

## Hui Nalu leaves field in dust

### Controversy spices regatta

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Another year, another state canoe regatta and another controversy. This year's flap was a rule change that led to the disqualification of 10 percent of the crews.

But in the end, all the huhu was overshadowed by Hui Nalu, which dominated the 38-club field yesterday to win the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title at Keehi Lagoon.

Hui Nalu, a Hawaii Kai club founded in 1908 by, among others, Duke Kahanamoku, wrung all suspense out of the meet by rolling up 89 points by lunchtime and a staggering 144 at the close of the 30-race program.

It was Hui Nalu's second HCRA title in four years.

Outrigger Canoe Club was second with 122 points, Healani third with 109 and defending champion Hanalei of Kaula fourth with 100 in the AAA division.

Kai Oni won the AA division and Napili of Maui won the A title. Classifications were based on the number of events each club qualified for.

About 5,000 paddlers and spectators endured a day-long dust storm to watch the races from the Keehi Lagoon Park shoreline.

And, as in past state regattas in Lahaina (1981) and Hilo ('82), they also had to endure a controversy.

Many paddlers felt the waters of Keehi Lagoon were virtually mined with disqualifications after officials decided to eliminate "holding" — in which a coach on a surfboard holds the bow of a canoe to keep it from drifting past the starting line — in all races but keikis and novices.

"We feel since this is the state championships, the older clubs should be able to compete without it," race co-director Mel Kalahiki said.

But the wind was strong behind the canoes and many were blown past the starting line before the gun, causing their disqualification. Others overcompensated and found themselves out of bounds — also to be disqualified.

Thirty-three of the 320 crews were



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Straining at her paddle, a Na Kai Ewalu paddler leans far over the gunwale to help her crew make a turn in the freshman women's race. This crew was disqualified for hitting a flag on a turn and interfering with another canoe, but Na Kai Ewalu finished third in the overall team standings for the AA division.

disqualified for starting infractions. In all, there were 48 disqualifications — 15 percent of all crews.

Hanalei coach Nick Beck had six crews disqualified — two of which had won their races.

"This is a place where you're at a disadvantage if you're not from Oahu and used to this downwind starting," Beck said. "I think there were arbitrary rules made."

Outrigger had four crews "DQ'd" and Healani three. Hui Nalu coach Kala Kukea counted his blessings for his club's single DQ and said it was a matter of working at it.

"The downwind start is the worst start, so I was real careful to review them with each of our crews," Kukea said. "Some of the DQs really went our

way. But that's the breaks. Last year they didn't go our way."

Breaks or not, Beck said probably nothing could have stopped Hui Nalu. "Hui Nalu is on a run this year," he said.

Not with a lot of impressive victories, but by nickel-and-diming its opposition into submission. Hui Nalu won only three events — and two of those victories came after crews ahead of it were disqualified. But it took three seconds, seven thirds and a boatload of other high places.

Depth, Kukea said, was his team's trump card.

"Our upper division was good, though not overpowering, but I felt we were stronger this year in the kids and the middle (events)," Kukea said. "In

terms of overall strength, this is one of our better years."

Hui Nalu was aided by a new, inflated scoring system, which awards 12 points for first place, 10 for second, etc. instead of the old 5-3-2-1. The new system shifted the emphasis from winning races to placing high in as many as possible.

Hui Nalu also took the wraps off a new koa canoe, a needle-nosed number named Enay that performed well yesterday and is expected to prove its worth in distance races this fall.

By mid-afternoon, the biggest obstacle left for Hui Nalu was a 500-ton oil tanker double-parked at the far end of the course. Because it drifted at anchor into three of the course's 12 lanes, all races had to be run on a quarter-mile,

not half-mile, course.

Cutting the course in half meant doubling the number of turns — five in the senior women's race, nine in the senior men's.

"It hurts us," Beck said, "cause we've got a boat that's really hard to turn."

But the ping-pong course did not faze Outrigger's senior men, who won their race by a whopping 45 seconds and demonstrated they just might be the best crew in any age group or class Hawaii has seen in the last few years.

Members of that crew are Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Walter Guild, Marc Haine and Brant Acker-

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# state regatta results

## HCRA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP At Keehi Lagoon BOYS AND MEN

**12B:** 1. Kai Oni (Nelson Lupp, John Makuaole, Kelly Cacal, Troy Inouye, Brian Souza, Chris McGurn) 2:22.1. 2. Na Kai Ewalu 2:30.3. 3. Kukini 2:37.1. 4. Kai Poha 2:51.6. 5. Kamehameha (Oahu) 2:54.3. 6. Outrigger 2:56.5. 7. Hanalei.

