



The Boys 16s won both the Kaupiko and OHCRA regattas. Front: Nainoa Basdavanos. Standing: Daniel Amimoto, Phillip White, Ryan Harrison, Simeon Ke-Paloma, and Tri Bourne. They were second in states.



Enjoying the races were Keanuene Rochlen and Aggie Quigg, front; Back: Marilyn Haine, Kisi Haine and Carol Arnott.



Billy Philpotts barbecues goodies for paddlers.

The Masters Men 40 (canoe 8) are off to a fast start in the HCRA regatta. From left, Jim Beaton, Karl Heyer IV, Marc Haine, Walter Guild, Robby Harrison, Tommy Damon. They finished second.

## Paddlers Close Out Regatta Season

The 2006 regatta season was a little different than Outrigger members might have expected. For a Club whose roots are sunk in "tradition" and whose paddlers and legends are the backbone of modern outrigger canoe racing, the season was anything but traditional.

It all started early this spring when the City & County of Honolulu dumped raw sewage into the Ala Wai Canal, the place where many outrigger canoe clubs teach their young ones to paddle and older crews perfect their technique.

With the Ala Wai Canal contaminated with bacteria, clubs had to move practices elsewhere. OCC crews brought their practice canoes to the Club and learned their craft in the ocean waters fronting the Club. For many, this was a welcome change; for others, it caused scheduling and parking problems.

Outrigger started the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing season with three third places and one fourth place finish in the opening regattas. However, the Club roared to life at the Macfarlane Regatta on the 4th of July, amassing 112 points to tie the Macfarlane record set in 1987 (by Outrigger) and take home the trophy. OCC came in fourth in the Kaupiko and OHCRA Regattas that followed.

Another change: we lost our head coach mid-season.

The Hawaii Canoe Racing Association (HCRA) State Championships on August 5 posed a whole new set of challenges.

In 2004 HCRA reinterpreted its rules on koa canoe hulls. It announced that manmade materials, such as fiberglass, would no longer be allowed on manu or gunnels. OCC challenged the new interpretation, as all three of our koa canoes (*Leilani*, *Kakina* and *Kaoloa*) historically have had fiberglass manu and gunnels, and have been certified as meeting HCRA requirements.

In 2005, HCRA granted a grace period and allowed non-conforming koa canoes to enter the state championships, if the club was willing to pay a penalty (\$250). Outrigger paid the penalty and entered the state championships.

Note: the rule change applied only to the state championships, one race a year. Lanikai Canoe Club decided not to pay the penalty in 2005 and did not compete in the state championships. They subsequently remodeled their canoe to comply with the new interpretation.

"Before the 2006 season," explained Walter Guild, "the Canoe Racing Subcommittee began working to make the *Kaoloa* comply. However, we didn't want to make changes we couldn't reverse. We decided not to do a quick job to comply this year. We asked HCRA to reconsider their interpretation, and we asked them to extend the grace period one more year. They declined to do both.

"We then asked HCRA for clarification in writing on what construction method is acceptable to make the changes," he

added. "We're still waiting for an answer."

With that said, Outrigger had no canoe that met HCRA standards for this year's state championships. Fortunately, Men's Coach John Puakea had an old koa canoe, the *Ho'ola* that did meet the requirements, and he loaned it to OCC.

Paddlers did not see the canoe before race day. However, with the *Ho'ola*, we were able to compete in the 25 events we qualified for. During the Boys 18 race, the three seat broke, and had to be repaired. During the Junior Men's race, the canoe collided with another canoe on the turn and the nose broke off. The nose got fixed and paddlers returned to the water. For the final few races, OCC borrowed a canoe from another club.

For the first time in the 50+ years of state championships, Outrigger did not win a single event. The best OCC managed was seconds in the Boys 16 and the Men 40.

Hawaiian Canoe Club of Maui won the state title for the sixth straight year. Competition was fierce all day, as were the wind and current. As one new Outrigger paddler put it, "You can't just be in good condition for states; you have to be in top condition. It was amazing to see what the Neighbor Island paddlers could do."

