



Turn, turn, turn

ta Blankenfeld leans hard against her paddle to help Hui Nalu's senior women's crew (foreground) make the second of three turns in its 1 1/2-mile race in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship regatta on Keehi Lagoon. In the background, Outrigger has completed the turn and its paddlers are leaning hard to renew their canoe's momentum. Visible in Outrigger's canoe are, left to right, Evie Black Wong, Mary Ann Clare, Donna Kahakui and Puffer Scully.

OCC a fast second

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Hui Nalu rules in OHCRA

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Paddlers from Oahu (including the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association), Maui, Kauai, Molokai and the Big Island will come to Keehi Lagoon Aug. 13 for the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship regatta. Hanalei Civic Canoe Club of Kauai is the defending champion.

Hui Nalu overcame a controversy and a fast finish by Outrigger Canoe Club yesterday to win its second consecutive Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship on Keehi Lagoon.

Hui Nalu, a 200-member Hawaii club, scored 67 points in the 29-race program. Outrigger, which won the day's last three races, was second with 60 points.

But Outrigger would have been a 2-60 victor if officials had nullified a victory by Hui Nalu in the junior women's race.

That became a distinct possibility after Kailua, runner-up in that race, filed a protest against Hui Nalu for illegal coaching. Tom Conner, coach of Hui Nalu's junior women, was shouting to his crew from a boat as they paddled on a parallel course.

Kailua officials said Conner was on the course and his crew should have been disqualified.

"Pretty soon we might have everybody's surfboard and kayak following, and it'll be a madhouse," Kailua member Joan Malama said.

Conner said he was not on the

course but paddled next to it, like a man following a football game by running along the sideline. "I wasn't on the course," said Conner, whose wife, Lesline, paddles in the crew. "I was in lane 0-0."

OHCRA president Mike Tongg declared that "you can't be anywhere in that area."

But the protest committee ruled in Hui Nalu's favor because there is no rule on the books addressing what Conner did.

"There's no rule that says what was done is illegal or wrong," committee member Moku Froieth said. "But we have an unwritten rule saying you have to stay off the course."

OHCRA officials said that rule probably will be written down soon.

If the protest had been upheld, Hui Nalu would have lost seven points for first place and OCC would have gained two points for advancing from third to second.

"Winning that way would have been a hollow victory," Outrigger

paddler Walter Guild said. But did Hui Nalu gain an advantage from Conner's presence? "It was a real close race," Guild said. "You never know."

It was close — Hui Nalu won the 1 1/4-mile race by three-tenths of a second — and a heartbreaker for Kailua, which had dominated the junior women's race all year and was beaten out in the final standings for third place by Healani, 53-52.

Whether Conner's shouting ("He was only yelling at me," Lesline said) made any difference or not, there was another explanation for Hui Nalu's surprising victory in the junior women's race.

The six-woman crew had been juggled, putting veteran paddler Lanakila Spencer in the front seat for the first time this year. As the stroke paddler, Spencer had the responsibility of setting the pace.

"They've had their troubles," Hui Nalu coach Kala Kukea said. "We finally went to Lana, and she's got

guts that won't ever quit. She dis-

down deep."

Spencer said she set a pace "in the high 60s (strokes per minute)" in the crucial stretches of the race.

"I was glad I had a chance to stroke this race," Spencer said. "I really wanted it. This was one of the first years I've watched the winner come in and not be a winner myself. This just feels really good."

That was a "bonus" victory, a

were triumphs by Hui Nalu's women masters and men senior master.

Kukea said Hui Nalu won because it was the "first time we had all our strongest crews in there at the same time."

Hui Nalu built a big enough cushion to withstand Outrigger's familiar strong finish. If anything, OCC had become more potent at the end of regattas, adding a champion junior men's crew to its almost untouchable senior women's and men's crews.

"Hui Nalu had been kicking our butt with their 'Hoe Hui' sprint," OCC junior Karl Heyer said. "This time we beat 'em with our 'Getting the Hell out of Dodge' kick."

Outrigger's 16-year-old boys were named the season's outstanding crew and won six paddles from the

to second OH CRA title in row

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OH CRA. OCC's 16s and its senior women were unbeaten this year.

Healani led yesterday's regatta with four events left, but its lack of depth betrayed it. "We'll be in there at the state," coach Gary Murakami said. "If the Neighbor Island clubs break up the points, we should be in there."

