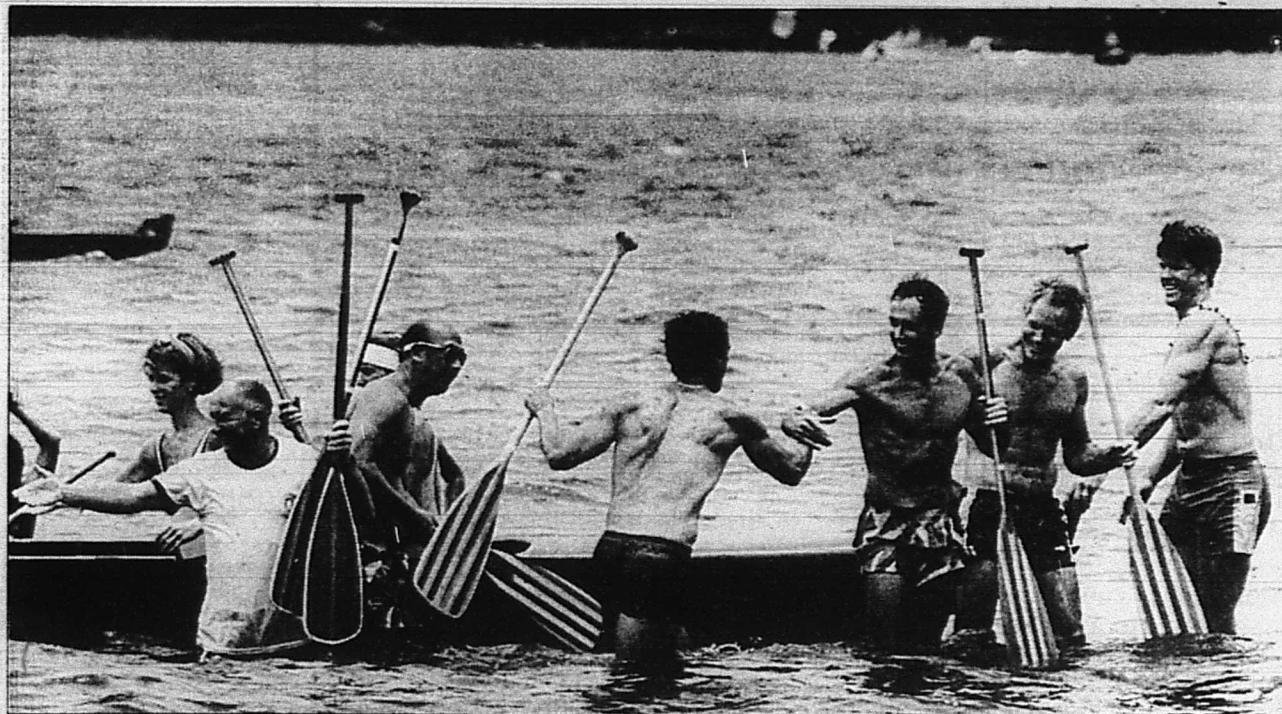


Outrigger closes fast to win state canoe title



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You had to hand it to Outrigger's Senior Masters crew, which finished more than 10 seconds ahead of second-place Healani. All paddlers in the Senior Masters division are at least 45 years old.

Consistency helps contribute to third championship in row

By Stephen Tsai
Advertiser Staff Writer

HILO — The Outrigger Canoe Club overcame a slow start, dreary weather and challenges from Neighbor Island teams to win its third consecutive Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship yesterday at Hilo Bay.

Outrigger, which was in second place at the halfway point, finished the 30-race program with 186 points. Kailua was second with 149 and Hui Nalu third with 94.

The outcome, OCC's first-year coach Walter Guild said, was satisfying, particularly because it came on the heels of his club's unbeaten season in 1985.

"After the year that we had last year, everybody kind of expected us to show up and win," Guild said. "The competition in the sport is just getting too good to do that. It takes everybody's best effort."

"I feel when we win a regatta like this, we've really earned it."

Early in the regatta, it seemed OCC's best was not enough. OCC, which traditionally starts slowly, trailed Kailua, 76-74, after 15 events.

But Outrigger won seven of the next nine races, including surprise victories in the men's and women's open-4 races, to take a lead it never relinquished.

Outrigger won 11 events and took five seconds and four thirds.

"The key to winning the state is not necessarily to go out and do some magnificent performance," Guild said. "It's more of a consistent performance. There are a lot of good crews throughout the state and

you're not going to be able to go out and win all of the races. But the ones you don't win, you've got to place in. You've got to bring in points consistently all day long."

