

State Canoe Championships

Kailua noses out Outrigger

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HILLO — Kailua Canoe Club of Oahu staved off a nearly successful last-minute challenge by Outrigger to claim the 1975 Hawaii Canoe Racing Association's championship regatta here yesterday.

Some 6,000 fans and spectators lined Hilo's Crescent Bay for more than two miles to watch the nearly seven hours of competition by paddlers from three Islands.

KAILUA, WITH an energetic rooting section that buzzed throughout the day with the everlasting chant "Kailua," scored a key second place in the men's senior race to outlast Outrigger, 49 points to 48. Pre-race favorite and three-time defending champion Healani scored well early but faded later in the day into third place with 41 points.

In a clear demonstration of improvement and strength, the Big Island's champion Kawaihae Canoe Club scored a pair of record-breaking first places plus a pair of seconds and finished in a tie for fourth place with Hui Nalu of Oahu with 21 points.

It was the strongest finish in a State regatta by a Big Island team since the sport's revival began here four years ago.

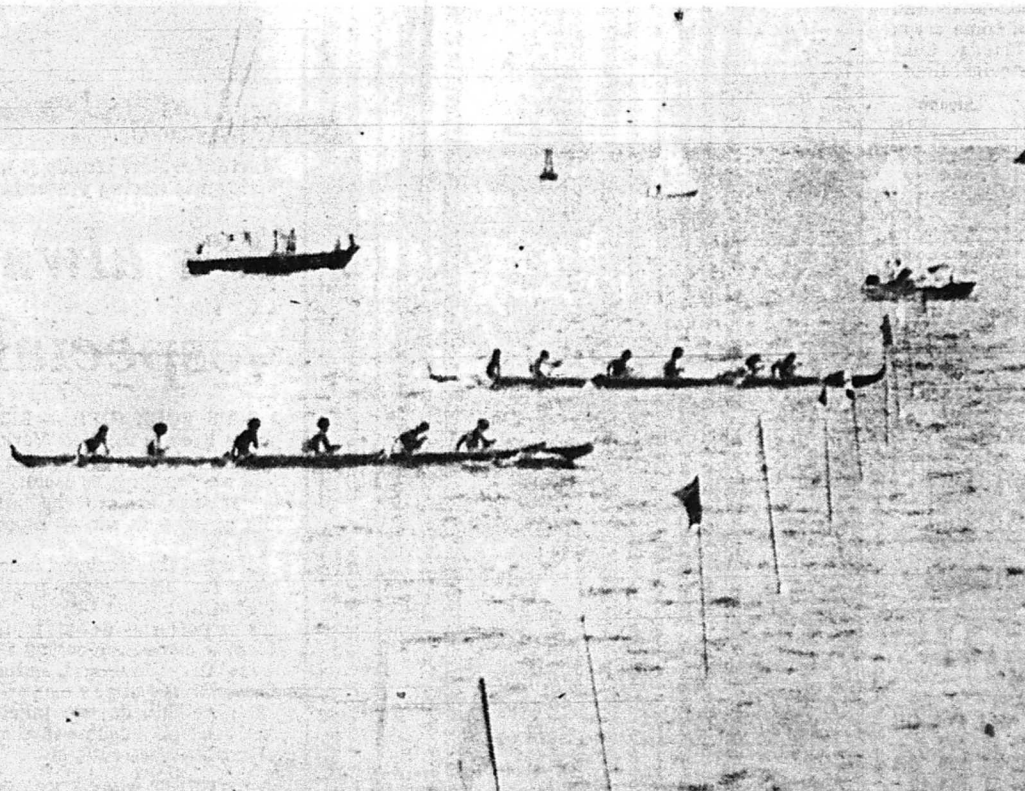
Sixteen records were broken, some by more than a minute, during the 20-race event on smooth Hilo Bay waters. The famed Hilo mist threatened to fall several times but held off throughout the competition after a light sprinkler during the opening ceremonies.

OUTRIGGER captured six races overall to Kailua's five but the champions were second more often, 4 to 1 over Outrigger.

Healani was first only once — in the initial race — and then could muster no better than six second places.

The Big Island's other promising entry, Kai Opua of Kailua-Kona, lost its koa canoe in the early day and had to either drop out or race in borrowed canoes.

The records fell in a wholesale lot. Waikiki Surf's men A trimmed 17 seconds off the exiting mark, Makaha's 16-year-old boys cut 26 seconds off a half-mile record, Hui Nalu's freshmen women slashed 26 seconds off a half-mile standard and Kailua's sophomore men sliced 1-minute and 4.6 seconds from the 1 1/4-mile record.



Hui Nalu's Men's Frosh paddlers hit the wire ahead of Kailua, breaking a record by more than 16 seconds, in yesterday's State Championships on Hilo Bay.

Kailua's junior men, in this 18th race, posted what proved to be a major victory over Outrigger by posting a 10-second victory and beating the old mark by 56.5 seconds.

Outrigger's women kept the hopes alive by defeating Healani by 19 seconds and Kailua by 30 in the senior mile. In the process, they clobbered the old record by 1 minute and 13 seconds.

