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Outrigger's Men's Open 4 crew barely edges Hui Lanakila at the OHCRA championship regatta yesterday. Outrigger's time was 4:26.78. Hui Lanakila finished in 4:27.00.

OCC cruises to another title

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The second-best thing that happened to Outrigger Canoe Club this paddling season was its third-place finish last week.

That helped set up the best thing — yesterday's victory in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's championship regatta at Keehi Lagoon.

Outrigger won its sixth regatta of the season in runaway fashion. OCC scored 96 points to second-place Kailua's 58, and third-place Hui Nalu's 57.

Waikalua won the A division (15 or fewer crews) with 14 points. Waimanalo was second with 10, and Anuenue third with 1.

OCC will go for its fourth consecutive state title on Aug. 1, also at Keehi Lagoon.

"If it hadn't been for the loss, we could have gotten complacent," Outrigger coach Michele St. John said. "And we weren't beaten by just a little . . . we were third."

While coming off a loss inspired Outrigger, the main motivation came from the fact that his was a championship meet. A lot was on the line, as OCC was going for its third consecutive OHCRA title. Also, winners of races in yesterday's meet got automatic berths in the state championship.

That helped push three Out-

rigger crews to their first victories of the season. The Freshman Women, Girls 16, and Novice A Women all won for the first time.

"To be honest, it was just determination," St. John said. "We didn't really change anyone around. We're still working with the same nucleus."

The Freshman Women's crew of Mary Smolenski, Mia Kresser, Ann Martin, Janis McPheeters, Cindi White and Monte Costa barely edged Hui Nalu in a pivotal 3/4-mile race. Outrigger finished in 7:26.57 and Hui Nalu 7:27.44 in the closest race of the day.

Outrigger's crew earned its spot at the state championship. Hui Nalu, last week's winning club, was knocked out of contention for the OHCRA title.

OCC cruised the rest of the way, picking up victories like so much sunburn in the 90-degree heat as the older crews dominated the afternoon.

Still, St. John said the performances of the club's younger crews were the spark yesterday.

"They'd been a strength until last week and came back well today," she said.

The Boys 12A, Boys 16, and Girls 16 were among the 13 Outrigger crews that finished first yesterday.

At Keehi Lagoon

AA Division: 1, Outrigger 96; 2, Kailua 58; 3, Hui Nalu 57; 4, Healani 30; 5, Hui Lanakila 27; 6, Lanikai 24. **A Division:** 1, Waikalua 14; 2, Waimanalo 10; 3, Anuenue 9; 4, Leeward Kai 8; 5, Hawaiian Warriors/Surfsports 2; 6, Waikiki Surf 1.

1/4-mile races

Blind/Hearing Impaired: 1, Kailua (Marcus Chong, Alex Judd, Joseph Alexander, Mark Fernandez, Anthony Hunn, Bert Awa) 2:22.13; 2, Kailua 2:25.16; 3, Waikiki Surf 3:06.81. **Boys 12B:** 1, Waikalua (Vaianoa Faitata, Keone Mahoe, Gerald Gaudia, Averiu Igato, Damien Freitas, Jeremie Tsukiyama) 2:25.73; 2, Leeward Kai 2:31.35; 3, Hui Lanakila 2:40.32. **Girls 12:** 1, Leeward Kai (Shannon Robbins, Chasidy Naki, Adalieu Kaao, Ilima Avilla, Delicia Wilson, Melissa Perreria) 2:49.35; 2, Outrigger 2:58.89; 3, Healani 2:59.16.

