



## No koa oi

Healani Canoe Club's freshmen women show their delight — one of them with a plunge — at winning the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title for their half-mile event yesterday in the HCRA state regatta at Kaneohe Marine Air Station. The crew happily coasts in its koa canoe, left, after crossing the finish line in 4:46.6, and back on shore, surrounded by fans, steersman Dede Reiplinger hugs a teammate, below.

Advertiser photo by Greg Yamamoto

# Outrigger routs field for HCRA's trophy

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You could hear the cheers of more than 3,000 canoe paddling fans all the way from the back of the parking lot at Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station yesterday.

"Go! Go! Go!" they screamed, evidence of the enthusiasm and energy pouring into the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's State Championship Regatta in the smooth waters of Kaneohe Bay.

Nobody was more enthused, however, than Outrigger Canoe Club head coach Nat Norfleet, who sported a huge ginger lei and a grin to match after watching OCC sweep the day with a total of 79 points, 38 more than the second place team and close competitors, Hui Nalu Canoe Club.

"We aim for the states every year," said Norfleet. "We don't like to lose them. This year we won three meets and Hui Nalu won three. It was a real rubber match all the

way. But our kids were exceptional. HCRA threw in three new events which Big Island clubs race (12 and under Girls, 13 and under Girls, and 13 and under Mixed).

"We were lucky enough to have a bunch of young girls who paddle with us and we called on them. They were super and we ended up being very strong on those. We threw our kids in those events and it turned out we won all three."

Twenty teams — including nine from Neighbor Islands — participated in yesterday's 27-event meet. Entered from off Oahu were Kihei, Na Kai Ewalu, Hana, Kahana, Napili and Lahaina Canoe Clubs from Maui; Kawaihae and Keoua from Hawaii; and Hanalei Canoe Club from Kauai.

According to HCRA rules, all clubs must paddle koa canoes, so most Neighbor Island teams borrow them when they come to Oahu. Louis-Jean Taylor, a sophomore woman paddler from Kihei who is used to working out in a fiberglass canoe, said "for

us, it was just paddling in an unfamiliar canoe, but on the straightaways, koa rides better than fiberglass. For some reason they're harder to turn, they're slower. In koas you also have to be more careful because they're wood."

The Kihei club was hosted by the Waikiki Surf Club and so the canoe they were being especially careful of was the recently damaged and now famous Malia, whose past is as colorful as her present.

Dutch Kino, coach of KCC, who literally grew up paddling Malia, explained that the first time the Hawaiian outrigger canoes went to the Mainland to race, Waikiki Surf took Malia. After the races one of the Southern California teams offered to ship the canoe back. But instead they kept it for about a week. "We didn't know why — but we all know now they took a fiberglass mold of it. The following year when we went into the Molokai race we saw this thing that looked like Malia." It

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# Outrigger enters state with HCRA's crown

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was indeed a fiberglass canoe that bore an exact resemblance, even down to the flat spot along the bottom.

Although the Hawaiians were disturbed at the deception, their way of getting even has been to strengthen the sport and make it one with wide participation throughout the state — perhaps second in numbers only to running.

And beach competition is every bit as hot as that going on in the water, where people — some Hawaiian and some only Hawaiian in spirit — razz one another and cheer their teams on. Along with the screams and cheers, this truest Polynesian sport in the islands also features flowers for everyone, sarongs, plate lunches with two scoops rice, the Beamer Brothers over the PA system, T-shirts and some really tough competition between 20 teams in 27 different events.

By the end of yesterday's meet, the Waikiki Surf senior women had stroked their mile to a first overall over five teams, amidst whistles and yells from a cheering section waist deep in water and led by Hawaiian entertainer Leinaala Heine. After that only one race remained, the senior men's two mile blue ribbon event, and everyone

was on his or her feet for it.

Hui Nalu led the six-canoe fleet around the flag at the end of the first mile and onshore a Samoan member led the rest of the club in a wild medley of whistling, Samoan slap dancing and chanting. Hui Nalu was camped next to the OCC delegation, which was confident in the fact that it led as grand-slam winner of the day by a wide margin.

