

# Hui Nalu wins state

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No practice is sometimes better than too much practice.

Hui Nalu, concentrating more on today's long distance canoe race than on yesterday's regatta, came up with surprising and enduring efforts to capture the overall State canoe racing championships at the crammed Keehi Lagoon, also the home yesterday of the Samoan Flag Day.

And, as expected, it came down to the day's last race and probably the three best canoe teams in Hawaii — Hui Nalu and Outrigger of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and Loa'a of the Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association.

After all but the last event, Hui Nalu, the HCRA Oahu champion, and Outrigger, the HCRA State Champion, were deadlocked at 26 points each.

Loa'a, the pride of the Hui Wa'a and the association's state champion, stood in close third with 22 points, with all three having a shot at the title.

And the tightness of the regatta even had Lord "Tally Ho" Blears, the regattas' play-by-play (or is it stroke-by-stroke?) announcer and the voice of pro wrestling excited.

But as it has been throughout the season, the Hui Nalu senior men's crew blitzed the field, displaying the beautifully refined form of the Tahitian stroke.

The win in that event gave Hui Nalu the crown with 31 points, Outrigger second with 27 points and Loa'a third with 22. Lanikai, the day's surprise team with the surprisingly fast fiber glass canoe it brought out of hiding for the first time this season, finished fourth with 18.

Tough-luck Kailua, despite its disqualifications,

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finished fifth with 17 points while Hui Lanakila, displaying good sportsmanship, finished sixth with 15.

But for the Hui Nalu club, the week of long-distance practice might have been the difference and added to its endurance.

"Maybe, it had something to do with it," said coach and senior men's paddler Kala Kukea. "That might change my whole theory."

Although the change in training might have helped some of Hui Nalu's crews, it didn't have any effect on the already peaking performance by the senior men's crew and the girls 17 group. And it probably is the only canoe club to remain undefeated in nearly two seasons of racing.

Loa's coach Bobby Wilson, whose club finished in an unfamiliar position — anything but first would be unfamiliar for the club this year — felt that the change in practice gave Hui Nalu a boost.

"Hui Nalu deserved every bit of it," Wilson said. "They trained harder and the long-distance training gave them the lift."

It was the second year in a row that the young Loa's club finished third in the overall state meet and just like last year, the club led for nearly three-quarters of the regatta before succumbing.

But Wilson's problem could have been elsewhere, like from the lack of support from other Hui Wa'a clubs to take points away from the HCRA clubs. Throughout the day, it was Loa's against mostly clubs of the HCRA. The top 10 of 11 finishing teams were from the HCRA.

And although the regatta was dominated most of the day by the HCRA, the alleged all-koa association, it was the fiber glass canoes — used in this regatta by Hui Nalu and the surprise team Lanikai — that stole much of the spotlight.

"Where were the koa canoes today?" asked Wilson. "They talk a lot about those koa canoes but they didn't use them today."

That wasn't the only question raised on the day,



Leeward Kai's junior men's crew digs in for the turn yesterday during state championships. The men finished second in the race and the club tied for eighth overall with Healan.

however, as many clubs expressed the idea of holding only one State meet instead of three — one for the Hui Wa'a, one for the HCRA and one overall.

"It's the AFL vs. NFL thing and when it gets together it'll be a hell of a meet," said Outrigger's Nat Norfleet, whose club, like most others, seemed to lack the fire and spirit that it possessed during the HCRA State meet. "They have to get together before the year and say: 'This is it.' and then you go for it."

## BOYS AND MEN

15-under B (Noncounting): 1. Lahaina (Edwin Lindsey, Brady Wales, Walter Viera, Lawrence Kukahiko, Rory Kukahiko, Michael Nuesca) 2:27.7; 2. Outrigger 2:29.9; 3. Leeward Kai 2:30.9.

15-under A: 1. Loa's (William Cosler, Adam Drummond, Norman Cosler, Michael Hubbell, Michael Ferreira, Guy Wilson) 2:15.4; 2. Leeward Kai 2:17.5; 3. Ka Mo'i 2:22.5.

13-under: 1. Lahaina (Michael Fariservice, Calvin Tasaka, Jerry Nuesca, Morgan Wylie, Clyde Tasaka, Michael Nuesca) 2:10.7; 2. Hui Lanakila 2:11.8; 3. Loa's 2:12.2.

14-under: 1. Loa's (Buddy Wilson, Randall Borges, Derek Koki, Bradley Chong, Emmett Mossman, Nathan Kaluhiwa) 2:07.8; 2. Kaneohe 2:13.5; 3. Leeward Kai 2:14.3.

Novice B (Noncounting): 1. Hui Lanakila (Chester Ross, Grant Anderson, Rodney Pascua, Ernie Hunt, Carlton Cortez, Jacque Tehale) 4:03.0; 2. Koolau 4:09.1; 3. Kailua 4:11.3.

Boys 16: 1. Hui Nalu (Brandon Block, Harry Robello, Doms Gonda, Peter Higashi, Niel Scully, Chris Oids) 4:09.4; 2. Loa's 4:12.7; 3. Outrigger 4:17.0.