**12A:** 1. Hui Nalu (Nalu Kukea, Justin Thain, Moki Akoe, Michael Rawlins, Erik Proctor, Kalau Jones) 2:32.0. 2. Lanikai 2:35.6. 3. Outrigger 2:37.0. 4. Na Kai Ewalu 2:41.4. 5. Na Kai Ewalu 2:43.5. 6. Lokahi 2:45.0. 7. Healan.

**13:** 1. Loaa (Eric Lopez, Albert Lopes, Leighton Akima, Lui Tangaro Jr., Raymond Lau, Kapena Wilson) 2:16.8. 2. Hui Nalu 2:17.5. 3. Na Kai Ewalu 2:23.2. 4. Healan 2:23.7. 5. Kai Opua 2:24.5. 6. Hanalei. 7. Anuenue.

**14:** 1. Kai Oni (Shawn Garcia, Mike Bortmas, Derek Ah Sui, Grant Kauihi, Jason Costa, Chad Soares) 2:03.3. 2. Kailua 2:07.9. 3. Na Kai Ewalu 2:09.5. 4. Hanalei 2:12.0. 5. Hui Lanakila 2:13.0. 6. Kamehameha (Hilo) 2:14.1. 7. Pohai Ke Aloha.

**Novice B:** 1. Hui Nalu (William Putaski, Chuck Richards, Daniel Sullivan, Douglas Albrecht, Charles Roberts, Buddy Keala) 4:13.8. 2. Kahana. 3. Lokahi. 4. Waikiki Beach Boys. 5. Kai Opua. 6. Kailua.

**16:** 1. Outrigger (Mark Sandvold, Alan Peleuger, Todd Sandvold, Howie Klemmer, Mark Norfleet, Paul Fries) 4:11.3. 2. Lanikai 4:23.5. 3. Hanalei 4:24.4. 4. Kai Opua 4:25.0. 5. Kamokila 4:32.8. 6. Ka Mo'i 4:33.6. 7. Kamehameha (Hilo).

**Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Mike Clifford, George Pray, Tim Guard, Ron Larsen, Don Nicol, Bruce Ames) 4:14.9. 2. Healan 4:15.3. 3. Kaukeapouli 4:17.9. 4. Hanalei 4:19.8. 5. Kailua 4:22.0. 6. Hui Lanakila 4:28.6. 7. Hawaiian Warriors.

**Open Four:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Lindsey Todd, Leonard Drago, Mel Kinney, Leighton Look) 4:29.1. 2. Hui Nalu 4:29.3. 3. Kihei 4:36.4. 4. Healan 4:36.5. 5. Waikiki Surf 4:43.1. 6. Kaukeapouli. 7. Waikiki Beach Boys.

**Senior Masters:** 1. Healan (Albert Lemes, Donald Logan, John Beck, Clement Paigina Jr., James Dator, Richard Lovell) 4:24.1. 2. Lanikai 4:32.2. 3. Hui Nalu 4:34.5. 4. Leeward Kai 4:37.4. 5. Hanalei 4:44.1. 6. Outrigger 4:47.8. 7. Kailua.

**Novice A:** 1. Kai Opua (Arthur Strain, Greg Asbell, Charlie White, Greg Wojcik, Stephen Arkett, Bradley Smith) 6:30.3. 2. Healan 6:35.6. 3. Hanalei 6:36.5. 4. Hui Nalu 6:39.5. 5. Lokahi 6:44.7. 6. Lahaina 6:45.1. 7. Hui Lanakila.

**18:** 1. Kawaihae (Gerald Bess, Nate Hendricks, Peter Erickson, Keone Lindsey, Thomas Hurley, Scott Grimsmeier) 8:39.2. 2. Kahana 8:56.1. 3. Kailua 9:02.0. 4. Hui Nalu 9:06.3. 5. Wailani 9:42.7. 6. Healan 10:22.12. 7. Hawaiian Warriors.

**Freshman:** 1. Hanalei (Gary Hudson, David Killingsworth, Alan Gaylor, John Myrick, Murphy Caragna, David Beck) 8:27.8. 2. Kai Oni 8:28.3. 3. Healan 8:41.6. 4. Kai Opua 8:44.2. 5. Lokahi 8:53.2. 6. Outrigger. 7. Lanikai.

