



Hands across the water

Team members (from left) Anne Malama, Katie Johnson, Susan Erickson, Lory Bode, Becky Hara and Denise Darval shake hands in unison after Hui Nalu won the women's sophomore 1-mile in a time of 8:21:64 at the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championships at Keehi Lagoon. Story, Page C-3.

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PADDLING

OCC remembers, vividly, how to win

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According to Outrigger Canoe Club coach John Finney, "It is easy to forget how to win."

But his paddlers remembered yesterday and blew away the competition at Keehi Lagoon as Outrigger won its fifth consecutive Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship.

OCC scored 96 points, followed distantly by Kailua with 69 and Hui Nalu with 53. SurfSports scored 18 points to capture the A Division title (for clubs with 15 crews or less).

Outrigger got four of its nine first places consecutively around mid-morning. The Men's Novice B, Girls 16, Boys 16 and Girls 18 crews set the tone early.

"The older kids really performed," former head coach Walter Guild said. "And that won the regatta for us."

The OHCRA title wasn't the only good news for Outrigger yesterday: the club finished the day with 29 of its crews qualified for the state regatta on Maui a week from Saturday. Since there are 30 events, Outrigger will be in very good position to win its sixth consecutive state title.

Finney seemed more relieved

than excited yesterday when the final numbers came in. It has been a trying season for him, to say the least. Normally dominant Outrigger won only two regular-season regattas and was second in point standings to Kailua.

Finney said that early on Outrigger suffered from complacency and a lack of participation — at all experience levels ("All of these kids go to Disneyland every year," he said). It translated into a lack of regular season regatta victories.

"It looked pretty dismal," Finney said. "It looked like I was picked to be the goat of the year. It got to the point

where I put my foot down and said, 'Don't do this now. You can do it next year when someone else is coach. I'm not going to let Outrigger lose its winning tradition.' Watching the Senior Men lose a couple of races was a good slap in the face."

Losses — or the threat of future losses — helped revive interest and pride. Toward the end of the season the club turned out in force again. The red-and-white checkered tent is crowded to capacity once more.

Finney said Outrigger's slump probably helped the league as a whole.

"Actually, it was a great season (for the association) — be-

cause so many different clubs won," he said. "And it's fun to race in a situation that isn't one-sided."

"Hui Nalu's win had to be as much fun as anything this season. It went right down to the wire. When you lose like that it's not so bad."

Of course, it's better to win, and if there is one crew Finney hasn't had to worry about all season, it's the four-time state champion Women's Senior Masters. It is Outrigger's only unbeaten crew after the Junior Men were outraced by Kailua yesterday. Healani's Boys 14 is the only other undefeated OHCRA crew.

Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Assoc. Championships

At Keelii Lagoon

Team Points

AA Division: Outrigger 96 points. Kailua 69. Hui Nalu 63. Healani 53. Lanikai 3.

A Division: Surfsports 18. Leeward Kai 8. Hui Lanika 6. Makaha/Waimanalo 4. Waikiki Surf Club 3. Anuenue 2.

Girls

12s: 1, Hui Nalu (Tara Beyer, Tiara Wright, Eleni Espana, Haseena Zachariah, Monica Parker, Mandy Jones) 2:39.81. 2, Outrigger 2:49.73. 3, Healani 2:52.85. **13s:** 1, Hui Nalu (Brooke Kane-shiro, Katie Marceau, Jessica Kim, Natalie Parsa, Laura Tom, Emma Eyre) 2:33.84. 2, Waimanalo 2:41.80. 3, Surfsports 2:44.64. **14s:** 1, Kailua (Carrie Mau, Kathy Colin, Desiree Epil, Kanani Benson, Amy Patrick, Robin Jacobs) 2:24.15. 2, Outrigger 2:24.55. 3, Healani 2:26.22. **16s:** 1, Outrigger (Julie Cundall, Nalani Hunt, Shandy Danford, Anne Marie Paulin, Joanna Reinhardt, Lisa Jackson) 4:55.44. 2, Hui Nalu 5:03.19. 3, Kailua 5:04.95. **18s:** 1, Outrigger (Dione Wilbur, Missy Mowat, Pam Clifford, Cynthia Sheehan, Megan Clark, Hilary Scott) 4:48.11. 2, Healani 5:00.30. 3, Hui Nalu 5:00.45.

