

# Return to glory for Healani's canoe club

## Pulls upset to win crown

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With its Kiddie Korps and a surprising female crew leading the way, Healani Canoe Club returned to its days of glory yesterday by upsetting three-time defending champion Hui Nalu for the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title at Keehi Lagoon.

Healani jumped into a big lead by winning five of the first nine races, then hung on for dear life to edge Hui Nalu 59-56.

Outrigger and Kailua tied for third place with 44 points each. Lanikai took fifth with 30 points and Waikiki Surf Club was sixth with 26.

"It's been a long struggle, but finally we got one," Healani coach Gary "Sword" Murakami said just before his elated paddlers tosed him into the drink.

It was the fourth Oahu title for the 200-member club based at the Ala Wai Canal and its first since winning three straight in 1973-75.

"God, you can't take anything away from Healani," Hui Nalu coach Kala Kukua said. "They made a lot of points in those younger divisions. They got the momentum going for them, and it's contagious. I'll tell you: interesting season, eh?"

"Last week we were so close (losing to Outrigger 59-53)," Murakami said, "but this week we were better prepared. The young ones made us win the regatta. And the junior women really saved us, too."

For sure, Healani's junior women hadn't won its event all year, but yesterday they came from nowhere to win by three seconds over Kailua while favored Outrigger fell to fourth.

The victory gave Healani a 53-41 lead over Hui Nalu with six events to go, and, as it turned out, was the difference between the title and second place.

"The competition is so keen in this division," said Ellen Pabillano, Healani's women's assistant coach and the No. 3 paddler for the junior women. "We just put our heads together. We have so much power, so it was just a matter of putting it together." Also padding on the crew were Patsy Vasquez, Beverly Yao, Norma Yuskos, Pamela Larson and Janell Goo.

After the junior women's race everyone knew it was going to come down to the wire. Hui Nalu was shut out in the masters and mixed races, but picked up 12 points by placing second in the junior men's race and winning the senior women's

Healani, meanwhile, took two thirds and a fourth, and with the last event — the two-mile senior men's race — left. Healani held a 58-53 lead.

It was simple. Hui Nalu needed to win the senior men's race to win the title.

It didn't. Kailua won the senior men's race for the first time this year, while Healani finished fourth



## Paddle power

The Kailua Canoe Club freshman women churn through the water with perfect timing en route to a victory in yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championships at Keehi Lagoon.

in the race but first in the regatta.

"I'm glad," Pabillano said. "I think it's about time a different canoe club started winning." Hui Nalu had won the last three Oahu titles, and along with Outrigger had won all of this year's previous regattas.

"We really lacked okoles (a practice) this year, especially with the

young kids," Pabillano said.

It paid off, as Healani's Kiddie Korps blitzed the early events to give the club 36 points before lunchtime. Healani won the boys' 13-under, 14-under and 16-under and the girls' Novice B and 13-under races. Healani's women's sophomore crew also gave it a big boost when it won for the first time this year.

Hui Nalu, in comparison, scraped together 27 points before lunch while Outrigger had a measly six.

It was a slow start even for slow-starting OCC, and matters weren't helped when its koa canoe Kalkina suffered a cracked bow during the boys' 16-under race. Damage was serious enough to retire the Kalkina for the day and press the wider

Keelan into service.

"I think it hurt us," said Guild, whose freshman men's crew scored a 21-second victory to remain the OHORA's only unbeaten crew. "I don't know if it made the difference, but it definitely didn't help our women's crews. It's a bigger boat, a man's boat. But there's no excuse. Healani did a super job!"



# Oahu Canoe Results

## OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOC. OHORA Championships of Kooli Lagoon MEN

12 B—1, Kailua (New, Colffe, Skappe, Alesna, Tolan, Aldrich) 2:42.4  
2, Hui Nalu 2:43.8. 3, Hawaiian Warriors 2:45.0. 4, Makaha 2:45.3. 12 A  
—1, Lanikai (Maarey, Class, Woodbell, Valentin, Moncrief, Driscoll)  
2:06.9. 2, Kailua 2:08.8. 3, Heolani 2:09.1. 4, Waikiki Surf Club 2:13.3  
13 under—1, Heolani (Kurashige, Pang, Ferreira, Gomes, Kahoaku,  
Holl) 2:07.8. 2, Hui Nalu 2:15.8. 3, Outrigger 2:19.2. 4, Leeward Kai  
2:24.4. 14 under—1, Heolani (Daron, Logn, Masuke, Deland, Mokin,  
Nakama) 1:57.8. 2, Lanikai 2:01.6. 3, Hui Nalu 2:03.4. 4, Makaha 2:04.5  
Novice B—1, Hui Nalu (Heald, Hammond, Sullivan, Doole, Gasper,  
Houenle) 3:58.4. 2, Heolani 4:01.2. 3, Koolau 4:05.0. 4, Lanikai 4:10.1  
Novice A—1, Hui Nalu (Collins, Kahalewale, Lalala, Milne, Hunt, Ka-  
lonski) 4:07.4. 2, Hawaiian Warriors 4:09.8. 3, Surf Club 4:11.1. 4, Koo-  
lau 4:15.5. 14 under—1, Heolani (Lee, Metemal, Johnson, May, Hirone-  
ka, Young) 4:19.6. 2, Surf Club 4:29.7. 3, Hui Nalu 4:32.0. 4, Makaha  
4:37.0. 18 under—1, Hui Nalu 8:32.2. 2, Lanikai 8:33.8. 3, Hui Lanakila  
8:43.4. 4, Heolani 8:43.8. Freshman—1, Outrigger (Downing, Rigg,  
Guild, Haine, Meyer, Downing) 8:28.1. 2, Hui Nalu 8:49.4. 3, Koolau  
8:56.0. 4, Hui Lanakila 8:58.9. Sophomore—1, Makaha (Kau, Alama,  
DeSoto, Boyer, Ortiz, Heehull) 8:27.2. 2, Outrigger 8:39.0. 3, Hui Lan-  
kila 8:39.1. 4, Hui Nalu 8:40.4. Open 4—1, Outrigger (Guard, Rosa,  
Buck, Lomas) 4:29.9. 2, Hui Lanakila 4:38.0. 3, Koolau 4:43.2. 4, Lan-  
ikai 4:43.6. Junior—1, Outrigger (Reckaway, Bintliff, Bright, Hickson,  
Fehr, Roschill) 12:34.8. 2, Hui Nalu 12:47.5. 3, Leeward Kai 13:00.5. 4,  
Heolani 14:05.3. Masters—1, Surf Club (Guerrero, Tonge, Logan,  
Mahua, Mulford, Napoleon) 8:31.7. 2, Outrigger 8:39.8. 3, Heolani  
8:42.5. 4, Lanikai 8:49.4. Senior masters—1, Surf Club (Chun, Mollin-  
ger, Abbey, Oliveira, Santirner, Kauea) 4:19.7. 2, Outrigger 4:25.8. 3,  
Heolani 4:25.9. 4, Kailua 4:33.3. Senior—1, Kailua (Sylva, Kalama,  
Meen, Paolo, Erwin, Weise) 16:56.6. 2, Outrigger 16:59.8. 3, Hui Nalu  
17:00.0. 4, Heolani 17:18.7.