In order to get 14 lanes for the state championships, it is necessary to use a quarter-mile course (instead of the usual half-mile course that we use in OHCRA regattas). This means many more turns than usual and slower times.

So with the 2006 regatta season in the books, Outrigger paddlers are turning to distance races and the Na Wahine O Ke Kai on September 24 and the Molokai Hoe on October 8.

The OCC Board of Directors has formed an adhoc committee to oversee all refurbishing and renovations of the Club's koa canoes. The committee is chaired by Walter Guild, and includes Joe Quigg, Dome Gose (OCC Maintenance), the Canoe Racing Chair, and the men's and women's head coaches.

"As soon as we get the response on construction methods from HCRA, we will recommend to the Board of Directors that they modify the *Kaoloa* first to meet HCRA requirements for 2007. Our recommendation is to leave the *Kakina* as is for OHCRA regattas. Then, we'll look at redesigning the *Leilani* for flat water racing and for the state championships," Guild said.

While we might not have won as many trophies as in the past, a lot of good things did happen in 2006: new friendships were made, we got to practice in the ocean rather than the Ala Wai, members got into better condition than they were in before, new members were exposed to outrigger racing for the first time, and everyone had a lot of fun.

Thanks to all the members who supported our canoe racing program by joining teams, coaching, and cheering us on. We won't forget 2006!

**Hawaii Canoe Racing Association Championships**  
**August 5, 2006**  
**Keehi Lagoon**

**Results**

**AAA Division:** 1. Hawaiian 315. 2. Lanikai 269. 3. Kailua 247. 4. Hui Nalu 244. 5. Outrigger 200.

**How OCC Crews Finished**

**2nd Place**

**Boys 16 (1/2 mile):** Tri Bourne, Ryan Harrison, John Gendreau, Daniel Amimoto, Keegan Wada, Christian Bradley, 3:51.28

**Men 40 (1 mile):** Tommy Damon, Robby Harrison, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Karl Heyer IV, Jim Beaton, 7:40.39

**3rd Place**

**Boys 14 (1/4 mile):** Ben Beck, Jimmy Field, Thurston Kino, Riley Sieverts, John Wade, Nion Nichols, 1:59.77.

**Sophomore Women (1 mile):** Maile Cluney, Donna Kahakui, Jen Horner, Paula Crabb, Kanesa Duncan, Kisi Haine, 8:50.59.

**Senior Women (1-1/2 miles):** Mary Smolenski, Donna Kahakui, Jen Horner, Paula Crabb, Megan Clark, Kisi Haine, 12:30.22.

**Men 55 (1/2 mile):** Ken Bailey, Mark Buck, Tom Arnott, Jimmy Kincaid, Doug Bechert, Chris Crabb, 3:57.12.

**4th Place**

**Senior Men (1-1/2 miles):** Kapon Brown, Mark Cluney, Ikaika Harbottle, Mike Kane, Mike Beyer, Karel Tresnak Jr., 11:21.24.

**Men 50 (1/2 mile):** Bill Mowat, Barnaby Robinson, Murray Hixon, Jim Iams, Bill Meheula, Brant Ackerman, 3:57.77.

**5th Place**

**Novice B Men (1/2 mile):** Ryan Woodward, Nate Jenkins, Richard Jamieson, Robert Kerch, Gabriel Jenkins, Chris Moore, 3:54.82.

**Novice A Men (1 mile):** David Fan, Kulani Jones, Dennis Gaughan, Alika Winter, Chris Shim, Twain Newhart, 8:13.11.

**Sophomore Men (1 mile):** Byron Ho, John Wacker, Mark Cluney, Mike Beyer, Jimmy Austin, Karel Tresnak Jr., 7:51.03.

**Junior Women (1 mile):** Maile Cluney, Diana Allen, Kanesa Duncan, Mary Smolenski, Megan Clark, Kristin Lee, 9:25.03.

**6th Place**

**Girls 16 (1/2 mile):** Juliana Brown, Sarah Thacker, Leigh Cullinan, Jean Cullinan, Larissa Schienle, Brooke Hunter, 4:35.48.