Boys 12A: 1, Outrigger (JJ Riley, Breat Chuckovich, David Buck, Brian Kilcoyne, Carter Evans, Cullen Kanisugi) 2:31.09; 2, Healani 2:34.04; 3, Waikalua 2:42.25. **Mixed 12:** 1, Waimanalo (Leoana Maggay, Amber Pahinu, Shannon Kaleleiki, Jonathan Kamei, Lucas Hanohano, SamLynn Widemann) 2:40.11. 2, Hui Lanakila 3:01.62. 3, Hui Nalu 3:17.55. **Girls 13:** 1, Kailua (Kim Hoffman, Disiree Epil, Lani Lealao, Kauli Kaululo, Melissa Hamocun, Kahekina Lidstone) 2:38.49. 2, Lanikai 2:40.41. 3, Hui Nalu 2:40.70. **Boys 13:** 1, Waikalua (Garrison Kanase, Aaron Siga, Earl Hoapili, Gary Keawe-Aiko III, Carlos Ruiz, Jr., Philemon Pilanca) 2:19.15. 2, Hui Nalu 2:23.39. 3, Outrigger

2:41.21. **Girls 14:** 1, Hui Nalu (Chris Jarling, Nanea Shizuru, Reynelle Shim, Kim Katsarsky, Tami Crowley, Nicole Seu) 2:27.36. 2, Outrigger 2:29.81. 3, Anuenue 2:31.32. **Boys 14:** 1, Kailua (Ikaika Kincaid, Danny Goldcamp, Ryan Nobriga, Shon Galdeira, James Soong, Pono Lealeo) 2:08.32. 2, Healani 2:13.04. 3, Waikalua 2:15.59. **Women's Novice B:** 1, Kailua (Cynthia Rayga, Katherine Witt, Dana Williams, Kelly Seg, Diane Spindle, Dian Miller) 2:26.66. 2, Lanikai 2:29.09. 3, Healani 2:33.04.

1/2-mile

Men's Novice B: 1, Hui Lanakila (Eric Fernandez, Wendell Perry, Lawrence Winkenhower, Michael Dunne, David Barang, Ed Purchalski). 2, Kailua 3:58.32. 3, Anuenue 4:02.87. **Girls 16:** 1, Outrigger (Coco Sheehan, Heidi Brisette, Pam Clifford, Laura Hind, Jessie Town, Jackie Muller) 4:51.59. 2, Kailua 4:57.57. 3, Healani 5:07.14. **Boys 16:** 1, Outrigger (Wyatt Jones, Hunter Eggers, Greg Wood, Craig Campbell, Aika Winter, Heath Hemmings) 4:01.22. 2, Kailua 4:06.02. 3, Healani 4:12.80. **Girls 16:** 1, Lanikai (Melissa Lum, Michelle Sheedy, Mii Hawkins, Katherine Wicks, Josephine Embree, Mollie Anderson) 4:56.80. 2, Kailua 4:58.19. 3, Hui Nalu 4:59.27. **Women's Novice A:** 1, Outrigger (Norelle Shults, Genie Kincaid, Robin Markle, Dee Sheffield, Peg Danford, Barbie Baird) 4:43.55. 2, Hui Nalu 4:49.03. 3, Hui Lanakila 4:51.66. **Women's Open Four:** 1, Outrigger (Nina Fox, Muffer Scully, Norma Santiago, Mary Franco). 2, Hui Nalu. 3, Kailua. **Men's Open Four:** 1,

Kawaihae takes early lead and holds on to win Big Island's canoe championship

KAWAIHAE, Hawaii — Kawaihae Canoe Club staved off a late rally by defending champion Kai O Pua of Kailua-Kona Saturday to win the Moku O Hawaii Canoe Racing Association championship.

Kawaihae finished with 71 points to Kai O Pua's 70. Kai O Pua won three of the last four races to drastically cut its deficit.

Kawaihae's last association championship came in 1984. During the regular season, Kai

O Pua defeated Kawaihae in five of seven regattas.

Saturday, Kawaihae took a large early lead, winning eight races.

Seven records fell in the regatta.

Three crews finished the year unbeaten — Kamehameha's junior men of Hilo, women's novice A of Kai Ehitu and women's novice B of Kawaihae. The Kai O Pua 18-year-old girls lost for the first time Saturday.

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Outrigger (Keone Downing, Tim Guard, Ed Pickering, Chris Crab) 4:26.78. 2, Hui Lanakila 4:27.00. 3, Anuenue 4:27.86. **Mixed Men and Women:** 1, Healani (Paul Pladera, Malia May, Russell Akamine, William Loa, Susan May, Sandy Young) 4:17.99. 2, Outrigger 4:23.67. 3, Hui Nalu 4:25.18.

