

# There's no doubt, Hui Nalu is No. 1

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The canoes had covered one-third of the four-mile senior men's course when Myron Thompson sensed trouble.

Thompson, steersman for Hui Nalu, saw his crew was trailing Lanikai by four lengths in the main event at yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championships on Keolu Lagoon.

"When we saw we were four lengths down at the first flag," Thompson said, "we decided it was going to be a muscle race — all our technique and fitness went right out the window."

So they dug in. And with a half-mile to go, Hui Nalu muscled its way past Lanikai to win the race and bring the last drop of suspense out of a regatta dominated by Hui Nalu as few regattas have been dominated before.

Hui Nalu, the powerful Hawaii Kai club, scored 87 points to runner-up Healani's 47. Lanikai and Outrigger tied for third with 45 points each.

Hui Nalu took nine first places, eight seconds, one third and two fourths. It was the club's fourth OHCRA title in the last five years. The title was clinched with 10 of the 25 events still to be run, after back-to-back victories by Hui Nalu's senior women and senior men midway through the meet swelled its total to 57 points.

Hui Nalu coach Kala Kukea could scarcely believe the haul. At day's end, Thompson told him, "I think I heard 84 (points)."

"Gee, I don't know — I can't believe that," Kukea said.

A few minutes later, it was blared over the loudspeakers — "Hui Nalu, 87" — and Kukea suddenly had dutifully swallowing his sandwich.

"Hui Nalu walked away with today's regatta," said Steve

Scott, coach of Outrigger's upper-division men. "They just did so well in the kids, winning the first two races."

"It was kind of like a snowball this year," Kukea said. "Some of our crews did well, and everybody else got pumped to win. The club is strong this year. During the season we try to use everybody, but at the championships, we use our strongest — and our strongest this year is pretty good."

Kukea's strongest crew is probably the one he paddles for, the senior men, whose only loss in 10 races this summer was a roll-of-the-dice surf race off Waikiki.

But Lanikai's young and hungry seniors led Hui Nalu for 3½ miles yesterday before succumbing to its weakness on

turns and Hui Nalu's experience.

"With a half-mile to go, we said, 'Tommy, it's up to you,'" Thompson said of Tom Conner, the senior stroke. Conner upped the pace from 60 to about 66 strokes a minute. "At a quarter-mile (from the finish) we were about at a sprint."

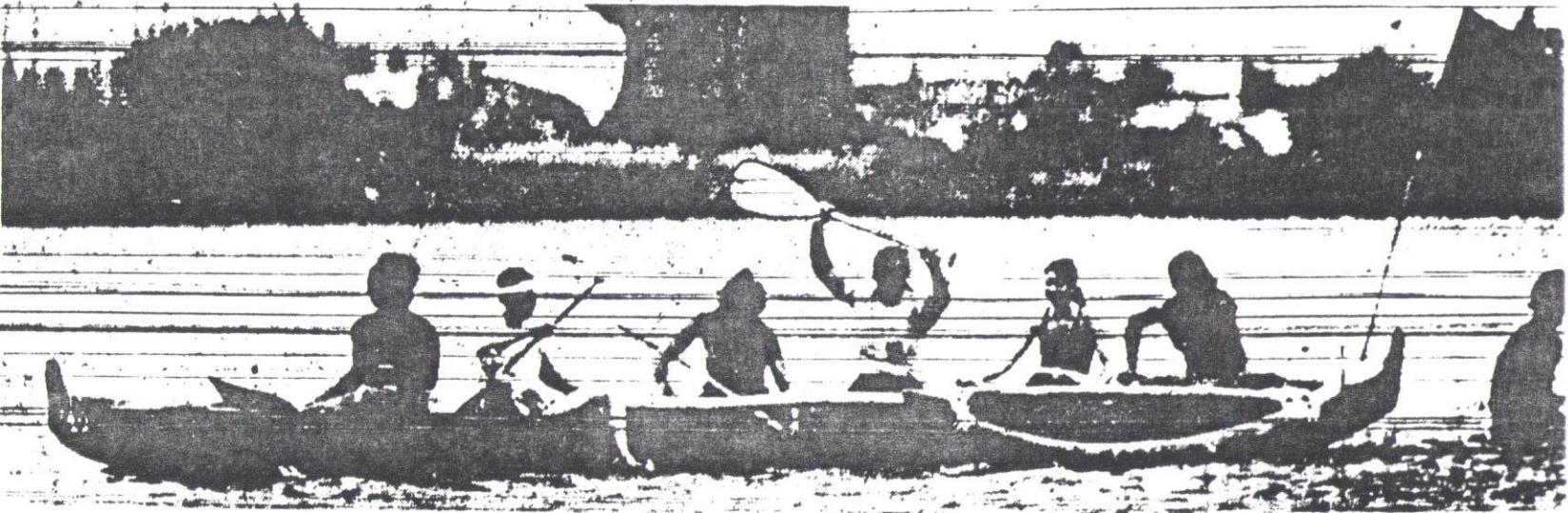
Hui Nalu finished in 83 minutes, 19.8 seconds — 7.3 seconds ahead of Lanikai. "It was our hardest race of the season by far," said Thompson, who is co-owner of a chain of shave ice stands in Hawaii and Southern California. "But as hard as it was, it was exciting and really good fun."