Novice A: 1. Hui Nalu (Bennet Ekhammer, Kaloo Spencer, Duke Aloha, John Carmark, Bob Rocheteau, Thomas Yen) 4:01.0; 2. Waikiki Surf 4:07.9; 3. Outrigger 4:08.3.

Boys 18: 1. Lanikai (Steve Nohlinham, Chauncy Camers, Guy Giffland, William Mix, William Young, Timothy Knott) 7:46.2; 2. Hui Lanakila 8:04.2; 3. Hui Nalu 8:23.0.

Freshman: 1. Hui Nalu (Jim Beyer, Walter Lui, Lane Ciacchi, Wayne Fulihera, Kurt Wong, Kiki Hupo) 8:06.7; 2. Loa's 8:07.2; 3. Waikiki Surf 8:23.2.

Seatemore: 1. Outrigger (Mike Mason, Bill Bright, Dale Hops, Murray Wilson, Mel Norfleet, Steve Scott) 12:48.8; 2. Loa's 12:50.1; 3. Koolau 12:02.8.

Junior: 1. Lanikai (Steve Nohlinham, Joe Perry, Greg Culver, Michael Cross, Chauncy Camers, Glenn Matsuda) 17:11.3; 2. Leeward Kai 17:21.2; 3. Hui Nalu 17:32.3.

Senior: 1. Hui Nalu (Malina Thompson, Bruce Blankenfeld, George Klemmer, Kala Kukea, Leo Tiltcomb, Myron Thompson) 21:20.1; 2. Kailua 21:57.8; 3. Kaneohe 22:08.5.

Open Pair (Noncounting): 1. Waikiki Surf (Randy Chun, Kimo Hollinger, Robert Moncrief, Randy Makua) 4:30.8; 2. Lanikai 4:32.3; 3. Healan 4:39.8.

Masters (Noncounting): 1. Lanikai (Spencer Springer, Howard Keller, Walter Makua, Edwin Dierdorf, James Boyett, Paul Gay) 4:11.7; 2. Kailua 4:12.8; 3. Outrigger 4:26.9.

## GIRLS AND WOMEN

15-under: 1. Lanikai (Allison Morris, Pamela Crews, Sherry Kulep, Mary Donohue, Jill Boyer) 2:24.7; 2. Healan 2:26.9; 3. Sons & Daughters 2:32.2.

Novice B (Noncounting): 1. Kailua (Janet Brodie, Delyne Vickery, Abigail Johnson, Jewelle Hickok, Cindy Pacheco, Elizabeth Farn) 2:29.5; 2. Outrigger 2:29.7; 3. Koolau 2:32.1.

17-under: 1. Hui Nalu (Mary Franco, Melle Scully, Ruth Fukunaga, Kelly Davis, Melle Van Orden, Denise Darvel) 2:25.0; 2. Lanikai 2:25.4; 3. Outrigger 2:30.5.

Novice A: 1. Healan (Dyenne Mitsuda, Jonna Wickesser, Pam Cinetti, Vanessa DeMott, Beverly Yao, Dede Reisinger) 2:23.8; 2. Hui Lanakila 2:25.5; 3. Waikiki Surf 2:34.2.

Freshman: 1. Kailua (Jenny Scar, Anne Malama, Debbie Beauchamp, Dianne Valle, Stacy Newhouse, Carol Weirman) 4:52.7; 2. Outrigger 4:58.1; 3. Waikiki Surf 5:01.3; (Lanikai 4:49.8, disc.).

Seatemore: 1. Outrigger (Mary Fox, Diane Gould, Eva Segovia, Philani Schneider, Kiki Maine, Trace Phillips) 4:53.7; 2. Kailua 4:59.9; 3. Healan 5:05.3.

Junior: 1. Hui Lanakila (Lili Akana, Lindsey Sykes, Cerra Ma, Physis Culver, Chelsea Young, Bozo Bell) 5:05.3; 2. Outrigger 5:10.4; 3. Kihl 5:20.2; (Kailua 5:10.9, disc.).

Senior: 1. Waikiki Surf (Luana Froiseth, Joann Benson, Aileen Kalo, Shirley P. Kalo, Rosalind Lum, Sylvia David) 9:58.8; 2. Outrigger 10:04.4; 3. Kailua 10:10.9.

Masters (Noncounting): 1. Hui Nalu (Laura Thompson, Suzie Kawai, Mary Clark, Monique Carimark, Brownie Williams, Kenie Rocken) 7:43.3; 2. Outrigger 7:51.9; 3. Lanikai 7:55.2.

## MEN AND WOMEN

Open mixed (Noncounting): 1. Lanikai (Craig Newhouse, Amy Best, Joseph Adams, Elissa Best, Susan Kelly, Steve Cole) 4:39.8; 2. Outrigger 4:46.4; 3. Hui Lanakila 4:47.6.

## TEAM STANDINGS

1. Hui Nalu 31; 2. Outrigger 27; 3. Loa's 22; 4. Lanikai 16; 5. Kailua 17; 6. Hui Lanakila 15; 7. Waikiki Surf 14; 8. Healan, Leeward Kai 8; 9. Koolau and Lanikai 5; 10. Ka Mo'i, Kaneohe and Healan 3; 11. Kihl, Sons & Daughters and Waikiki 2; 12. Beach Boys and Hawaii Kai 1.

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