3/4-mile

Men's Novice A: 1, Hui Nalu (Kurt Fay, Dave Wee, Cliff Kaneaikala, Joe Williamson, Gregory Wright, Wes Champanion) 6:19.78. 2, Outrigger 6:21.08. 3, Healani 6:22.48. **Women's Freshman:** 1, Outrigger (Mary Smolenski, Mia Kresser, Ann Martin, Janis McPheeters, Cindi White, Monte Costa) 7:26.57. 2, Hui Nalu 7:27.44. 3, Healani 7:41.34. **Women's Senior Masters:** 1, Kailua (Nancy Perry, Marian Scafe, Dotty Nakea, Sara Dougherty, Susie Thain, Mary Moore) 4:51.14. 2, Outrigger 4:53.28. 3, Lanikai 5:09.01. **Men's Senior Masters:** 1, Outrigger (Chris McKenzie, Tom Merrill, Jim Peterson, Ken Stohower) 4:10.29. 2, Kailua 4:18.77. 3, Healani 4:22.57.

1-mile

Boys 18: 1, Hui Nalu (Nulu Kukea, Brian Stimson, Lindsey McGeary, David Hsu, Jude Parker, Keoni Watman) 8:11.47. 2, Kailua 8:18.21. 3, Outrigger 8:22.41. **Men's Freshman:** 1, Lanikai (Michael Smith, Roger McKeague, Paul Graham, Peter Binney, David Clark, Jim Foti) 8:02.24. 2, Outrigger 8:05.11. 3, Kailua 8:07.89. **Women's Sophomores:** 1, Hui Nalu (Richline Fong, Malia Scully, Sandy Combs, Diane Darval, Sharon Bourke, Marion Lyman-Mersereau) 9:08.77. 2, Outrigger 9:37.38. 3, Hui Lanakila 9:48.21. **Men's Junior Masters:** 1, Outrigger (Bob Riley, Mark Buck, John Finney, Mike Clifford, John Mounts, Fred Hemmings) 7:43.32. 2, Hui Nalu 7:47.30. 3, Healani 8:03.89.

1 1/4-miles

Women's Juniors: 1, Hui Nalu (Cheryl Grimm, Tanya Williams, Sue Erickson, Debbie Wilson, Lindsey Styan, Denise Darval) 11:52.66. 2, Outrigger 11:53.22. 3, Kailua 11:35.36. **Women's Junior Masters:** 1, Outrigger (Jeannie Jenkins, Tiare Finney, Susan Barron, Sandra Haine, Mahi Riley, Paula Carbone) 9:34.86. 2, Kailua 9:44.13. 3, Hui Nalu 9:57.53.

1 1/2-miles

Men's Sophomores: 1, Outrigger (Dana Ruppey, Grady Bintliff, Aaron Kekoolani, Kala Judd, Chris Siegfried, Keone Kino) 12:36.74. 2, Hui Lanakila 12:59.34. 3, Waimanalo 12:59.97. **Women's Seniors:** 1, Kailua (Kathy Erwin, Donna Meyer, Patty Doyle, Molly Mosher-Cates, Tracey Silva, Lynn Kaita) 15:00.73. 2, Anuenue 16:31.21. 3, Outrigger 16:50.50.

2-miles

Men's Juniors: 1, Outrigger (Carl Meyer, Keahi Farden-Robbins, Mike Fox, Bill Bright, Kainoa Downing, Todd Bradley) 15:56.14. 2, Hui Lanakila 16:20.54. 3, Hui Nalu 16:52.15.

2 1/2-miles

Men's Seniors: 1, Outrigger (Walter Guild, Chris Kincaid, Steve Vanlier Ribbin, Mark Haine, Mark Rig, Tom Connor) 19:53.55. 2, Kailua 20:40.08. 3, Hui Nalu 20:54.72.