

# OCC Paddlers Prevail in Championship Regatta

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Watch out, Outrigger Canoe Club. Your friendly Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association competitors are out to sink you.

Kailua Canoe Club's co-coaches, Beanie Heen and Kathy Erwin, were quick to concede that Outrigger won yesterday's OH CRA Championship at Keehi Lagoon fair and square.

But the Kailua coaches also say that their crews have just begun to fight and that they're peaking for HCRA's State Championships in two weeks. "The states should be our best regatta yet," Heen said.

Added Carleen Ornellas, skipper of Kailua's winning junior women's crew: "We haven't beaten Outrigger's junior women in two years. But we sure did today." They had waited a long time for that moment Ornellas said gleefully.

OUTRIGGER UNBEATEN this season in OH CRA's "AA" big-club competition, was "held" to 101 points in yesterday's championships. "That's our lowest score this year," Outrigger Coach Henry Ayau said with some concern.

Perennial runnerup Kailua finished second to Outrigger with 63 points. "Scores like ours won regattas in past years," Heen said.

Hui Nalu (56) came in third and Healani (30) was fourth. Hui Lanakila topped OH CRA's "A" (small club) division with 18 points.

Of yesterday's 30 OH CRA events, Outrigger won 14, placed second in nine and scored one third. "I look for it to be tougher in the states," said Ayau, a master of diplomacy. The HCRA State Championship is scheduled Aug. 3 at Keehi Lagoon.

Kailua's junior women prevented an Outrigger massacre. "That meant Outrigger won 'only' nine of the final 10 adult races instead of scoring a sweep," paddler Tad Wadsworth

said. Included in Outrigger's adult victories were the prestigious men's and women's senior races.

HAS OUTRIGGER'S power discouraged its Double-A foes? Not at all. Said Hui Nalu's president Darryl Hara, "Canoe racing, like other sports, has its peaks and valleys. Outrigger is on a high and we're struggling."

Although Hui Nalu is considered a big club, Hara said that many of its paddlers are inex-

perienced. "We'll be back on top," he promised.

Eddie Hoopii, Healani Canoe Club's first year coach, doesn't mind finishing fourth in OH CRA's four-team "AA" division. "I could bench some paddlers and compete in the less-competitive "A" division," he said, "but I won't do it."

Hoopii said that anyone who turns out for Healani practice, races. "I'd rather finish fourth against the big clubs than win in the weaker division," he said.

Only four of OH CRA's 20 clubs are rated "AA" (clubs entering 16 or more crews). Hoopii said Healani is on a five-year building program. "We'll eventually get them (Outrigger)," he said.

OH CRA'S PRESIDENT Joan Malama said most clubs are short of paddlers. "Except for the big three (Outrigger, Kailua and Hui Nalu) it's a real problem and I have no answer," she said. OH CRA, and the Hui Wa'a Association, have several small

inactive clubs on their respective rolls.

Malama was critical of those high school coaches who discourage their athletes from paddling during the summer.

Surfer/canoe paddler Rell Sunn of Makaha suggested that small clubs consolidate their paddlers to fill out crews: "What we don't need are more inactive clubs," she said.

Mayor Frank Fasi said yesterday that something should be done about the derelict ships

which litter Keehi Lagoon. "Remove those boats," he said, "and you could set several more (racing) lanes." Fasi also said that crushed coral, or sand, might spruce up Keehi's rocky beachfront. "Canoe racing is important to our people," he said, "and we want to preserve it."

Last Saturday at Keehi Lagoon, Ka Mo'i won Hui Wa'a's Association's "AA" division championship while Koa Kai took the Hui Wa'a "A" division title.



**TURNING IT ON**—The Outrigger Canoe Club's Michael Clifford, Mark Buck, Steve Quinn and Tim Guard (right to left) and Tommy Holmes and Bruce Ames (not shown) prepares to make the turn on the way to a one-second victory over Hui Nalu in the Men's Masters race yesterday on Keehi Lagoon.—Star-Bulletin Photo by Ken Sakamoto.

# OHCRA

## OAHU CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

At Keehi Lagoon

### TEAM STANDINGS

**AA Division**—1. Outrigger 101 pts. 2. Kailua 63. 3. Hui Nalu 56. 4. Healani 30.  
**A Division**—1. Hui Lanakila 18. 2. Anuenue 11. 3. Waikiki Surf 10. 4. Waimanalo 9. 5. Lanikai 8. 6. Leeward Kai 7. 7. Kai Oni 6. 8. Hawaiian Warriors 5.