**Sophomore:** 1. Kai Oni (Ken Von Etsur, Gerald Sullivan, Noel Prosser, David Hoopi, Kevin Chapman, David Kalama) 13:14.2. 2. Hui Lanakila 13:27.1. 3. Napili 13:32.6. 4. Hanalei 13:33.8. 5. Outrigger 13:42.6. 6. Anuenue 13:48.9. 7. Lokahi.

**Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Karl Heyer, Gibb Bintliff, Henry Ayau, John Finney, Bill Foytice, Fred Hemmings) 17:34.2. 2. Kamehameha (Hilo) 17:48.5. 3. Kawaihae 17:48.6. 4. Hanalei 17:53.0. 5. Lokahi 18:07.5. 6. Lanikai. 7. Waikiki Surf.

**Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Brant Ackerman) 21:26.1. 2. Hanalei 22:11.5. 3. Hui Nalu 22:11.6. 4. Waikiki Beach Boys 22:44.6. 5. Lokahi 22:51.1. 6. Lanikai 22:53.3. 7. Kawaihae.

## GIRLS AND WOMEN

**12:** 1. Kailua (Kimberly Morales, Melissa Naone, Kirsten Freeman, Cheryl Kaahani, Jennifer Freeman, Robin Jacobs) 2:47.1. 2. Kai Oni 2:51.6. 3. Honolulu 2:56.6. 4. Lanikai 2:56.9. 5. Waimanalo 3:01.6. 6. Hawaiian Warriors. 7. Na Kai Ewalu.

**13:** 1. Na Kai Ewalu (Mahealani Ventura, Mia Harrington, Taniya Outzotol, Jessica Lau, Rhonda Alexander, Nalani Perreira) 2:26.0. 2. Healan 2:26.7. 3. Hanalei 2:28.1. 4. Kailua 2:29.0. 5. Waimanalo 2:30.5. 6. Hui Nalu 2:31.2. 7. Kai Poha.

**14:** 1. Kailua (Lexie Newbill, Mikeli Baldwin, Susan Napi, Christine Wong, Renee Yanoviak, Johanna Conlan) 2:27.1. 2. Outrigger 2:28.2. 3. Healan 2:29.2. 4. Na Kai Ewalu 2:31.5. 5. Kai Oni 2:33.6. 6. Hanalei 2:42.5. 7. Kamehameha (Oahu).

**Novice B:** 1. Kai Opua (Susan Clancy, Cassie Carpenter, Michele Gabriel, Carol Roberts, Debbie Freeman, Leslie Clendenon) 2:26.0. 2. Healan 2:27.1. 3. Outrigger 2:29.4. 4. Hui Nalu 2:29.9. 5. Waimanalo 2:31.3. 6. Kahana 2:32.0. 7. Koa Kai.

**Masters:** 1. Lanikai (Sue Awana, Jane Lipp, Bette June Yap, Bernie Gay, Kamala Cashman, Mollie Foti) 2:29.1. 2. Outrigger 2:36.8. 3. Hui Nalu 2:37.5. 4. Kihei 2:42.7. 5. Healan 2:48.9. 6. Anuenue. 7. Hanalei.

**16:** 1. Healan (Jaycee Young, Malia May, Trina Bowman, Dana Meader, Dyana Ontai, Michele Morri-

son) 5:03.0. 2. Kailua 5:10.1. 3. Kai Oni 5:17.8. 4. Lokahi 5:20.5. 5. Kihei 5:34.0. 6. Waikiki Beach Boys 5:35.5. 7. Koa Kai.

**18:** 1. Lanikai (Judy Aylward, Kim Ainess, Susi Wells, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Heather Smith, Robin Cooper) 4:52.1. 2. Outrigger 5:03.5. 3. Hui Nalu 5:12.8. 4. Kamehameha (Oahu) 5:20.6. 5. Anuenue 5:25.3. 6. Hanalei. 7. Keaukaha.

**Novice A:** 1. Hui Nalu (Nancy Mednick, Leslie Kissner, Yvonne Nanni, Shirley French, Laura Lamb, Vanessa Fojas) 5:17.3. 2. Kailua 5:19.6. 3. Kai Opua 5:20.0. 4. Lokahi. 5. Kamehameha (Oahu). 6. Kamehameha (Hilo). 7. Ka Mo'i.