Part of the fun comes from the fact that three members of

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To the victor went the spoils yesterday at Keolu Lagoon, as Hui Nalu's Myron Thompson can attest (right) as he gets a kiss from fellow club member Pam Hoffman and holds the perpetual trophy given to the Oahu HCRA champion. Other Hui Nalu paddlers (below) rejoice after crossing the finish line first in the junior women's race. The paddlers, from left, are Kehau Pruet, Marian Lyman-Mersoreau, Lanekila Spencer, Michelle Kapana, Nancy Rocheleau and Kehau McGuire.



# Hui Nalu muscles out competition

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Lanikai's senior men paddled the junior event for Hui Nalu last year, and a friendly rivalry has sprouted.

"There's a very good feeling between our crews," said Steve Woods, one of the Hui Nalu emigres who now paddles for and coaches Lanikai's seniors. "Hey, we learned everything we know from them."

Said Thompson, "After the race I went up to Steve and asked him, 'Where'd you get that start?' He said from us."

Woods, Barry McKewon and Ray Lum left Hui Nalu because they realized they wouldn't crack the club's senior lineup. "Hui Nalu's seniors have been together for years, and we realized we couldn't just blend in."

Woods said, "We wanted to paddle seniors."

Woods thinks his crew — which also includes Steve Cole, Curt Sumida, Mike Knott, Rocky Owens, and Kalani Young — has a chance to knock off Hui Nalu at the HCRA state met in Hilo Saturday.

"It's only two miles with not as many turns, and we usually give up a little ground on the turns," he said. "Our advantage is that we're still improving — our main goal is distance traces."

The Hawaiian Warriors' 36-over men's crew won yesterday to join Hui Nalu's seniors as the OHCRA crews to have just one loss for the season.

Kailua's sophomore women's crew won its race yesterday and finished with the best women's record: eight victories, one "surf loss" and one victory

nullified because of disqualification.

**Diff'rent strokes:** A school of baby sharks swam around the canoes at Keehi Lagoon yesterday. "I think they were more playful than hungry," Myron Thompson said. No injuries were reported. . . . Many donations were made at yesterday's OHCRA race to the Molokai Canoe Club, whose fiberglass canoe was destroyed and koa canoe damaged recently by a fire. Donations will continue to be accepted. . . . John Reed of KKUA is soliciting Honolulu businesses to sponsor canoe regattas and distance races. Desired contribution: About \$1,200 per regatta.

## OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOC Championships at Keehi Lagoon

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**Surf Star 3** Outrigger 8:18.8 2. Ka Oni 8:18.8 Junior—1. Outrigger (Karl Meyer, John Finney, Johnny Aoki, Jay Pynchon, Jimmy Diaz, Fred Jermolung) 12:79.8 2. Leeward Ka 12:46.9 3. Lanikai 13:07.8 4. Hui Nalu 13:19.0 Senior—1. Hui Nalu (Tommy Conner, George Kissner, Bruce Blankenfeld, Kate Koles, Nevea Thompson, Myron Thompson) 33:19.8 2. Lanikai 33:27.1 3. Outrigger 33:37.8 4. Kailua 35:40.0

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**Waikiki Surf 5:00-7** 4. Outrigger 5:07-6 Freshman—1. Heleian (Valerie Kaush, Norma Santiago, Vicki Gunn, Sharon Ahmed, Lulu Budge, Robb Nengele) 4:57.7 2. Hui Nalu 4:40.1 3. Outrigger 4:43.5 4. Hawaiian Warriors 4:58.3 Sophomore—1. Kailua (Jenny Scate, Lori Bode, Ann Matema, Sandy Scate, Kalama, Andrea Ward, Luanna Burke) 4:39.2 2. Hui Nalu 4:39.7 3. Lanikai 4:43.6 4. Heleian 4:43.8 Junior—1. Hui Nalu (Kehau Pruett, Marian Lyman, Mersereau, Lanaka Spencer, Michelle Kapana, Nancy Rocheteau, Kehau McGure) 4:32.0 2. Outrigger 4:34.4 3. Heleian 4:34.4 4. Lanikai 4:38.8 Senior—1. Heleian (Lita Blankenfeld, Lindsey Sivan, Nalani Spencer, Trish Gallagher, Carol Kukes, Denise Darval) 19:04.7 2. Outrigger 19:22.9 3. Waikiki Surf 19:59.5 4. Hawaiian Warriors 22:21.0

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