

# Seniors earn OCC a crown

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LAHAINA — Outrigger Canoe Club surged in the late going yesterday to capture the controversial and confused Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championships before a crowd of 5,000 at Hahakea Beach.

Outrigger edged Healani and Hanalei for the state title. OCC scored 52 points and Healani and Hanalei tied for second with 47. But official results were not immediately available after the last event at 6 p.m. because there was a foul-up in the paper work throughout the meet. Race officials were forced to re-compile the point totals after the meet and it took until 9 p.m. for Outrigger to seal the latest in a long line of championships.

In fact, OCC Coach Walter Guild flew to Honolulu, thinking his club came in second place to Healani.

"Probably the reason we did so well was that Healani and Hanalei took Hui Nalu (defending state champion) out of the picture with their younger division crews," said OCC assistant coach Bruce Ames, one of the few late stragglers at the beach. "On the other hand, we're usually quiet in the younger divisions and come on later in the day.

"Walter really pushed us and worked us hard for this one."

Kailua edged Hui Nalu 28-27 for fourth place. Koolau scored 10 points to win the A Division, which is for clubs that qualified in 14 events or less.

Outrigger indeed had to come from way back. Healani and Hanalei dominated the younger division races in the morning, scoring 39 and 33 points respectively before the lunch break. Outrigger, meanwhile, crawled off to its typically slow start, scoring only six points.

But OCC's older crews came roaring back. Outrigger scored in 11 consecutive events after lunch, the caper an eight-point victory in the senior men's race. Senior division winners earn eight points, junior divisions seven and winners in other divisions get five.

"It was an all-new crew," said steersman Tommy Connor. "I'm the only guy left from last year's crew. One retired and four are paddling on the four-man race." Outrigger has won seven of the last nine senior men state titles.

Also victorious for OCC yesterday were the men's and women's junior crews (both earning seven points), the mixed crew, men's masters and four-man crew.

Most of the paddlers had left the beach by the time the unofficial results were reached and preliminary reports had Healani winning.

Like last year's state regatta, yesterday's meet had controversy. The Oahu clubs had brought a surveying team from Honolulu with them to assist with laying out the course Friday. But because of a breakdown in communication, the surveying team was never consulted by the

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**The crowd gathers at Hahakea Beach for the HCRA state championships**

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# OCC captures title amid controversy

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people who laid out the course.

The surveyors checked out the course yesterday morning and in the afternoon, and both times measured Lane 14 — the lane farthest from the beach — as 100 feet shorter than Lane 1 (those were the only lanes measured).

Race officials measured the course by stretching a rope and said they found the course satisfactory. The Oahu coaches then pow-wowed and voted 13-0 to participate in the regatta under protest.

Although the outside lanes were allegedly longer, 12 crews won in lanes 11-14 while eight crews won in the "longer" lanes 1-4.

For Oahu champion Healani, their kiddie corps wasn't enough this time. "I won the Oahu title with my younger kids," Coach Gary Murakami. "And they came through again today, but I couldn't get enough out of my older kids."

Hanalei probably did the most with the least in the meet. The Kauai champions made up for small numbers with multiple races for their paddlers.

"We had guys double up from novice B up to senior," Coach Nick Beck said. "Out of 3½ men's crews we entered every race (15 races) and out of 2½ women's crews we entered almost as many. We also had one first place with our sophomore women until they huli'd (flipped over). Three years ago we took third; it's the same thing — not enough guys."

## HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION State Championship Regatta at Lahaina

### MEN

12 B—1, Kihel (Aruda, Hollister, Takitani, Vaughn, Fisher, Huddleston) 2:07.1. 2, Hanalei 2:07.9. 3, Hawaiian Warriors 2:09.4. 4, Hui Nalu 2:10.9. 12 A—1, Hanalei (Nita, Burrell, Philipson, Spenser, Montgomery, Caten) 1:58.2. 2, Healani 2:02.6. 3, Lanikai 2:03.3. 4, Waikiki Surf Club 2:04.5. 13-under—1, Healani (Kurashige, Pang, Ferreira, Gomes, Bright, Halla) 1:44.8. 2, Kai Opua 1:51.3. 3, Hanalei 1:52.1. 4, Outrigger 1:55.2. 14-under—1, Lanikai (Smith, Binney, Rose, Weaver, Aurio, Foti) 1:40.5. 2, Healani 1:41.9. 3, Hanalei 1:43.8. 4, Hui Nalu 1:45.0. Novice B—1, Healani (Parapas, Robello, Akamine, Ben, Limary, Kaohu) 3:34.7. 2, Koolau 3:40.8. 3, Outrigger 3:44.7. 4, Surf Club 3:46.8. Novice A—1, Kai Opua (Conception, Felker, Capri, Polich, Hodge, Santos) 3:42.5. 2, Hanalei 3:42.9. 3, Surf Club 3:45.6. 4, Makeha 3:47.4. 16-under—1, Kahana Nuesca, Lindsey, Tasaka, Flores, Kanakaole, Nuesca 3:44.8. 2, Kai Opua 3:47.2. 3, Healani 3:49.4. 4, Lanikai 3:55.9. 18-under—1, Hui Nalu (Olds, Robello, Tamashiro, Luehiwa, Medeiros, Raphael) 7:15.5. 2, Kai Opua 7:20.2. 3, Molokai 7:21.8. 4, Outrigger 7:23.0. Freshman—1, Hanalei (Yokotake, Landis, Simpson, Hickey, Killingsworth, Fernandez) 7:35.6. 2, Outrigger 7:39.1. 3, Kamehameha 7:40.3. 4, Kai Opua 8:04.1. Sophomore—1, Makeha (Puu, Akama, DeSoto, Bayer, Ortiz, Haochuli) 7:28.4. 2, Hanalei 7:34.9. 3, Hui Nalu 7:40.4. 4, Outrigger 7:43.7. Open 4—1, Outrigger (Guard, Rosa, Buck, Lemes) 4:09.4. 2, Koolau 4:18.9. 3, Hui Lanakila 4:19.0. 4, Lanikai 4:22.7. Masters—1, Outrigger (Crabb, Clifford, Brisette, Ayau, Holmes, Ames) 4:02.9. 2, Surf Club 4:04.8. 3, Healani 4:08.2. 4, Lanikai 4:12.7. Senior masters—1, Surf Club (Chun, Hollinger, Abbey, Oliveira, Santimer, Kaaua) 4:06.3. 2, Healani 4:16.7. 3, Outrigger 4:21.5. 4, Lanikai 4:32.6. Junior—1, Outrigger (Pickering, Bintliff, Bright, Hixon, Feher, Rosehill) 11:55.0. 2, Hanalei 12:09.4. 3, Hui Nalu 12:52.9. 4, Koolau 12:54.5. Senior—1, Outrigger (Farden, Riley, Kelley, Finney, Mailer, Connor) 15:54.4. 2, 15:58.2. 3, Koolau 16:20.0. 4, Kai Opua 16:22.9.

### WOMEN

12-under—1, Hanalei (Jimenez, Kahananui, Enriquez, Yadao, Wilcox, Boskoff) 2:08.3. 2, Koolau 2:08.9. 3, Outrigger 2:09.1. 4, Healani 2:10.6. Novice B—1, Healani (Schultz, Tafeyama, Gohara, Bain, Dixon, Barberich) 1:54.2. 2, Koolau 4:21.5. 4, Lanikai 4:32.6. Junior—1, Outrigger (Pickering, Bintliff, Bright, Hixon, Feher, Rosehill) 11:55.0. 2, Hanalei 12:09.4. 3, Hui Nalu 12:52.9. 4, Koolau 12:54.5. Senior—1, Outrigger (Farden, Riley, Kelley, Finney, Mailer, Connor) 15:54.4. 2, 15:58.2. 3, Koolau 16:20.0. 4, Kai Opua 16:22.9.

### MIXED

Boys-girls—1, Healani (Hironaka, Ostermiller, Yamamoto, Peilletier, Lishman, Parillano) 1:55.9. 2, Hanalei 1:59.2. 3, Koolau 2:01.3. 4, Kaukeouli 2:03.3. Men-women—1, Hui Lanakila (Spielman, Spencer, Almodova, Hansen, Spielman, Look) 4:15.0. 2, Outrigger 4:19.8. 3, Koolau 4:22.4. 4, Koolau 4:22.8.

### TEAM SCORING

AA Division (14 or more events)—1, Outrigger 52 points. 2 (tie), Healani and Hanalei 47 each. 4, Koolau 28. 5, Hui Nalu 27. 6, Kai Opua 23. 7, Lanikai 19. 8, Waikiki Surf Club 12. 9, Na Kai Ewalo 4.

A Division (13 or fewer events)—1, Koolau 10. 2 (tie) Kahana and Molokai 8 each. 4, Hui Lanakila 7. 5 (tie), Makeha and Kihel 6 each. 7, Waiala 5. 8, Hawaiian Warriors 3. 9, Kamehameha 2. 10, Kaukeouli 1.