### WOMEN

12 under—1, Kailua (Pedrine, Baldwin, Malama, Alesna, Sumida,

Hastings) 2:37.9. 2, Outrigger 2:48.1. 3, Hui Nalu 2:53.7. 4, Surf Club  
2:58.3. Novice B—1, Heolani (Schultz, Tatevama, Gehara, Bain,  
Dixon, Barberich) 2:13.6. 2, Hui Nalu 2:16.7. 3, Kailua 2:17.3. 4, Waima-  
nalo 2:17.8. 13 under—1, Heolani (Davis, Braun, Breitkopf, Palama,  
Hong, Morrison) 2:38.1. 2, Kailua 2:39.9. 3, Koolau 2:43.1. 4, Lanikai  
2:52.3. Novice A—1, Kailua (Jacobs, Erwin, Mertons, Knight, Carson,  
Kekel) 2:17.1. 2, Koolau 2:18.2. 3, Lanikai 2:20.6. 4, Surf Club 2:21.2. 15-  
under—1, Heolani 2:14.2. 2, Outrigger 2:27.7. 3, Hawaiian Warriors  
2:29.5. 4, Koolau 2:30.0. Masters—1, Lanikai (Gay, Awana, Lipp, Yao,  
Lambert, Foti) 2:19.6. 2, Kailua 2:21.1. 3, Hui Nalu 2:24.2. 4, Outrigger  
2:26.8. 17 under—1, Lanikai (Aylward, Harber, Kunz, Raymond, De-  
Abolitz, Cooper) 5:18.5. 2, Surf Club 5:24.9. 3, Hui Lanakila 5:26.1. 4,  
Heolani 5:29.0. Freshman—1, Kailua (Morse, Sate, Ward, Malama,  
Fankhauser, Yamane) 4:45.9. 2, Heolani 4:54.7. 3, Hui Nalu 4:55.1. 4,  
Surf Club 5:11.0. Sophomore—1, Heolani 5:02.3. 2, Lanikai 5:13.8. 3,  
Outrigger 5:14.8. 4, Hui Nalu 5:17.7. Junior—1, Heolani (Vazquez, Yao,  
Pabillano, Yustos, Larson, Goo) 4:48.8. 2, Kailua 4:51.3. 3, Hui Nalu  
4:51.8. 4, Outrigger 4:53.8. Senior—1, Hui Nalu (Spencer, Gibson,  
Gallagher, Oids, Kubee, Blankenfeld) 9:55.9. 2, Surf Club 10:00.8. 3,  
Outrigger 10:18.3.

### MIXED

Boys-girls—1, Kailua (Sheehan, Hastings, Mowser, Saidin, Braun,  
Stone) 2:23.9. 2, Leeward Kai 2:34.4. 3, Hui Nalu 2:38.9. 4, Heolani  
2:47.1. Men-women—1, Hui Lanakila (Mitchell, Almodova, Hansen,  
Spielman, Spielman, Look) 4:23.8. 2, Waimanalo 4:39.8. 3, Koolau  
4:42.1. 4, Outrigger 4:44.2.

TEAM SCORING—1, Heolani 59 points. 2, Hui Nalu 56. 3 (tie), Out-  
rigger and Kailua, 44 each. 5, Lanikai 20. 6, Waikiki Surf Club 26. 7  
(tie), Hui Lanakila and Koolau, 15 each. 9, Makaha 8. 10, Hawaiian  
Warriors 7. 11, Leeward Kai 6. 12, Waimanalo 4.

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#### Waikiki Beach Boys Regatta of Waikiki MEN

12 under—1, Windward Kai 2:07.3. 2, Kaneohe 2:10.9. 3, Lee's 2:15.6.  
4, Kamehameha 2:17.5. 13 under—1, Windward Kai 1:39.1. 2, Ke Mo'i