

# Kai Oni, Hui Nalu OHCRA Champions

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Kai Oni Canoe Club Coach David Kalama has been paddling for 16 years. 15 of them as a steersman. He has steered seven crews to state championships, and yesterday the second-year head coach navigated his resurgent club to the Division A Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association crown at Keehi Lagoon.

Defending champion Hui Nalu Canoe Club repeated as OHCRA titlist in Division AA for larger clubs entering 16 or more events. Nalu amassed 67 points to Outrigger Canoe Club's 60 and Healan's 53. In Division A standings, Hui Lanakila ranked second with 22 points behind Kai Oni's 28.

The characteristics of a good steersman, Kalama explained thoughtfully, are "perception, a lot of feeling for the boat, reading of the water and wind being aware of the members of the crew."

Kalama, 25, has parlayed these kinds of qualities into an extraordinary rebirth of the club his father co-founded nearly three decades ago. Kai Oni is the sixth oldest of OHCRA's 19 member clubs, having been started by Joseph Kalama Sr. in 1954.

**THE YOUNGER KALAMA** credits Kai Oni's recent success to members' regular attendance at practice, hard work and respect for equipment and fellow paddlers. He places a premium on such standbys as discipline, aggressiveness, humility and the desire to win.

"We want people who want to win with that winning attitude," Kalama said. "We dismissed the crews because they didn't

have the proper attitude," he added.

The 70 members who remained formed eight crews. All eight finished in the money yesterday. Kai Oni's 12-B boys captured their sixth gold in seven races with an impressive 24-second win over Kukini Canoe Club. Other firsts were for girls' 14, boys' 14 and freshmen men, second in sopho-

more men; thirds in girls' 12 and 16, and fourth in novice B men.

Seven of the eight crews have qualified for this Saturday's state championships at Keehi Lagoon — three of them as the top-rated crews in their divisions.

A young team, Kai Oni ranges in age from 18-23. The two oldest paddlers are 26 and 30 Kimberly Stephenson. 22, coaches the club's

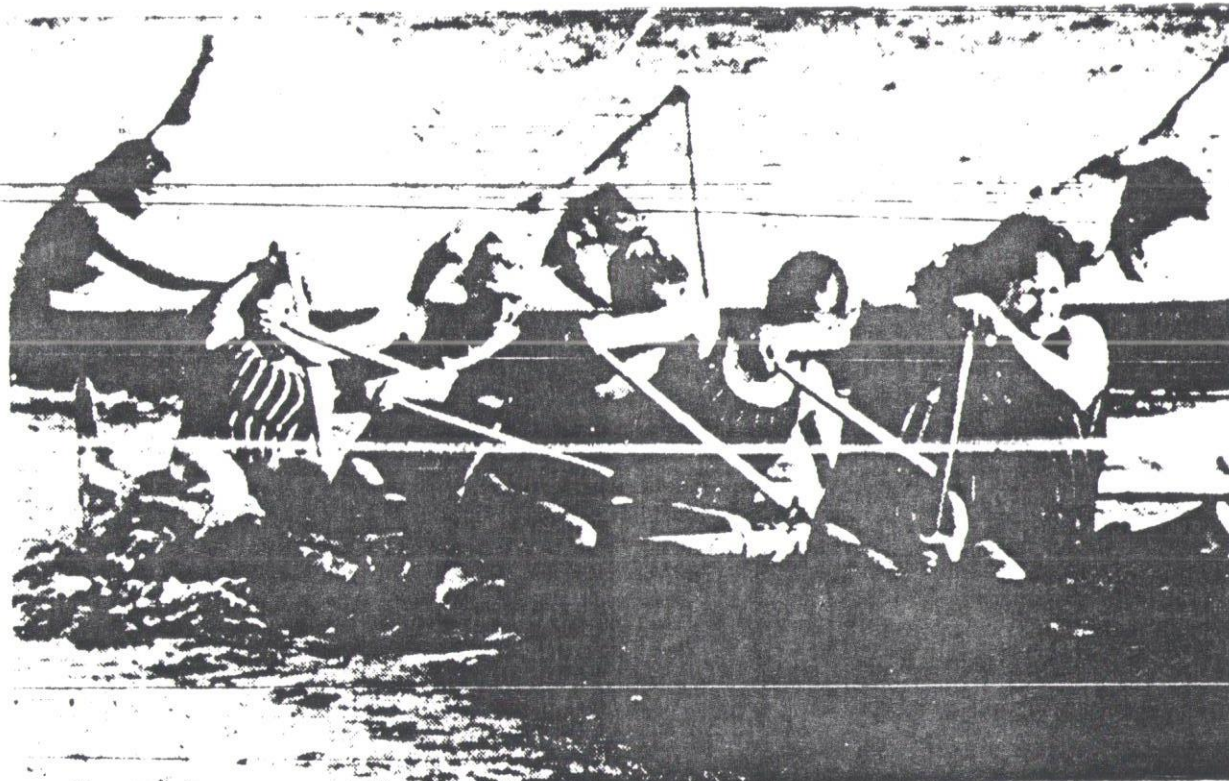
three female crews.