**7th Place**

**Girls 14 (1/4 mile):** Jasmine Daniel, Hannah Ishida, Malia Schimmelfenning, Lindsey Wilbur, Tia Haworth, Macy McMahon, 2:18.09.

**Freshmen Men (1 mile):** Kapon Brown, Chris Siegfried, Bobby Hastings, Alika Williams, Jared Watumull, Zach Payne, 7:53.69.

**Women 55 (1/2 mile):** Susan Heitzman, Ann Bowen, Carol Cook, Barbara Bryan, Sandra Simons, Keanuenue Rochlen, 4:59.68.

**Women Open 4 (1/2 mile):** Katie Moore, Steffany Jones, Katy Bourne, Tiare Salassa, 5:22.09.

**8th Place**

**Women 40 (1 mile):** Genie Kincaid, Jenifer Bossert, Laurie Lawson, Lisa Livingston, Lisa Irish, Wendy Wichman, 9:29.77.

**10th Place**

**Novice A Women (1/2 mile):** Erika Eberhart, Michelle Chillingworth, Mary Moriarty, Barbara Giles, Laura Williams, Natalie Buckman-Pitre, 4:39.16.

**11th Place**

**Freshmen Women (1 mile):** Vanessa Beaton, Jane Stevens, Erika Eberhart, Angela Giancaterino, Vaima Philpotts, Lindsay Wessberg, 9:28.57.

**Mixed 55 (1/2 mile):** Ray Suganuma, Maureen Kilcoyne, Charles Heitzman, Pam Zak, Patty Mowat, John Finney, 4:33.34.

**13th Place**

**Girls 12 (1/4 mile):** Hailee Wade, Alena Marter, Rebekah Kahooanohano, Abby Yosaitis, Rachel Kincaid, Devan Kaye, 2:42.66.

**14th Place**

**Boys 12 (1/4 mile):** Alexander Debold, Jack Beaumont, Aaron Beck, Ty Thiessen, Pierce Watumull, Easton Watumull, 2:53.09.

**DQ**

**Boys 18 Junior Men**



Keala Kilcoyne has an armful of lei for her friends.



Ray Suganuma received many leis including some from wife, Vicki.

**John D. Kaupiko Regatta**  
**July 16, 2006**  
**Keehi Lagoon**

**Results**

**AA Division:** 1. Kailua, 77. 2. Hui Nalu, 70. 3. Lanikai, 65. 4. Outrigger, 64. 5. Waikiki Surf, 25. 6. Healani, 11.

**Winning OCC Crews**

**Boys 14 (1/4 mile):** Ben Beck, James Field, Thurston Kino, Riley Sieverts, John Wade, Nion Nichols, 1:55.70.

**Boys 16 (1/2 mile):** Simeon Ke-Paloma, Ryan Harrison, Daniel Amimoto, Philip White, Joshua Figueira, Nainoa Basdavanos, 3:56:15.

**Novice A Men (1 mile):** Scott Gamble, Erik DeRyke, Kulani Jones, Alika Winter, Chris Shin, Twain Newhart, 7:32.94.

**Men 55 (1/2 mile):** Ken Bailey, Mark Buck, Thomas Arnott, Jimmy Kincaid, William Mowat, Chris Crabb, 3:48.78.

**Mixed 55 (1/2 mile):** Barbara Giles, Maureen Kilcoyne, Ray Suganuma, Charles Heitzman, George Wessberg, Patty Mowat, 4:28.22.

**Women 60 (1/2 mile):** Susan Heitzman, Ann Bowen, Sandra Simons, Barbara Bryan, Gerri Pedesky, Keanuenue Rochlen, 4:56.27.

**OH CRA Championships**  
**July 23, 2006**  
**Keehi Lagoon**

**Results**

**AA Division:** 1. Lanikai, 79. 2. Kailua, 74. 3. Hui Nalu, 68. 4. Outrigger, 66. 5. Healani, 17. 6. Keola O Ke Kai, 2.

**Winning OCC Crews**

**Boys 16 (1/2 mile):** Simeon Ke-Paloma, Ryan Harrison, