a difference. You can have a hot crew from the outer islands that is good in one race, and then its club isn't around for the next two races. If we're able to consistently score points, then we feel that will make the difference over the whole regatta."

It did yesterday.

### HAWAII CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION State Championship Regatta At Keelii Lagoon Final point standings

AAA division: 1, Outrigger, 159 points. 2, Hui Nalu, 106. 3, Kailua, 100. 4, Healani, 88. 5, Hanalei, 78. 6, Hawaiian, 68. 7, Lokahi, 36. AA: 1, Hui Lanakila, 68. 2, Kai Ehitu, 41. 3, Kihei/Napili, 29. 4, Lanikai, 24. 5, Wailani, 19. 6, Lahaina, 18. 7, Kai Opua, 17. 8, Manu O Ke Kai/Na Keiki O Ka Moi, 16. A: 1, Kamehameha-Hilo, 28. 2, Na Kai Ewalo, 26. 3, Anuenue/Kawailae, 22. 4, Waikalua, 21. 5, Keaukaha, 19. 6, Waimanalo, 12. 7,



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It's crowded in the freshman women's race in the state canoe championship regatta as Kamehameha of Oahu (foreground) and Hanalei lead 14 canoes into the first turn. Following are, fore-

ground to background, Hawaiian, Outrigger, Kon Kai, Hui Nalu, Healani, Waimanalo, Kahana, Windward Kai, Kamehameha of Hilo, Kai Ehitu and Kailua. Wailani is not in photo. Hui Nalu won.

Kaneohe, 11. 8. Kamehameha-Oahu/Waikiki Beach Boys, 9. 9. Koa Kai/Leeward Kai, 8. 10. Hoopili, 7. 11. Hawaiian Outrigger, 6. 12. Hawaiian Warrior/Marae/Surfports, 5. 13. Keauhou, 4. 14. Kahana/Kai Oni/Windward Kai, 2.

#### 1/4-mile

**Boys—12B:** 1. Waialua (Faitala Vaianoa, Keone Mahoe, Gerald Gaudia, Averill Igapo, Damien Freitas, Jeremie Tsukagawa), 2:14.80. 2. Keaukaha, 2:22.34. 3. Leeward Kai, 2:25.88. **12A:** 1. Outrigger (J.J. Riley, Bret Chuckovich, David Buck, Bryan Kilcoyne, Carter Evans, Cullen Kamisugi), 2:26.33. 2. Healani, 2:27.67. 3. Hawaiian, 2:28.59. **13:** 1. Keaukaha (John Awai, Vernon Kaniho, Nathan Awai, Jason Castillas, Livingston Olomua, Chad Awai), 2:07.30. 2. Waialua, 2:12.20. 3. Kaneohe, 2:12.55. **14:** 1. Kailua (Kaika Kincaid, Chris Sheeder, Ryan Nobriga, Shawn Gald-eira, James Soong, Pono Leala), 1:59.90. 2. Kawai-hae, 2:03.91. 3. Wailani, 2:06.91. **Girls—12:** 1. Wailani (Melissa Awai, Charla Lindsey, Ngaira Best, Alisa-Le Keopuhiwa, Dayna Spencer, Karl Kalo), 2:31.40. 2. Healani, 2:44.56. 3. Na Kai Ewalu, 2:48.41. **13:** 1. Lanikai (Shelly Taylor, Stacy Harris, Julie Tharp, Shauna Ledward, Anuhea Hawkins, Mia Kaina), 2:21.83. 2. Hui Nalu, 2:29.65. 3. Kailua, 2:30.83. **14:** 1. Hui Nalu (Christina Jahring, Nanea Shizeru, Reynelle Shim, Kim Katsarsky, Tami Crawley, Nicole Seu), 2:18.93. 2. Outrigger, 2:20.20. 3. Anuenue, 2:23.33. **Women Novice B:** 1. Hanalei (Jackie Price, Leslie McPherson, Susan Williams, Katy Curtis, Mary Ellen Houston, Maria Steffens), 2:07.29. 2. Hawaiian, 2:12.34. 3. Lokahi, 2:23.97. **Mixed 12:** 1. Kamehame-ha-Hilo (Michael Nakata, Aurora Camacho, Chad Cabral, Vanessa Nathaniel, Conrad Keli, Jan Kekua), 2:28.53. 2. Waimanalo, 2:34.23. 3. Manu O Ke Kai, 2:44.84.

#### 1/2-mile

**Men's—Novice B:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Eric Fernandes, Wendell Perry, Lawrence Winklerhowe, Michael Dunne, David Baring, Ed Puchalski), 3:54.08. 2. Kailua, 3:54.59. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:01.54. **Boys 16:** 1. Outrigger (Wyatt Jones, Hunter Eggers, Greg Wood, Craig Campbell, Aika Winter, Heath Hemmings), 3:54.59. 2.