### RACE RESULTS

#### MEN

**12-A—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Kailua (Kapono Souza, Pono Lealao, Keiki Watson, Chris Sheeder, Michael Mikalea, Alike Cavaco) 2:28.50. 2. Healani 2:30.35. 3. Hui Nalu 2:32.26.

**12-B—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Rory Harada, Le Shane Bannister, Benjamin Dumarán, Shawn Bannister, Atta Cortez) 2:27.65. 2. Outrigger 2:29.12. 3. Leeward Kai 2:33.52. 4. Kailua 2:39.91.

**13—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Leon Soong, Matthew Smith, Frank Nojima, Shawn Mutch, Kalei Akeo, Nalu Kukea) 2:16.66. 2. Leeward Kai 2:17.32. 3. Healani 2:18.61. 4. Outrigger 2:19.35.

**14—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Jonathan Glaser, Hunter Eggers, Deke Kilpatrick, Craig Campbell, Wyatt Jones, Heath Hemmings) 2:03.22. 2. Kai Oni 2:06.61. 3. Leeward Kai 2:06.92. 4. Waimanalo 2:11.06.

**16—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Chad Dunhour, Guy Schneider, Aaron Keaoha, Cary Oshiro, Kenny Miller, Mark Kekoa) 4:09.74. 2. Kai Oni 4:10.20. 3. Healani 4:11.39. 4. Outrigger 4:12.35.

**18—(1-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Mark Sandvold, Alan Pflueger, Todd Sandvold, Howie Klemmer, Loch Eggers, Paul Friese) 7:54.25. 2. Kailua 8:18.75. 3. Healani 8:27.96. 4. Hui Lanakila 8:30.76.

**Novice A—(3/4-Mile):** 1. Healani (Reny Pili, Mikel Fojas, Andy Van Bourg, Craig Tillman, Russell Akamine, Joseph Volack) 6:07.79. 2. Outrigger 6:30.33. 3. Hawaiian Warriors 6:33.39. 4. Waikiki Surf 6:35.49.

**Novice B—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Dennis Franklin, Herb Wilson, Tai Over, John Steinmiller, Jeff Hottendorf, Chris Winn) 4:03.68. 2. Outrigger 4:05.24. 3. Kailua 4:14.28. 4. Hui Lanakila 4:16.88.

**Freshmen—(1-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Kendall Bentliff, Charles Judd, Dana Rupey, Greg Rudin, Scott Rolles, Billy Eggers) 7:37.03. 2. Kailua 7:53.50. 3. Hui Lanakila 8:00.15. 4. Hui Nalu 8:00.40.

**Sophomores—(1 1/2-Miles):** 1. Outrigger (Billy Foytich, Keahi Farden, Chris Kincaid, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Mike Turner, Aka Hemmings) 11:44.81. 2. Hui Lanakila 12:24.81. 3. Hui Nalu 12:29.94. 4. Kailua 12:37.23.

**Juniors—(2-Miles):** 1. Outrigger (Mike Fox, Henry Ayau, Kevin Olds, John Finney, Karl Meyer IV, Tom Conner) 15:53.64. 2. Hui Nalu 16:31.29. 3. Hui Lanakila 16:47.37. 4. Kailua 17:04.72.

**Seniors—(2 1/2-Miles):** 1. Outrigger (Ed Pickering, Bill Bright, Bob Riley, Walter Guld, Marc Haine, Mike Lemes) 20:04.74. 2. Hui Nalu 20:20.00. 3. Kailua 20:54.87.

**Masters—(1-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Michael Clifford, Mark Buck, Steve Quinn, Tim Guard, Tommy Holmes, Bruce Ames) 7:55.31. 2. Hui Nalu 7:56.30. 3. Kailua 8:00.93. 4. Hawaiian Warriors 8:38.15.

**Senior Masters—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Hui Lanakila (Dickie Abbey, Dennis Hirayama, Peter Oliveira, William Soares, John Davis, Sam Kaawa) 4:00.62. 2. Outrigger 4:03.66. 3. Healani 4:04.84. 4. Kailua 4:07.76.

**Open 4—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Healani (Eddie Hoopil, Mike Ben, Keith Kaleo, Sherwood Nakamura) 4:13.16. 2. Anuenue 4:16.19. 3. Hui Nalu 4:19.44. 4. Hui Lanakila 4:20.44.

#### WOMEN

**12—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Kailua (Jenny Freeman, Lozette Medeiros, Dayna Ng, Kanani Wong, Faysha Pukea, Kim Huffman) 2:42.05. 2. Waimanalo 2:46.40. 3. Lanikai 2:57.89. 4. Hui Nalu 3:14.05.

**13—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Dione Wilbur, Malia Kamisugi, Cynthia Sheehan, Malia Buck, Shandy Danford, Jackie Muller) 2:21.70. 2. Hui Nalu 2:31.80. 3. Waikiki Surf 2:34.29. 4. Kailua 2:35.77.

**14—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Kailua (Katie Goldcamp, Amy Rothell, Melissa Naone, Lisa Calderia, Kristine Kotton, Kathy Harine) 2:23.60. 2. Outrigger 2:24.24. 3. Healani 2:26.80. 4. Hui Lanakila 2:28.39.

**16—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Kailua (Mikell Baldwin, Jean Stewart, Luzette Pedrina, Robin Rodrigues, Viola Wong, Johanna Conlon) 4:43.51. 2. Outrigger 4:48.96. 3. Lanikai 4:53.82. 4. Hui Nalu 4:54.45.

**18—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Mia Kresser, Sheila Stehauer, Melissa Wheelness, Katie McCrary, Sara Ackerman, Kimie Merrill) 4:40.28. 2. Hui Nalu 4:52.30. 3. Healani 4:56.30. 4. Kailua 4:57.22.

**Novice A—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Kailua (Patti Doyle, Jodi Davis, Gail Reeves, Shelley Steinmiller, Ellissa Gilliland, Debbie Simmons) 4:35.44. 2. Hui Nalu 4:42.41. 3. Outrigger 4:48.86. 4. Healani 4:49.00.

**Novice B—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Anuenue (Marie Kramer, Sandra Huntley, Pam Kuehl, Nancy Tapia, Lillian Rodriguez, Michele Varin) 2:16.80. 2. Outrigger 2:18.26. 3. Kailua 2:21.81. 4. Waikiki Surf Club 2:23.15.

**Freshmen—(3/4-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Malia Snyder, Cathy Ho, Colleen Keane-Quinn, Jill Anderson, Cindy White, Jona Lemes) 6:56.69. 2. Kailua 7:16.12. 3. Healani 7:24.69. 4. Anuenue 7:25.64.

**Sophomores—(1-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Karen Jones, Pili Schneider, Heidi Friese, Lorlee Strom, Chrissy Benham, Kelly Hutchinson) 9:08.13. 2. Kailua 9:09.11. 3. Healani 9:19.49. 4. Hui Lanakila 9:49.84.

**Juniors—(1 1/4-Miles):** 1. Kailua (Vivian Fo, Debra Jacobs, Lynn Heen, Sissi Gilliland, Bernie Gay, Carleen Ornellas) 11:36.30. 2. Outrigger 11:42.29. 3. Hui Nalu 12:27.25.

**Seniors—(1 1/2-Miles):** 1. Outrigger (Leslie Conner, Muffer Scully, Tiare Richard-Finney, Traci Phillips, Sandra Stanley, Mary Franco) 13:28.49. 2. Hui Nalu 19:58.53.

**Masters—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Paddy Dunn, Kathy Clifford, Hilary Eggers, Ann Cundall, Kehau Kea, Cathy Ostrom) 4:41.38. 2. Lanikai 4:44.29. 3. Hui Nalu 4:45.29. 4. Kailua 4:56.25.

**Senior Masters—(1/4-Mile):** 1. Outrigger (Ululani Davis, Gerry Pedesky, Marilyn Haine, Ruby Iverson, Diane Stowell, Keanuene Rochien) 2:23.21. 2. Kailua 2:28.69. 3. Hui Nalu 2:38.18. 4. Lanikai 2:40.36.

**Open 4—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Chriss Frank, Lou Jane Lee, Karen Guenther, Denise Darval) 5:05.39. 2. Kailua 5:12.04. 3. Anuenue 5:18.89. 4. Hui Lanakila 5:19.70.

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**Event 19—(1/2-Mile):** 1. Waimanalo (Dutch Steel, Carole McLean, Roberta Wallwork, Linda Ramos, Bud Widemann, Luana Perry) 4:16.71. 2. Outrigger 4:16.80. 3. Hawaiian Warriors 4:17.04. 4. Waikiki Surf Club 4:19.19.