

Outrigger's Juggling Act Pays Off for Canoe Title

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There was more juggling at yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championship at Keehi Lagoon than at a convention of circus clowns.

"I spent all week juggling crews around for today's regatta," Outrigger Canoe Club's coach Walter Guild said.

Apparently Guild's personnel shuffling paid off as OCC won the Oahu title for the second consecutive year. But more importantly, says Guild, OCC qualified many of its crews to the HCRA State Championship at Hilo on Aug. 2.

Outrigger, thanks to Guild's successful strategy of loading crews for sure wins while relegating others to filling slots and picking up what points they could, scored 88 points in winning OHCRA's "AA" division big-club title. OCC won 11 of the regatta's 31 events and placed second in seven others.

Runnerup Kailua Canoe Club, with six firsts and nine seconds, tallied 80 points. Hui Nalu, with 58 points, placed third, followed in fourth place by Healani, with 37 and in fifth place by Hui Lanakila, with 28.

Waikiki Surf Club topped OHCRA's "A" small club category with nine points, followed in second by Waimanalo (7) and third by Anuenue (6).

WITH OCC AND Kailua going into yesterday's championship tied with three regatta wins

apiece this season, excitement vibrated across Keehi's usually calm waters. "Good competition and a fast course. A canoe follower's delight," OHCRA's president Joan Malama said of the matchup.

Kailua took an early lead, thanks to impressive wins by its

younger crews. Said Guild: "We really didn't get started (scoring) until the seventh race when our girls' 14 crew gave us a win." Through 19 races, Kailua led OCC 45-43.

Guild, however, remained calm. "Sure, I'd like to win the Oahu Championship. But it's not

my first priority," he said. Guild explained that he's pointing OCC to defend its state title.

Looking toward bigger things, Guild spent much of yesterday calculating—that of juggling crew assignments for best state qualifying opportunities.

According to Malama, coaches

are allowed to move around paddlers provided they stay within the existing OHCRA rules.

"Most large clubs are shuffling paddlers today. And we're watching them closely," she said. State qualifiers include yesterday's individual race winners, plus three crews in each event

based on the season's cumulative point totals.

OHCRA'S BIG THREE—OCC, Kailua and Hui Nalu—were yesterday's most active jugglers. "The larger clubs, those with lots of paddlers, have the advantage over small clubs in loading crews," paddler Milt Yamasaki said.

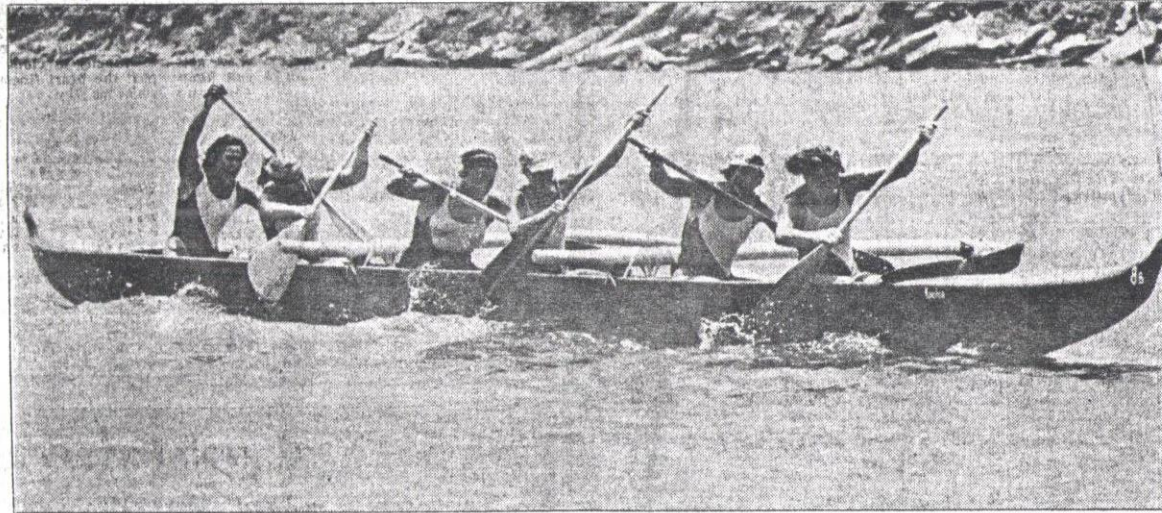
Hank Laff, 62, was just wandering around the waterfront when he was recruited to steer OCC's "junior" master's crew (35-and-over). "I'm a member but I had no intention of paddling today," he said. Laff's "youngsters" placed fourth and scored a point.

Nainoa Thompson arrived last night from the Cook Islands after guiding the Polynesian sailing canoe Hokulea across the Pacific. Although weary from travel, Thompson, a Hui Nalu member, was asked to steer the men's Open-4 race. The seafarer won and Hui Nalu's Open-4 men are going to Hilo.