Kailua, 4:01.46. 3. Healani, 4:05.97. **Men's Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Bob Riley, Mark Buck, John Finney, Mike Clifford, John Mounts, Fred Hemmings), 3:50.22. 2. Hui Nalu, 3:52.48. 3. Healani, 4:01.57. **Men's Open 4:** 1. Hanalei (David Beck, Ben Wittingham, Mike Belcher, Nick Beck), 4:08.89. 2. Outrigger, 4:12.93. 3. Hui Lanakila, 4:14.21. **Women's Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Tiare Finney, Susan Barron, Jenni Jenkins, Sandra Haine, Mahi Riley, Paula Carbone), 4:36.41. 2. Hawaiian, 4:47.79. 3. Kai Opu, 4:48.85. **Senior Women Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Ululani Davis, Geri Pedesky, Marilyn Haine, Ruby Iversen, Diane Stowell, Keanu-ue Roohlen), 4:40.77. 2. Kailua, 4:42.53. 3. Lanikai, 4:57.11. **Girls—16:** 1. Outrigger (Cynthia Sheehan, Heidi Brissette, Pam Clifford, Laura Hind, Jesse Town, Jackie Muller), 4:31.53. 2. Hui Nalu, 4:38.27. 3. Kailua, 4:41.02. **18:** 1. Healani (Yvonne Newalu, Arnette Kall, Dana Iaea, Lisa Hironaka, Donna Miyasaki, Christine Pabillano), 4:38.12. 2. Na Kai Ewalu, 4:39.81. 3. Kailua, 4:40.42. **Women's Novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Norelle Shults, Gene Kincaid, Robin Marke, Dede Lamik, Peg Danford, Barbie Baird), 4:30.55. 2. Lanikai, 4:37.48. 3. Kai Ehitu, 4:43.08. **Women's Open 4:** 1. Na Kai Ewalu (Marge Messner, Michelle Romero, Marcia Wilmore, Kathy Longstaff), 5:03.29. 2. Hui

Nalu, 5:06.92. 3. Kai Ehitu, 5:08.45. **Mixed Open:** 1. Healani (Paul Pladera, Russell Akahine, Malia May, William Loa, Susan May, Sandy Young), 4:14.93. 2. Hoopili, 4:17.34. 3. Outrigger, 4:21.66.

#### 3/4-mile

**Men's Senior Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Chris McKen-sie, Tom Merrill, Jim Peterson, Ken Stehower, Mike Town, Chales Martin), 4:02.44. 2. Healani, 4:06.39. 3. Kailua, 4:07.33. **Men's Novice A:** 1. Kai Ehitu (Samuel Kawamoto, Frank Haleakala, Leroy Jumper, David Galletes, Eliot Branch, Lorrin Ching), 6:23.34. 2. Out-rigger, 6:26.45. 3. Healani, 6:28.06. **Women Fresh-man:** 1. Hui Nalu (Kelly Marfil, Malia Kamaka, Johanna Hymme, Vicki Shambaugh, Lorie Miller, Julie William-son), 6:35.94. 2. Hanalei, 6:36.60. 3. Hawaiian, 6:37.02.

#### 1-mile

**Boys—18:** 1. Hui Nalu (Brian Stimson, Lindsey McGeary, David Hsu, Keoni Waxman, Jude Parker, Nalu Kukua), 7:52.50. 2. Kihei, 8:02.00. 3. Kawaihae, 8:03.91. **Men Freshman:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Everett Kaee, Adrian Ho, Eddie Horner, Casey Kamaka, Beau Oliveria, Kalama Heine), 8:12.46. 2. Outrigger, 8:16.75. 3. Anuenue, 8:19.95. **Women's Sophomore:** 1. Healani (Laurie Seto, Lorey Bode, Patricia Vasquez, Caro-

lyn Jean McKinnie, Melinda Welch, Robin Nonaka), 8:38.09. 2. Hui Nalu, 8:50.10. 3. Outrigger, 8:56.98.

#### 1 1/4-miles

**Women's Junior:** 1. Lahaina (Mary Yates, Vanessa Lerry Weiss, Laura Bears Cody, Phyllis Cook, Patty Cook, Carol Arreola), 11:15.26. 2. Outrigger, 11:17.79. 3. Hui Nalu, 11:23.25.

#### 2-miles

**Men's Sophomore:** 1. Hanalei (Nick Marvin, Steve Baker, Mark Daniels, Hobey Beck, Gary Hudson, David Goodale), 12:29.04. 2. Outrigger, 12:40.28. 3. Hui Lanakila, 12:57.48. **Women's Senior:** 1. Hanalei (Diane Danielli, Diana Simpson, Lisen Berquist Chap-lin, Laura Johnson, Kainoa Forrest, Cindy Marvin), 13:01.08. 2. Hui Nalu, 13:06.60. 3. Outrigger, 13:33.32.

#### 2 1/2-miles

**Men's Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Bill Bright, Scott Rolles, Mike Fox, Karl Heyer, Todd Bradley), 15:24.93. 2. Kamehameha-Hilo, 15:39.24. 3. Hanalei, 15:56.87.

#### 2 1/2-miles

**Men's Senior:** 1. Hanalei (Dan Sullivan, Earl Simp-son, Mark Daniels, Hobey Beck, Joe Moranz, Steve Cole), 19:13.95. 2. Outrigger, 19:19.89. 3. Kailua, 19:53.86.

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