THAT SET the stage for what may have been the closest State Canoe Championship finish in years. Hendley Carlton, Kappy Vickery, Walter Makaule, John Cauaco, Robert Gates and Gordon Lopes paddled desperately to bring Kailua in second place with a three-tenths of one-second edge over Waikiki Surf. That fraction of a second produced the coveted title.

However, the race honors went to

Outrigger's sextet of Brant Ackerman, Tom Conner, Marshall Rosa, Paul MacLaughlin, Mark Buck and Mike Lemes. They beat Kailua by 5.9-seconds and topped the old record by more than two minutes.

The results:
1—Boys' 12 and under B, 1/4 mile—1. Healani, 2:09.6 (new record, old 2:21.0 by Waikiki Surf, 1973); 2. Hui Nalu; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Leeward Kal. (Kawaihae placed fourth but disqualified because of ineligible paddler.)
2—Boys' 12 and under A, 1/4 mile—1. Kailua, 2:03.3 (new record, old 2:10.5 by Outrigger, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Lanikai; 4. Hui Nalu.
3—Women B Novice, 1/4 mile—1. Kailua, 1:59.5 (new record, old 2:09.0 by Healani, 1973); 2. Hui Nalu; 3. Healani; 4. Outrigger.
4—Boys' 13, 1/4 mile—1. Kailua, 1:55.6 (new record, old 2:00.5 by Healani, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Hui Nalu; 4. Kawaihae. (Wallani disqualified.)
5—Women A Novice, 1/4 mile—1. Kawaihae, 1:59.4 (new record, old 2:14.2 by Kauai, 1973); 2. Kailua; 3. Healani; 4. Outrigger.
6—Boys' 14, 1/4 mile—1. Outrigger, 1:46.9 (new record, old 1:58.5 by Kailua, 1973); 2. Kawaihae; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Lanikai. (Hui Nalu and Prince David, teams disqualified.)
7—Girls' 15, 1/4 mile—1. Outrigger, 2:04.3; 2. Prince David; 3. Healani; 4. Makaha.
8—Men B Novice, 1/2 mile—1. Healani, 3:55.3; 2. Kailua (penalized six seconds for interference on turn); 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Prince David. (Makaha, Lanikai and Outriggers swamped.)
9—Men A Novice, 1/2 mile—1. Waikiki Surf, 3:47.6 (new record, old 4:04.1 by Hui Nalu, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Makaha; 4. Kai Opua.

10—Boys' 16, 1/2 mile—1. Makaha, 3:45.6 (new record, old 4:11.9 by Outrigger, 1973); 2. Kawaihae; 3. Outrigger; 4. Molokai.
11—Girls' 17, 1/2 mile—1. Outrigger, 4:27.7; 2. Keoua; 3. Lanikai; 4. Healani.
12—Boys' 18, 1 mile—1. Outrigger, 8:37.0; 2. Makaha; 3. Kawaihae; 4. Hui Nalu (Healani, Kailua, Keoua teams disqualified for two false starts each.)
13—Women Frosh, 1/2 mile—1. Hui Nalu, 4:39.4 (new record, old 5:05.7 by Kauai, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Kailua; 4. Makaha.
14—Men Frosh, 1 mile—1. Hui Nalu, 7:55.3 (new record, old 8:12.1 by Lanikai, 1973); 2. Kailua; 3. Lanikai; 4. Waikiki Surf.
15—Women Soph, 1/2 mile—1. Lanikai, 4:30.9 (new record, old 4:51.0 by Kailua, 1973); 2. Kailua (finished first but penalized six seconds for finishing in wrong lane and placed second); 3. Outrigger; 4. Healani.
16—Men Soph, 1/2 mile—1. Kailua, 12:04.9 (new record, old 13:09.5 by Healani, 1973); 2. Makaha; 3. Outrigger; 4. Lanikai.
17—Women Junior, 1/2 mile—1. Kawaihae, 4:33.1 (new record, old 4:46.5 by Lanikai, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Kailua; 4. Lanikai.
18—Men Junior, 2 miles—1. Kailua, 16:00.5 (new record, old 16:57.0 by Prince David, 1973); 2. Outrigger; 3. Healani; 4. Waikiki Surf.
19—Women Senior, 1 mile—1. Outrigger, 8:51.8 (new record, old 10:04.2 by Kailua, 1973); 2. Healani; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Kailua.
20—Men Senior, 2 1/2 miles—1. Outrigger, 20:05.4 (new record, old 22:07.5 by Waikiki Surf, 1973); 2. Kailua; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Hui Nalu.
Team standings: 1. Kailua, 49; 2. Outrigger, 48; 3. Healani, 41; 4. Tie: Kawaihae and Hui Nalu, 21; 5. Waikiki Surf, 18; 7. Makaha, 15; 8. Lanikai, 14; 9. Prince David, 4; 10. Keoua, 3; 11. Tie: Leeward Kal, Kai Opua and Molokai, 1.

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