OCC made its regatta move in the 20th event, when its men's sophomore crew won the race which gave OCC the tie with Kailua on points. "I could breathe easier after that," Guild said.

Of the the final 12 races, OCC won seven. Said Kailua's Coach Kathy Erwin: "Give my regards to Outrigger. I want them to know they paddled a hell of good a regatta. We'll see them in Hilo."

On Saturday, Ka Mo'i edged Lokahi, 58-54, for the Hui Waa championship, also at Keehi.



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KAOLOA KICK—Outrigger Canoe Club's junior women exhibit the form that won the race by four-tenths of a second during yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championships at Keehi Lagoon. Paddling OCC's new koa canoe *Kaoloa* are Pijnani Schneider, Donna Kahakui, Paula Carbone, Kapulo Downing, Lish Siggers and Mary Franco.

Paddling OHCRA

At Keahi Lagoon CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA TEAM STANDINGS

AA Division—1. Outrigger 88 pts. 2. Kailua 80. 3. Hui Nalu 58. 4. Healani 37. 5. Hui Lanakila 28. 6. Lanikai 9.
A Division—1. Waikiki Surf Club 9. 2. Waimanalo 7. 3. Anuenue 6. 4. Kai Oni 5. 5. Loa's 4. 6. Leeward Kai 3. 7. (tie) Hawaiian Warriors and Waikua 2.

RACE RESULTS

MEN

12-A—(1/4-mile): 1. Kailua (Kale Kalama, James Peck, Felipe Epil, Michael Hikalea, Tana Moku, Boyd Nobriga) 2:09.76. 2. Healani 2:13.04. 3. Hui Nalu 2:13.97.

12-B—(1/4-mile): 1. Waimanalo (Kalei Kapoi, Jonathan Hanawahine, Chris Delacruz, Peahi Kapepa, Shannon Kaleleiki, Keith Stender) 2:15.53. 2. Hui Nalu 2:21.96. 3. Waikiki Surf 2:24.45.

13—(1/4-mile): 1. Healani (Keith Kaleo Jr., Michael Matias, Michael Whang, Renny Kahapea, Leroy Ellzars, Vince Aquino) 1:52.92. 2. Leeward 1:53.34. 3. Kailua 1:53.69.

14—(1/4-mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Dean Soong, Arno Reynolds, Shawn Hutch, Frank Najima, Eric Chun, Nalu Kukea) 1:46.20. 2. Outrigger 1:47.28. 3. Kailua 1:48.47.

14—(1/2-mile): 1. Kai Oni (Robert Kalama, Kumu Cambra, Corey Price, Devin Caspillo, Mike Kapizo, K. Manoa) 4:05.34. 2. Outrigger 4:09.10. 3. Healani 4:12.46.

18—(1-mile): 1. Outrigger (Wesley Goodwin, Loch Eggers, Mike Stirling, Todd Sandvold, Cory Beall, Michael Sheehan) 7:46.94. 2. Kailua 7:55.56. 3. Hui Nalu 8:11.36.

Novice-A—(1/4-mile): 1. Outrigger (Robert Moranha, Dan Kaleikini, Jon Bryan, Patrick Dally, Greg Moss) 5:42.29. 2. Healani 5:44.74. 3. Kailua 5:45.84.

Novice-B—(1/2-mile): 1. Kailua (Dave Chun, Brian Read, Nathan Ng, Ben Swan, Henry Borges, Steve Manzi) 3:54.43. 2. Hui Nalu 3:57.78. 3. Loa's 4:00.94.

Freshmen—(1-mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Alfred Horner, Kalama Heine, Charles Santiago, Eddie Horner, B. Olivera, T. Worthington) 7:34.86. 2. Outrigger 7:47.00. 3. Kailua 7:48.75.

Sophomores—(1 1/2-mile): 1. Outrigger (Mark Buck, Henry Aya, John Finney, Mike Clifford, James Dean, Steve Scott) 11:49.47. 2. Kailua 11:54.28. 3. Hui Nalu 11:58.11.

Juniors—(2-miles): 1. Hui Nalu (Mark Cluney, Wayne Fujihara, Darryl Hara, Herman Clark, Arthur Sigan, Peter Hauanio) 15:45.46. 2. Outrigger 15:54.08. 3. Hui Lanakila 16:18.08.

Seniors—(2 1/2-miles): 1. Outrigger (Keone Downing, Walter Guild, Steve Ribeink, Ed Pickering, Bill Bright, T. Bradley) 19:21.97. 2. Waikiki Surf 21:55.24. 3. Kailua 21:57.28.

Masters—(1-mile): 1. Healani (Lloyd Yamasaki, William Awa, Charles May, Keith Kaleo, James Riley, Gary Murakami) 7:46.84. 2. Hui Nalu 7:48.79. 3. Kailua 7:50.90.