But the Lanikai-based team has launched a recruiting campaign because next year it wants "to become a double-A club, and to be as consistent as this year. My goal is to win the channel (Molokai-to-Oahu race) someday," Kalama said.

Kai Oni auspiciously means turbulent seas, reflecting Wind-

ward Oahu's sometimes choppy seas, as well as Molokai's Kai Channel.

**TURBULENCE AT Waimana** last week delayed the Wrig Bowman Regatta, which was called due to darkness. Thus, Division AA powerhouse Outrigger Canoe Club started and ended yesterday with doubles in its prestigious senior women's and men's races. OHC's dominance in the senior contests earned it points and a first-place tie with Nalu for the interrupted Waimana race, along with second place yesterday.



**NALU NAVIGATING**—Members of the Hui Nalu senior women's crew (Lita Blankenfeld, Nalani Spencer, Trish Gallagher, Lindsay Styan, Carol Kukea and Denise Darvel) makes the turn in chasing winning Outrigger Canoe Club (in background).—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.

# Paddling OHCRA

## OHU STATE CHAMPIONSHIP At Keahi Lagoon MEM

**12-Years-Old-A (1/2-mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Nalu Kueo, Justin Thain, Moki Akeo, Eric Proctor, Leon Soong, Kalu Jones) 2 270 2. Lanikai 2 78 4 3. Outrigger CC 2 34 8 4. Healani 2 56 9

**12-B (1/2-mile):** 1. Kai Oni (Nelson Lum, John Makuaole, Kelly CaCal, Troy Inouye, Aaron Rutledge, Chris Kaku, Samson 2 270 2. Kukini 2 48 3 3. Lanikai 2 48 9 4. Outrigger CC 2 53 5

**13 (1/2-mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Chad Dunhour, Todd Hammond, Aaron Kekauaha, Cary Oshiro, Kenny Miller, Mark Kekoa) 2 114 2. Waikiki Surf 2 15 3 3. Healani 2 18 6 4. Kailua 2 22 0

**14 (1/2-mile):** 1. Kai Oni (Shaun Garcia, Mike Borimas, Derek Ah Sui, Grant Kauahi, Jason Costa, Chad Scores) 2 133 2. Hui Lanakila 2 18 1 3. Hui Nalu 2 25 2 4. Healani 2 25 8

**16 (1/2-mile):** 1. Outrigger CC (Mark Sandvold, Alan Pelueger, Todd Sandvold, Howie Klemmer, Mark Norfleet, Paul Frieser) 4 17 3 2. Lanikai 4 21 6 3. Healani 4 23 7 4. Hui Lanakila 4 30 5

**18 (1/2-mile):** 1. Kailua (Dave Gordon, Jason Teramae, Doug Paterson, Joey Kahaanui, John Araujo, Derek Katayama) 8 28 3 2. Hui Nalu 8 29 9 3. Healani 8 37 5 4. Hawaiian Warriors 8 50 5

**Novice A (1/2-mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (John Marloio, Daniel Fudge, Don Casto, Michael Stewart, Jack DiIullo, Teatea Taufaha) 6 28 8 2. Hawaiian Warriors 6 33 7 3. Healani 6 34 0 4. Hui Lanakila 6 34 7

**Novice B (1/2-mile):** 1. Outrigger CC (Eric Lamberg, Dana Rupey, Pokii Vaughn, Chris Kincaid, Rick Sakamoto, Robbie Bright) 4 11 3 2. Hui Nalu 4 12 1 3. Healani 4 12 8 4. Kai Oni 4 15 2

**Freshmen (1/2-mile):** 1. Kai Oni (Dave Prosser, Hal Stephenson, Noel Prosser, Mike Moen, Virgil Ramos, John Puakea) 8 07 6 2. Outrigger CC 8 15 2 3. Hui Lanakila 8 16 0 4. Healani 8 22 0

**Sophomores (1 1/2-miles):** 1. Anuenue (Ronnie Ayau, Stan Tobias, Walt Shultz, John Pabillano, James Felipe, Nappy Napoles) 12 78 2 2. Kai Oni 12 72 5 3. Outrigger CC 12 77 4 4. Hui Nalu 12 46

**Juniors (2-miles):** 1. Outrigger CC (Gib Bintliff, Henry Ayau, Karl Heyer, John Finney, Alan Rosehill, Fred Hemmings) 16 06 1 2. Hui Nalu 16 17 1 3. Lanikai 16 53 5 4. Waikiki Surf 17 27 4

**Seniors (2 1/2-miles):** 1. Outrigger CC (Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Brant Ackerman) 19 28 8 2. Hui Nalu 20 08 1 3. Kailua 20 32 0 4. Lanikai 20 58 8