Outrigger was not short of manpower. OCC entered crews in 28 races, the most by any club except Kailua. And it gained extra paddlers by digging into its recent past. Consider:

- Aka Hemmings, an inactive member the last few years, steered Outrigger's junior men to victory and the sophomore crew to third place, its highest finish of the season.

- Ed Pickering, Bill Bright and Marc Haine, all of whom paddled sparingly this season, teamed with steersman Tom

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Racing yachts blend beauty and power

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Even up close, they are quiet as the wind.

Then you look up — and up — at their 10-story-high masts, the sails so vast each could roof a five-bedroom house.

And you feel their power.

"People see these boats from shore and say, 'Oh, what a pretty sailboat.' They can't imagine the power in these things," said a bearded old salt watching them yesterday.

Forty-eight of these million-dollar wind

machines zigged and zagged on the blue waters off Waikiki yesterday in the first event of the Kenwood Cup yacht racing series.

It was known as the Pan Am Clipper Cup before corporate sponsorship changed hands.

The Kenwood Cup is one of five events on the World Cup circuit stretching from Australia to Italy. It consists of five races: three 27-mile triangle races, an Oahu-to-Maui race and a race around the state.

The first of the triangle races was held in moderate conditions yesterday. Sorcery, an 82-foot "maxi" from California, had the

best elapsed time (3 hours, 23 minutes, 48 seconds) but Mad Max of New Zealand had the best corrected time under the complex handicap system. It's corrected time that counts.

New Zealand boats swept the first three places; they are the favorites.

Space-age sailcloth harnesses the wind.

Every boat has two-toned sails. The copper-colored panels are Kevlar, a synthetic that is pound-for-pound stronger than steel (and costs \$9 a yard). The white

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Ishii wins third Japan golf title

TOKYO — Pearl Country Club pro David Ishii shot a final-round even-par 72 Sunday to claim the \$225,000 Niigata Open Golf Tournament.

The victory was Ishii's second this year and third on the Japan PGA Tour. He won the Chunichi Crowns International in May and the Tohoku Classic last year.

Ishii finished the 72-hole tournament at the 6,325-meter Nagaoka Country Club with a 12-under-par 276 total. Other details were not available.

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Conner to win the men's open-4.

● Kisi Haine and Evie Black ended short retirements by leading OCC to victory in the women's open-4.

"People paddling again — that gives us a little bit of an edge," Marc Haine said. "If they can just make it back for the state every year, hey, we'll take 'em. They're such good paddlers."

Outrigger also got another strong performance from its masters crew of Henry Ayau, Mark Buck, John Finney, Michael Clifford, James Dean and Mike Lemes. The crew was unbeaten in eight races this season.

"I don't want to sound cocky, but we trained hard this year — harder than last year's crew," Buck said. "We're a much stronger crew this year."

Kailua split the six regular-season regattas with OCC, but finished second in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship two weeks ago.

"We knew it was going to be us and them," Kailua assistant coach Randy Sylva said. "We thought if we pushed harder and made some adjustments, we could beat them. They made some adjustments, too, and we didn't have answers to them."

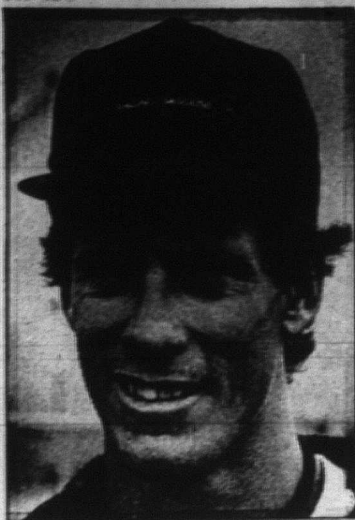
"It's discouraging, but we've never been a club to roll over and die. We'll be back next year."

Kailua also was hurt by strong performances from Neighbor Island teams. In the past, Sylva said, Kailua has scored heavily in the younger divisions. Yesterday, Neighbor Island teams scored several upsets in those divisions.

"I think the outer island teams took away a lot of our points," said Kamoa Kalama, a Kailua assistant coach. "But they didn't affect Outrigger. Outrigger showed they had a lot of depth. They proved they're a much stronger club than anyone here today."

The Neighbor Island clubs' performances were remarkable, considering that Outrigger and Kailua had at least a dozen more crews than any of them. Here are some of the surprises:

● The Hawaiian Canoe Club



Walter Guild

"You've got to bring in points"

of Maui won four of the first six races and finished with six victories. "Realistically, I can't say we came here to win a regatta," coach Kahi Sindiong said. "We just don't have the numbers. But maybe we'll give incentive to other outer island teams."