Senior Masters—(1/2-mile): 1. Outrigger (Mike Town, Tom Merrill, Norman Ho, Chris McKenzie, Jim Peterson, Charlie Martin) 3:54.77. 2. Kailua 4:00.18. 3. Healani 4:03.26.

Open-4—(1/2-mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Bruce Blankenfeld, Rocky Higging, Wallace Wong, Nainoa Thompson)

4:07.73. 2. Kailua 4:08.11. 3. Outrigger 4:10.92.

WOMEN

12—(1/4-mile): 1. Lanikai (Danielle Salice, Lia Keina, Stacy Harris, Julie Sharp, Anuhea Hawkins, Yuri Espiau) 2:17.86. 2. Kailua 2:22.65. 3. Outrigger 2:30.12.

13—(1/4-mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Tami Crawley, Kim Katsarsky, Cher Dunhour, Ceci Parker, N. Shizaru, Moana Shizaru) 2:05.77. 2. Anuenue 2:08.13. 3. Outrigger 2:10.00.

14—(1/4-mile): 1. Outrigger (Dione Wilbur, Cynthia Sheehan, Pam Clifford, Amy Leimeweber, Jessy Town, Jackie Muller) 2:02.25. 2. Kailua 2:03.23. 3. Hui Nalu 2:04.14.

14—(1/2-mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (A. Heine, Shantyn Souza, Cheryl Rutkowski, Nani Kalama, Jill Judd, Amy Gale) 4:52.64. 2. Healani 5:07.49. 3. Outrigger 5:11.34.

18—(1/2-mile): 1. Kailua (Mikell Baldwin, Jean Stewart, Luzette Pedrina, Christy Wong, Kathy Donnegan, Johanna Conlor) 4:35.68. 2. Healani 4:45.56. 3. Hui Nalu 4:59.55.

Novice-A—(1/2-mile): 1. Kailua (Andrea Manzi, Yuki Aluli, Gail Recverts, Peggie Tester, Elissa Gilliland, D. O'Riely) 4:33.10. 2. Outrigger 4:34.13. 3. Hawaiian Warriors 4:38.21.

Novice-B—(1/2-mile): 1. Outrigger (Genie Kincaid, Robin Markle, Nina Williams, H. Doty, Nadine Walley, Margaret Danford) 1:57.52. 2. Kailua 2:01.21. 3. Healani 2:03.53.

Freshmen—(1/2-mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Katie Jonsson, Wendy Wilson, Laura Lamb, Vicki Shanbaugh, Kelly Marfil, Napua Dods) 6:44.25. 2. Outrigger 6:49.38. 3. Kailua 6:50.07.

Sophomores—(1-mile): 1. Healani (Laurel Clay, Laurie Murakami, Patricia Vasquez, Carolyn McKinnie, Jonna Wickesser, Robin Nonaka) 8:21.07. 2. Hui Nalu 8:24.35. 3. Kailua 8:27.68.

Juniors—(1 1/4-mile): 1. Outrigger (P. Schneider, D. Kanaka, P. Carbone, R. Downing, L. Siggers, M. Franco) 11:02.22. 2. Hui Nalu 11:02.62. 3. Kailua 11:23.44.

Seniors—(1 1/2-mile): 1. Kailua (Sandy Kalana, Vivian Fo, Carol Andrade, Bobbie Liehota, Bev Allen, Andrea Wrangler) 14:56.59. 2. Outrigger 16:00.04.

Masters—(1-mile): 1. Outrigger (Jeanne Jenkins, Tiare Finney, Sandra Haine, Susan Baron, Ann Cundoli, Michele St. John) 9:32.55. 2. Kailua 9:39.68. 3. Anuenue 9:50.52.

Senior Masters—(1/2-mile): 1. Outrigger (Geri Pedesky, U. Davis, M. Haine, Ruby Iverson, Diane Stowell, K. Roehen) 4:43.09. 2. Kailua 4:52.77. 3. Lanikai 5:02.44.

Open-4—(1/2-mile): 1. Kailua (Lynn Heen, Donna Meyer, Gay Sousa, Tracey Silva) 4:56.23. 2. Hui Lanakila 4:57.58. 3. Hui Nalu 5:00.64.

MIXED

12—(1/4-mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Jennifer Kashaana, Dominic Quilacusan, Lahela Loo, Dale Garcia, Keola Pice-ro, Chad Rutkowski) 2:20.86. 2. Waikiki Surf 2:30.65. 3. Hui Nalu 2:37.53.

Open—(1/2-mile): 1. Outrigger (Clay Sutherland, Muffler Scully, Damien Farden, Katy Bourne, Viki Watumull, Kisi Haine) 4:08.72. 2. Kailua 4:10.19. 3. Hui Lanakila 4:14.19.