Kai Oni won the A (small club) division and will split the grand prize — a 20-ton koa log from the Big Island — with AA champion Hui Nalu. The log was donated by Hui Nalu and will be used to build canoes.

OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION

Championships at Keolu Lagoon

Men

12 B-1 Kai Oni (Neilson Lum, John Makuaole, Kelly Lecal, Troy Inouye, Aaron Rutledge, Chris McGuire) 2 22 3 2 Kukini 2 48 3 3 Lanikai 2 48 9 4 Outrigger 2 53 5 12 A-1 Hui Nalu (Nalu Kukea, Justin Thain, Moki Akeo, Eric Proctor, Leon Soong, Kalua Jones) 2 27 0 2 Lanikai 2 28 4 3 Outrigger 2 34 8 4 Healani 2 56 9 13-1 Hui Nalu (Chad Dunhour, Todd Hammond, Aaron Kehauoha, Cary Oshiro, Kenny Miller, Mark Kekoa) 2 11 4 2 Waikiki Surf 2 15 3 3 Healani 2 16 4 4 Kailua 2 22 0 14-1 Kai Oni (Shaun Garcia, Mike Bortmas, Derek Ah Sui, Grant Kauahr, Jason Costa, Chad Soares) 2 13 3 2 Hui Lanakila 2 18 1 3 Hui Nalu 2 25 2 4 Healani 2 25 8 11 Novice B-1 Outrigger (Eric Lamberg, Dana Ruppey, Peku Vaughn, Chris Kippard, Rick Sakamoto, Robbie Bright) 4 11 3 2 Hui Nalu 4 12 1 3 Healani 4 12 8 4 Kai Oni 4 15 2 16-1 Outrigger (Mark Sandvold, Alan Peluenger, Todd Sandvold, Howie Klemmer, Mark Norfleet, Paul Fries) 4 17 3 2 Lanikai 4 21 6 3 Healani 4 23 7 4 Hui Lanakila 4 30 5 11 Senior Masters-1 Outrigger (Kim Woolaway, John Beaumont, Jack Matrice, Linc Scafe, Norman Dunmire, Hank Lass) 4 16 8 2 Healani 4 21 2 3 Hui Nalu 4 24 5 4 Kailua 4 28 8 11 Open Four-1 Hui Nalu (Brenton Block, Marshall Forgerstrom, Jimmy Peterson, Kevin Olds) 4 30 8 2 Hui Lanakila 4 32 8 3 Lanikai 4 40 0 4 Waikiki Surf 4 40 6 11 Novice A-1 Hui Nalu (John Mailolo, Daniel Fudge, Don Costa, Michael Stewart, Jack Ditulio, Teatea Tauotaha) 6 28 8 2 Hawaiian Warriors 6 33 7 3 Healani 6 34 0 4 Hui Lanakila 6 34 7 18-1 Kailua (Dave Gordon, Jason Teramae, Doug Patterson, Joey Kahaanu, John Araujo, Derek Ka Tayama) 8 28 3 2 Hui Nalu 8 29 9 3 Healani 8 37 5 4 Hawaiian Warriors 8 50 5 11 Freshman-1 Kai Oni (Dave Prosser, Hal Stephenson, Noel Prosser, Mike Moen, Virgin Ramos, John Puakea) 8 07 6 2 Outrigger 8 15 2 3 Hui Lanakila 8 16 0 4 Healani 8 22 0 11 Masters-1 Healani (Lance Yamamoto, Lloyd Yamasaki, Bill Awa, Jim Riley, Ray Suga, Gary Murakami) 8 05 0 2 Hui Nalu 8 20 3 3 Kailua 8 26 2 4 Outrigger 8 32 2 11 Sophomore-1 Anuenue

(Ronnie Ayau, Stan Tobias, Walt Shults, John Pablano, James Felipe, Nappy Napoleon) 1 28 2 2 Kai Oni 12 32 5 3 Outrigger 12 32 7 4 Hui Nalu 12 46 1 11 Junior-1 Outrigger (Gib Birtiff, Henry Ayau, Karl Heyer, John Finney, Alan Rosehill, Fred Hemmings) 16 06 1 2 Hui Nalu 16 17 1 3 Lanikai 16 53 4 4 Waikiki Surf 17 27 4 11 Senior-1 Outrigger (Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Brant Ackerman) 19 26 4 2 Hui Nalu 20 08 1 3 Kailua 20 53 9 4 Lanikai 20 56 6