● Kamehameha of the Big Island withstood a protest to win the men's sophomore race. Kamehameha, it was learned, unofficially raced against Kai Opua's senior crew in a regatta several weeks ago. At first, HCRA officials ruled that Kamehameha's sophomore crew would have to be classified as seniors because it competed in a higher class. But HCRA officials decided to restore the crew to sophomore status, up-

holding its victory.

● Hanalei easily beat Outrigger in the men's senior race, the most prestigious of the day. "We knew we couldn't win the regatta because we're a small club," steersman Steve Cole said. "We put everything into this race. It was the highlight of our season."

The results:

Team Standings

AAA (15 to 30 crews): 1. Outrigger 186; 2. Kailua 149; 3. Hui Nalu 94; 4. Hawaiian 77; 5. Hanalei 76; 6. Heialani 70; 7. Kawaihae 52; 8. Hui Lanakila 48; 9. Lokahi 26.

AA (7 to 14 crews): 1. Kai Opua 41; 2. Lanikai 33; 3. Lahaina 18; 4. (tie), Keoua and Kihel 15; 6. Waikiki Beach Boys 12.

A (1 to 6 crews): 1. Kai E Hita 28; 2. (tie), Waimanalo and Naka Ewulu 17; 4. (tie), Anuenue and Napili 12.

Male

12 (1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Reggie Dennis, Jonathan Balberio, Robert Ching, Kamaka Freitas, Jake Yasui, Renee Kawa) 2:00.36; 2. Waimanalo 2:01.76; 3. Heialani 2:03.85.

13 (1/4 mile): 1. Kailua (Ikaika Kincaid, Rodney Ochimas, Ryan Nobonga, Chris Shedd, Kai Keli-hoomalu, Pono Lesalo) 1:47.01; 2. Leeward Kai 1:48.18; 3. Kawaihae 1:52.00.

14 (1/4 mile): Outrigger (Greg Wood, Ian Moore, Keoni Kail, Grant Senner, Duna Kekai, Michael Scott) 1:43.62; 2. Hui Nalu 1:44.65; 3. Kailua 1:45.07.

Novice B (1/4 mile): 1. Kai Ehitu (Michael Grace, Bobby Macomber, Ron Moyers, Uwad Chantland, Calvin Wong, Raleigh Loando) 3:39.59; 2. Hui Nalu 3:42.11; 3. Outrigger 3:47.10.

16 (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Wyatt Jones, Hunter Eggers, John Kilpatrick, Johnathan Glaser, Kevin Murphy, Heath Hemmings) 3:48.82; 2. Ho'opi 3:49.09; 3. Kai Oni 3:50.64.

Masters (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Henry Ayau, Mark Buck, John Finney, Michael Clifford, James Dean, Mike Lemes) 3:37.36; 2. Hanalei 3:40.79; 3. Kailua 3:46.75.

Open-4 (1/4 mile): Outrigger (Ed Pickering, Bill Bright, Marc Haine, Tom Conner) 3:53.54; 2. Hui Lanakila 4:03.40; 3. Napili 4:06.35.

Senior Masters (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Mike Town, Tom Merrill, Norman Ho, Chris McKenzie, Jim Peterson, Charlie Martin) 3:47.51; 2. Heialani 3:58.07; 3. Koa Kai 4:00.33.

Novice A (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Robert Morana, Danjaques Kaleiki, Jon Bryan, Flash Dubiel, Patrick Daily, Greg Moss) 5:50.14; 2. Kai Opua 5:50.18; 3. Kailua 5:52.77.

18 (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Wesley Goodwin, Loch Eggers, Michael String, Todd Sandvold, Cory Beall, Michael Sheehan) 7:34.34; 2. Hanalei 7:42.43; 3. Kailua 7:43.07.

Freshmen (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Aaron Kekoolani, Christian Segfried, Matt Kresser, Todd Sandvold, Billy Balding, Chad Martin) 7:27.14; 2. Hui Lanakila 7:35.03; 3. Hanalei 7:36.75.

Sophomore (1/4 mile): 1. Kamehameha (Steven Blyth, Charles Cope, Mike Moreno, Kawelo Paul Malama, Steve Zoll, Brian Peterson) 11:38.83; 2.

Hanalei 11:43.48; 3. Outrigger 12:08.78.

Junior (2 miles): 1. Outrigger (Karl Heyer IV, Dana Ruppey, Kamoa Downing, Scott Rolles, Kaia Judd, Aka Hemmings) 14:59.25; 2. Hanalei 15:05.02; 3. Lahaina 15:24.36.