Hui Nalu won the senior men's event and a pleased steersman, Myron Thompson, said "everybody paddled real well, there was a good feeling in the boat today, the crew is fantastic. I've never paddled with a better bunch of guys. Outrigger, as a club, paddled a helluva' race today."

Thompson wouldn't predict what could happen today when the state champions from HCRA meet bow-on with the top five from Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association which will determine the top clubs in Hawaii.

Norfleet said, "It's a hard thing to go back to back." (racing on two consecutive days). "but I think between Hui Nalu, Outrigger, Waikiki Surf and Lanikai, we can take the first four places."



# canoe racing

## HCRA results

### STATE REGATTA At Kaneohe Marine Air Station TEAM POINTS

1. Outrigger 79; 2. Hui Nalu 41; 3. Lanikai 33; 4. Healani 30; 5. Waikiki Surf 27; 6. Hui Lanikila 20; 7. Kailua 18; 8. Kahana 13; 9. Makaha 9; 10. Koolau 8; 11. Hanalei 7; Na Kai Ewalu 7; 12. Honolulu 6; 13. Leeward Kai 4; 14. Napili 3; 15. Waimanalo 2; Kihei 2; Hana 2; Keolu 2

### INDIVIDUAL RACES

Boys 12 B (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (G. Sheehan, J. Bova, P. Smark, C. Balding, S. Wunderlich, T. Ifver-son) 2:41.0; 2. Leeward Kai 2:41.3; 3. Waikiki Surf 2:43.7; girls 12 (½ mile)—1. Outrigger (R. Dorsey, G. Stringer, F. Day, C. Stirling, M. Kresser, J. Lemes) 2:57.0; 2. Na Kai Ewalu 3:04.3; 3. Hana 3:00.5; boys 12 A (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (M. Tannehill, M. Sandvold, L. Eppers, G. Sheehan, T. Sandvold, R. Stall) 2:32.9; 2. Hanalei 2:33.4; 3. Healani 2:36.3; boys and girls 12 (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (M. Tannehill, S. Sandvold, M. Stirling, G. Stringer, F. Day, R. Bova) 2:36.9; 2. Hanalei 2:37.4; 3. Healani 2:48.8

Women novice B (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (A. Min-ter, M. Riley, R. Ballentyne, J. Jenkins, B. Hend-rickson, L. Perry) 2:29.7; 2. Hui Nalu 2:30.7; 3. Wai-kiki Surf 2:32.8; boys 13 (¼ mile)—1. Kahana (M. Nuesca, C. Tasaka, G. Flores, G. Shue, S. Taylor, A. Keahi) 2:15.3; 2. Honolulu 2:21.2; 3. Healani 2:22.5; girls 13 (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (J. Lemes, T. Bova, R. Dorsey, J. Brooks, F. Day, G. Stringer) 2:50.4; 2. Kahana 2:52.0; 3. Healani 2:52.8; women novice A (¼ mile)—1. Kailua (L. Fankhauser, C. Morse, D. Nauka-na, L. Lanborn, N. Koepler, S. Spain) 2:26.9; 2. Hono-lulu 2:27.3; 3. Kahana 2:29.5; boys 14 (¼ mile)—1. Hui Lanakila (K. Cabral, B. Ku, B. Kaha, E. Brede, Z. Sebresos, P. Wong) 2:05.6; 2. Waikiki Surf 2:09.5; 3. Lanikai 2:12.1; girls 15 (¼ mile)—1. Lanikai (A. Mor-ris, S. Harper, S. Chang, C. Raymond, M. Carvalho, R. Cooper) 2:24.5; 2. Waikiki 2:25.8; 3. Na Kai Ewalu 2:29.2