Women

12-1-1 Healani (Dedre Calhau, Violet Poaha, Shaheen Kaheaku, 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 Healani (Deilas Kaheaku, Lisa Hironaka, Christie Poaha, Honey Naluai, Tamy Yamamoto, Tina Pablano) 2 40 1 2 Kailua 2 42 2 3 Hui Nalu 2 44 8 4 Waimanalo 2 46 2 14-1 Kai Oni (Michelle Apana, Marlo Lum, Karen Serikawa, Tami Hanson, Joni Tamura, Jeanine Ke) 2 34 5 2 Kailua 2 38 1 3 Healani 2 41 1 4 Outrigger 2 48 0 11 Novice B-1 Waimanalo (Carolyn McLean, Mary Ann Crowell, Keali Colburn, Johleen Ama, Deanna Kupahu, Arnoletie Kaehe) 2 31 9 2 Outrigger 2 34 5 3 Healani 2 36 6 4 Hui Nalu 2 37 9 11 Masters-1 Kailua (Sarah Dougherty, Marion Scafe, Diana Poteat, 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 18-1 Healani (Jaycee Young, Maira May, Dana Meader, Diana Ontai, Trina Boreman, Michelle Harrison) 4 53 0 2 Kailua 5 01 4 3 Kai Oni 5 02 0 4 Lanikai 5 08 4 18-1 Outrigger (Heidi Fries, Tia Payes, Chrissy Bonham, Melissa Wheelness, Cathy Low, Colleen Kelley) 4 46 1 2 Lanikai 4 51 0 3 Anuenue 5 10 4 4 Hawaiian Warriors 5 11 9 11 Novice A-1 Kailua (Casey Beck, JoAnne Jenkins, Mary Alice Woody, Kelly Sylca, Elizabeth Bruhn, Pua Sigler) 4 53 7 2 Hui Nalu 5 02 2 3 Healani 5 02 8 4 Anuenue 5 10 3 11 Open 4-1 Kailua (Jennifer Scafe, Loey Bode, Anne Malama, Luanna Burke) 5 15 3 2 Hui Lanakila 5 17 7 3 Outrigger 5 20 4 4 Lanikai 5 23 5 11 Freshman-1 Healani (Valerie Kauahi, Cathy Kam, C.J. McKinney, Sharon Alwood, Laurie Murakami, Robin Nonaka) 7 26 8 2 Hui Lanakila 7 34 6 3 Waikiki Surf 8 20 3 4 Anuenue 8 20 0 11 Sophomore-1 Healani (Patsy Vasquez, Norma Yuskos, Rosemary McShane, Elizabeth Loo, Pam Larsen, Janelle Beattier) 9 34 6 2 Kailua 9 44 6 3 Lanikai 9 47 8 4 Hui Nalu 9 48 1 11 Junior-1 Hui Nalu (Lanakila Spencer, Leslinne Conner, Michele Kapana, Marlon Lyman, Meseleau, Sharon Bourke, Kehau McGuire) 11 42 1 2 Kailua 11 42 4 3 Outrigger 13 15 9 4 Anuenue 14 16 0 11 Senior-1 Outrigger (Mary Franco, Muller Scully, Donna Kahagui, Kaiahi Downing, Mary Ann Clark, Evie Black, Worji) 13 34 4 2 Hui Nalu 13 36 2 3 Kailua 14 19 0 4 Anuenue 15 00 7

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11 Club scoring
AA Division-1 Hui Nalu 67 points 2 Outrigger 60 3 Healani 53 4 Kailua 52 5 Lanikai 23 6 Anuenue 11 7 Waikiki Surf 7 8 Hawaiian Warriors 5 A Division-1 Kai Oni 28 2 Hui Lanakila 22 3 Waimanalo 6 4 Kukini 3

10 Completion of suspended regatta
July 24
Senior women-1 Outrigger-13 38.2 2 Hui Nalu 13 57.9 3 Anuenue-15 09.5
Senior men-1 Outrigger 19 36.6 2 Hui Nalu 20 16.5 3 Kailua 20 59.6 4 Leeward Kai-21 07.0
Club scoring-AA Division-1 (tie) Outrigger and Hui Nalu 57 points each 3 Kailua 54 4 Healani 38 5 Lanikai 32 A Division-1 Hui Lanakila 36 2 Kai Oni 25 3 Waikiki Surf 10 4 Hawaiian Warriors 8