Senior (2 1/2 miles): 1. Hanalei (David Beck, Mark Daniels, Jope Mornuz, Earl Simpson, Gary Hudson, Steve Cole) 17:57.99; 2. Lokahi 18:13.90; 3. Kailua 19:01.80.

Female

12 (1/4 mile): Hawaiian (Melanie Villanueva, Faith Smith, Kahealani Alves, Kawehi Kawa, Tane Spencer, Le Chock) 2:06.22; 2. Lanikai 2:07.50; 3. Lahaina 2:07.71.

13 (1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Olina Sarassin, Rhonda Manibog, Roydne Cabcungan, Gina Ida, Melissa Tavares, Nicole Anakale) 2:00.54; 2. Outrigger 2:02.67; 3. Anuenue 2:02.94.

14 (1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Lesley Iukaa, Mary Toro, Anissa Ewaliko, Lisa Oliverot, Jesse Pimental, Tina Dennis) 1:58.40; 2. Windward Kai 1:59.20; 3. Kailua 2:00.58.

Novice B (1/4 mile): 1. Kai Ehitu (Carlene Thompson, Carolyn Warren, Susan O'Donnell, Dawn Robertson, Helen S. Shoney, Kris Hunning) 1:51.26; 2. Outrigger 1:54.67; 3. Kailua 1:55.63.

Masters (1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Mary Palakiko, Jeannette Freitas, Diane Ho, Iris Mountcastle, Lorraine Navarro, Pauline Sinenko) 4:19.53; 2. Hui Nalu 4:27.27; 3. Anuenue 4:30.01.

Senior Masters (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Gerri Pedesky, Ukulani Davis, Marilyn Haine, Ruby Iverson, Diane Stowell, Keanuene Rochlen) 4:24.30; 2. Kailua 4:34.28; 3. Lanikai 4:39.75.

16 (1/4 mile): 1. Kailua (Kristen Ornelas, Leahua Cosier, Melissa Naone, Umi Malama, Lisa Caldeira, Dondi Dawson) 4:26.46; 2. Hawaiian 4:29.02; 3. Outrigger 4:33.37.

18 (1/4 mile): Kailua (Mikell Baldwin, Christy Wong, Luzette Pedrina, Laura Harris, Kathy Beck, Johanna Conlon) 4:27.14; 2. Heialani 4:35.86; 3. Na Kai Ewalu 4:36.94.

Novice A (1/4 mile): 1. Kailua (Andrea Manzi, Yuklin Aluli, Gail Reeves, Peggy Tester, Elissa Gilliland, Diane O'Reilly) 4:28.01; 2. Outrigger 4:29.31; 3. Hui Lanakila 4:35.08.

Open-4 (1/4 mile): 1. Outrigger (Valentina McKellar, Lisa Siggers, Kisi Haine, Evie Black) 4:43.39; 2. Hui Nalu 4:50.06; 3. Kailua 4:55.35.

Freshmen (1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Ahtan Souza, Dolly Hinai, Mary Leazer, Sandy Hatch, Keahi Spencer, Norma Barmaux) 6:32.17; 2. Hanalei 6:35.24; 3. Kailua 6:37.51.

Sophomore (1/4 mile): 1. Heialani (Patsy Vasquez, Laurie Murakami, Carolyn "C.J." McKinnin, Sharon Atwood, Jonna Wickesser, Robin Nonaka) 8:25.50; 2. Hui Nalu 8:34.49; 3. Kahana 8:41.01.

Junior (1/4 mile): 1. Hanalei (Diane Danielles, Patricia Palumbo, Diane Simpson, Mary Romo, Laura Johnson, Cindy Marvin) 10:34.36; 2. Outrigger 10:36.07; 3. Na Kai Ewalu 10:37.39.

Senior (1/4 mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Sue Erickson, Angel Salmon, Marion Lyman-Merserau, Lindsey Styen, Sandy Hammond, Denise Darval) 12:28.31; 2. Outrigger 12:28.84; 3. Kailua 12:51.57.

Mixed

12 (1/4 mile): 1. Kawaihae (Kawika Kauhi, Phillip Kapona, Jon-David Tai, Ahia Sprout, Sheri-Ann Fernandez, Hinano Solomon) 2:00.28; 2. Kai Opua 2:02.48; 3. Kesukaha 2:02.66.

Adults (1/4 mile): 1. Kailua (Scott Jacobs, Anne Malama, Bob Twogood, Spence Springer, Jean Stewart, Jeanmarie Morse) 4:10.07; 2. Waimanalo 4:16.72; 3. Outrigger 4:17.38.

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