**Open Four:** 1. Kailua (Jennifer Scafe, Anne Malama, Gaynor Souza, Mary McDermott) 5:27.4. 2. Lanikai 5:39.6. 3. Hui Nalu 5:48.6. 4. Waikiki Surf Club 5:58.4. 5. Waimanalo. 6. Outrigger. 7. Leeward Kai.

**Freshman:** 1. Kailua (Debbie Jacobs, Edie Mae Hanley, Vivian Fo, Ardythe Kincaid, Beth Matsuda, Jane Stafford) 7:47.2. 2. Kaukeapouli 7:51.7. 3. Hui Lanakila 7:57.1. 4. Kamehameha (Hilo) 8:10.8. 5. Lanikai. 6. Lokahi. 7. Waikiki Beach Boys.

**Sophomore:** 1. Lokahi (Tania Ingraham, Lori Kunke, Sandra Chong, Ann Bertlemann, Julie Aki, Debra Bush) 10:32.0. 2. Healan 10:49.8. 3. Waikiki Beach Boys. 4. Hui Nalu. 5. Waikiki Surf. 6. Kailua.

**Junior:** 1. Napili (M. McGinty, Jackie Burke, Gail Ingrish, Patricia Cook, Phyllis Cook, Grace Livingston) 12:19.4. 2. Na Kai Ewalu 12:50.5. 3. Hui Nalu 13:00.1. 4. Outrigger 13:23.2. 5. Hanalei 13:33.1. 6. Loaa 14:00.9. 7. Kai Opua.

**Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Mary Franco, Mutter Scully, Dona Kahakul, Kaulu Downing, Maryann Clare, Evie Black) 14:41.2. 2. Hui Nalu 15:02.5. 3. Kailua 15:02.5. 4. Kai Opua 16:00.2. 5. Wailani 16:08.6. 6. Anuenue 16:32.1. 7. Ka Mo'i.

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**12:** 1. Hanalei (Lanakila) Spencer, Joe Rapoza, Luka Chandler, Chanderrae Herada, Dance Wilcox, Tyler Parks) 2:35.5. 2. Kamehameha (Hilo) 2:26.3. 3. Hui Nalu 2:32.7. 4. Wailani 2:32.9. 5. Kahana 2:55.6. 6. Lanikai 3:05.0. 7. Outrigger.

**Open:** 1. Healan (Fred Conant, Al Jewitt, Jonna Wickesser, Charles May, Chris Dixon, Dede Replinger) 4:22.4. 2. Hui Lanakila 4:24.1. 3. Hui Nalu 4:35.4. 4. Hawaiian Warriors. 5. Kai Poha. 6. Ka Mo'i. 7. Lanikai.

## CLUB SCORING

**AAA division (16-30 events):** 1. Hui Nalu 144 points. 2. Outrigger 122. 3. Healan 109. 4. Hanalei 100. 5. Kailua 98. 6. Kai Opua 63. 7. Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i 16.

**AA division (7-15 events):** 1. Kai Oni 67. 2. Lanikai 66. 3. Na Kai Ewalu 59. 4. Lokahi 55. 5. Hui Lanakila 49. 6. Kamehameha (Hilo) 37. 7. Waikiki Beach Boys 26. 8. Kihei 20. 9. Anuenue 16. 10. Hawaiian Warriors 14.

**A division (1-6 events):** 1. Napili 28. 2. Kahana 25. 3. Kawaihae 22. 4. Kaukeapouli 20. 5. Kamehameha (Oahu) 16. 6. Loaa 15. 7. Wailani 14. 8. Kai Poha 12. 9. (tie). Waimanalo, Waikiki Surf Club 9. 11. (tie). Kukini, Honolulu 8. 13. Koa Kai 5. 14. Pohai Ke Aloha 4. 15. Kamokila 3. 16. (tie). Lahaina, Keaukaha 2. 18. (tie). Waikiki Yacht Club, Lihoukalani, Leeward Kai 1.

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man.

"We've been able to draw from our club a certain kind of paddler — lean and strong, not heavy," Haine said. "We're able to keep up a high stroke for a long time."

Someone suggested OCC's seniors just might be the crew to end California's two-year domination of the Molokai-to-Oahu race. Haine's eyes lit up. "We paddle for that," he said. "We sit on the beach and say, 'We want Molokai' — not just for Outrigger, but for Hawaii."

Other crews stood out, such as Hui Nalu's unbeaten 12A