Men novice B (½ mile)—1. Hui Nalu (M. Mira, M. Ferfestrom, D. Dingman, D. Mahoney, K. Corum, T. Coons) 4:04.6; 2. Makaha 4:07.9; 3. Hui Lanakila 4:11.1; men novice A (½ mile)—1. Healani (D. Akio-na, C. Grapson, F. Pang, R. Cabato, G. Marchant, J. Felipe) 4:09.0; 2. Waikiki 4:10.1; 3. Kailua 4:10.7; boys 16 (½ mile)—1. Hui Nalu (K. Olds, B. Block, B. Block, K. Tomashiro, S. Osman, P. Waltien) 4:11.7; 2. Kailua 4:12.1; 3. Leoua 4:14.5; girls 17 (½ mile)—1. Lanikai (D. Dawes, S. Stisher, P. Crews, B. Cooper, K. Foti, K. Stephenson) 4:45.9; 2. Healani 4:50.3; 3. Na Pili 4:53.1; boys 18 (mile)—1. Hui Lanakila 8:22.0; 2. Outrigger 8:22.4; 3. Lanikai 8:29.0; women fresh-men (½ mile)—1. Healani (C. Bernard, J. Wickesser, D. Miller, V. Worthington, B. Yao, D. Reiplinger) 4:46.6; 2. Kahana 4:50.6; 3. Hui Nalu 4:54.8; men freshmen (mile)—1. Outrigger (K. Hoyer, G. Bent-lippe, J. Dean, M. Haine, T. Bradley, K. Donning) 8:03.6; 2. Hui Nalu 8:10.2; 3. Makaha 8:10.8; women sophomore (½ mile)—1. Lanikai (M. McDermott, S. Weise, J. Rydstrom, S. Kelly, D. Beauchamp, K. Hutchinson) 4:48.4; 2. Kailua 4:51.1; 3. Hui Lanu 4:52.6; men sophomore (mile)—1. Outrigger (D. Hope, B. Bright, M. Mason, M. Hixson, J. Feboe, S. Scott) 7:58.4; 2. Makaha 8:20.4; 3. Hui Lanakila 8:21.1; men open 4 (½ mile)—1. Outrigger (K. Far-den, D. Mailer, A. Young, B. Ames) 7:19.1; 2. Waikiki Surf 4:28.7; 3. Hui Nalu 4:31.9; women masters (¼ mile)—1. Outrigger (M. Haine, S. Olds, D. Smart, G. Pedesky, G. Senner, B. Baird) 2:24.9; 2. Kailua 2:25.4; 3. Lanikai 2:31.5; men masters (½ mile)—1. Lanikai (D. Balock, R. Moncrief, H. Keller, E. Dier-dorff, A. Wooddell, K. Olds, Jr.) 4:00.1; 2. Healani 4:10.0; 3. Outrigger 4:15.5

Mixed open (½ mile)—1. Outrigger (B. Mowat, A. Kekoolani, S. Sofos, E. Tuohy, R. Smith, T. Haworth) 4:29.9; 2. Healani 4:31.7; 3. Waimanalo 4:32.4; women juniors (½ mile)—1. Hui Nalu (M. Franco, M. Scully, R. Fukunaga, T. Galloper, S. Fiel) 4:36.5; 2. Outri-ger 4:44.4; 3. Healani 4:45.8; men juniors (1½ miles)—1. Koolau (C. Handley, K. Kalama, S. Souza, J. Keal, B. Jacobson, D. Kalama) 12:36.3; 2. Outrigger 12:44.9; 3. Hui Lanikila 12:57.9; women seniors (mile)—1. Waikiki Surf (L. Freiseth, J. Denson, G. Kaio, C. Kalama, L. David, S. Pelekal) 9:25.7; 2. Outrigger 9:41.6; 3. Lanikai 9:42.8; men seniors (2 miles)—1. Hui Nalu (N. Thompson, B. Blackenfield, G. Kissner, K. Kukea, S. Spielman, M. Thompson) 16:14.8; 2. Outri-ger 16:31.1; 3. Hui Lanakila 16:41.5