Women

Novice B: 1, Kailua (Tammy Jones, Dawn Cassulo, Debbie Cheever, Dar Leandro, Susi Borchardt, Jacque Leuzze) 2:20.80. 2, Outrigger 2:26.21. 3, Healani 2:33.34. **Novice A:** 1, Surfsports (Nicola Pisculli, Sally Smith, Nina Pacewicz, Andrea Lorenz, Danna Sylva, Loretta Carollo) 4:30.28. 2, Hui Nalu 4:37.34. 3, Healani 4:41.03. **Freshman:** 1, Kailua (Mikell Baldwin, Umi Malama, Connie Johnston, Sheri Tester, Kathy Beck, Kara Davis) 6:45.26. 2, Healani 6:50.24. 3, OCC 6:53.87. **Sophomore:** 1, Hui Nalu (Lelewhi Anne Malama, Katie Johnson, Susan Erikson, Lory Bode, Becky Hara, Denise Darval) 8:21.64. 2, Healani 8:31.58. 3, Outrigger 9:01.35. **Junior:** 1, Healani (Laurie Seto, Kelly Fey, Carolyn Jean McKinnie, Patricia Vasquez-Fasi, Jonna Wickesser, Robin Nanaka) 11:38.52. 2, Kailua 12:02.36. 3, Hui Nalu 12:15.11. **Senior:** 1, Hui Nalu (Lesline Conner, Sandy Combis, Jennie Scafe, Diane Darval, Lindsey Styan, Denise Darval) 13:23.87. 2, Outrigger 13:35.29. 3, Kailua 13:41.90. **Masters:** 1, Kailua (Nancy Perry, Nani Olds, Lynn Heen, Bernie Heen, Kathy Javellana, Lynn Kaita) 9:41.69. 2, Outrigger 9:57.84. 3, Hui Nalu 9:59.83. **Senior Masters:** 1, Outrigger (Diane Stowell, Ululani Friese, Gerry Pedesky, Marilyn Haine, Peggy Danford, Kenue Rochlan) 4:47.79. 2, Kailua 4:49.25. 3, Healani 4:56.04. **Open 4:** 1, Outrigger (Katie McCrary, Norma Santiago, Diana Clifford, Kisi Haine) 5:05.03. 2, Kailua 5:12.06. 3, Surfsports 5:21.11.

Boys

12s: 1, Kailua (Kamuela Cobb-Adams, Kapa Francisco, Leon Mosher, Kahele Nakaahiki, Mike Smith, Kila Young) 2:28.53. 2, Outrigger 2:34.25. 3, Makaha 2:35.32. **13s:** 1, Leeward Kai (Malcolm Kekawa, David Kane IV, Byron Com, Wendel Kambalo-ha, Keniala Nahinu, Chucky Bolt) 2:17.53. 2, Hui Lanakila 2:19.51. 3, Healani 2:20.35. **14s:** 1, Healani (Craig Souza, Kai Ah Sam, Ryan Hoke, Nelson Sai, Barry Quillooy, Kealii Palaina) 2:00.65. 2, Outrigger 2:17.57. 3, Hui Nalu 2:18.71. **16s:** 1, Outrigger (J.P. Canlis, Danny Goldcamp, Paul Larsen, Matt Corboy, Adam Cobeen, Sage Spalding) 4:04.92. 2, Hui Nalu 4:22.42. 3, Healani 4:23.97. **18s:** 1, Hui Nalu (Todd Kamisugi, Brad Yim, Daniel Sak-aguchi, Gam Dykstra, Robert Taylor, Steve Maurer) 7:34.14. 2, Outrigger 7:55.21. 3, Kailua 7:56.34.

Men

Novice B: 1, Outrigger (Gary Clarke, Steve Brown, Jim Cavanaugh, Brad Thessen, Scott Bradley, Jeff Hungerford) 3:55.59. 2, Kailua 4:02.43. 3, Hui Nalu 4:02.83. **Novice A:** 1, Outrigger (Michael Schwinn, John Eveleth, Kirk Christman, Fred Fong, Kevin McCrary, Paul Kaye) 5:58.42. 2, Kailua 6:01.59. 3, Hui Nalu 6:04.19. **Freshman:** 1, Surfsports (Wilfrid Chene, Chuck Lowther, Jim Foster, Drew Kelleman, Mac Tillman, John Puakea) 7:37.96. 2, Outrigger 7:52.66. 3, Healani 7:59.02. **Sophomore:** 1, Kailua (Patrick Erwin, Mackenzie Shannon, Randy Sylva, Todd Hart, Mark Cluney, Rob Cates III) 11:45.92. 2, Healani 11:58.27. 3, Outrigger 12:05.07. **Junior:** 1, Kailua (Patrick Erwin, Mackenzie Shannon, Kamoa Kalama, Dave Clark, Jerome Dias, Rob Cates III) 15:27.45. 2, Outrigger 15:39.28. 3, Healani 15:45.37. **Senior:** 1, Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Mark Rigg, Bill Bright, Walter Guild, Keone Downing, Todd Bradley) 19:34.89. 2, Hui Nalu 19:55.62. 3, Surfsports 20:03.21. **Masters:** 1, Hui Nalu (Naina Thompson, Georg Kissner, Rocky Higgins, Bob Rocheleau, Wayne Fujihara, Darryl Hara) 7:35.05. 2, Outrigger 7:36.19. 3, Kailua 7:40.05. **Senior Masters:** 1, Kailua (Gary Aprea, Bob Nakea, Bob Moncrief, John Goody, Howard Keller, Bob Cates Jr.) 3:55.81. 2, Outrigger 4:02.59. 3, Anuenue 4:09.32. **Open 4:** 1, Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Mark Rigg, Walter Guild, Todd Bradley) 4:00.29. 2, Healani 4:07.25. 3, Hui Nalu 4:07.50. **Mixed**

12s: 1, Outrigger (Bret Chuckovich, Josh O Conner, Tiffany Sutherland, Nathan Stapleton, Meaghan Hemmings, Nanea Tannehill) 2:38.25. 2, Kailua 2:41.59. 3, Makaha 2:51.75. **Men & Women:** 1, Healani (Andrew Kang, Evi Feato, Malia May, Joseph Motti, Michelle Ross, Rhonda Reyes) 4:21.42. 2, Hui Nalu 4:21.62. 3, Waikiki Surf 4:23.96.