**Open-4 (1 1/2-mile):** 1. Hui Nalu (Brenton Block, Marshall Fengerstrom, Jimmy Peterson, Kevin Omsi) 4 30 8 2. Hui Lanakila 4 32 8 3. Lanikai 4 40 0 4. Waikiki Surf 4 40 6

**Masters (1-mile):** 1. Healani (Lance Yamamoto, Lloyd Yamasa, Bill Awa, Jim Ruler, Ray Suga, Gary Murakami) 8 05 0 2. Hui Nalu 8 20 3 3. Kailua 8 26 2 4. Outrigger CC 8 32 2

**Senior Masters (1 1/2-mile):** 1. Outrigger CC (Kim Wootaway, John Beaumont, Jack Mallice, Linc Scaf, Norman Dumire, Hank Lass) 4 16 8 2. Healani 4 21 2 3. Hui Nalu 4 24 5 4. Kailua 4 28 8

### GIRLS

**12 (1/2-mile):** 1. Healani (Deirdre Calhau, Violet Poaha, Shareen Kahaeku, Cheryl Pohina, Darrah Goo, Keali Loo) 2 43 1 2. Kailua 2 51 2 3. Kai Oni 2 51 8 4. Hui Nalu 2 52 4

**13 (1/2-mile):** 1. Healani (Dellas Kahaeko, Lisa Hirahaka, Christie Poaha, Honey Nalu, Tamy Yamamoto, Tina Pabillano) 2 30 1 2. Kailua 2 42 2 3. Hui Nalu 2 44 8 4. Waimanalo 2 46 2

**14 (1/2-mile):** 1. Kai Oni (Michelle Apana, Marlo Lum, Karen Kawawa, Tami Hansen, Joni Tamara, Jeanine Ke) 2 34 5 2. Kailua 2 38 1 3. Healani 2 41 0 4. Outrigger CC 2 48 0

**16 (1/2-mile):** 1. Healani (Jaycee Young, Maha May, Dana Meader, Diana Ontai, Trina Baroman, Michelle Morrison) 4 53 0 2. Kailua 5 01 4 3. Kai Oni 5 02 5 4. Lanikai 5 08 4

**18 (1/2-mile):** 1. Outrigger CC (Heidi Frieser, Tia Payes, Chrissy Bentham, Melissa Wheelness, Cathy Low, Colleen Kelley) 4 46 1 2. Lanikai 4 51 0 3. Anuenue 5 15 4 4. Hawaiian Warriors 5 11 9

**Novice A (1/2-mile):** 1. Kailua (Casey Beck, JoAnne Jenkins, Mary Alice Woody, Kelly Sylva, Elizabeth Bruhn, Pua Sigler) 4 53 7 2. Hui Nalu 5 02 2 3. Healani 5 07 8 4. Anuenue 5 10 3

**Novice B (1/2-mile):** 1. Waimanalo (Carolyn McLean, Mary Ann Crowell, Keali Colburn, Jobleen Awa, Deana Kupa, Arnold Kamahele) 4 11 9 2. Outrigger CC 4 34 5 3. Healani 4 36 6 4. Hui Nalu 4 37 9

**Freshmen (1/2-mile):** 1. Healani (Vaike Kauahi, Cathy Kam, C J Mackinnay, Sharon Atwood, Luce Morawam, Robin Nana) 7 26 8 2. Hui Lanakila 7 34 6 3. Waikiki Surf 8 20 3

**Sophomores (1-mile):** 1. Healani (Patsy Vasquez, Norma Yuskos, Rosemary McShane, Elizabeth Loo, Pam Larsen, Janelle Beatrice) 9 34 8 2. Kailua 9 44 6 3. Lanikai 9 47 8 4. Hui Nalu 9 48 1

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**Masters (1/2-mile):** 1. Kailua (Sarah Dougherty, Marion Scaf, Dana Poteef, Beverly Allen, Mary Moore, Pat DeLong) 5 06 2 2. Lanikai 5 07 4 3. Hui Nalu 5 14 9 4. Hui Lanakila 5 25 6

### MIXED

**12 1/2:** 1. Outrigger (Peter Dembeau, Alevi Brimk, Grant Sennar, Jay Wood, Pam Clifford, Jenny Wheelon) 3 07 1 2. Hawaiian Warriors 3 09 5 3. Lanikai 3 29 1

**Open:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Tom Yen, Kawena Chun, Sissy Kamahe, Pat Gomes, Atetha Yen, John Mendiola) 4 18 8 2. Kailua 4 24 1 3. Hui Nalu 4 26 9 4. Healani 4 31 8

### TEAM STANDINGS

**AA-1:** Hui Nalu, 67 points 2. Outrigger Canoe Club, 60 3. Healani, 53 4. Kailua, 52 5. Lanikai, 23 6. Anuenue, 11 7. Waikiki Surf, 7 8. Hawaiian Warriors, 5

**A-1:** Kai Oni, 28 points 2. Hui Lanakila, 22 3. Kukini, 3

**Not scoring—HANG Ohana, Honolulu Canoe Club, Leeward Kai, Makaha, Ohana O Ke Kai.**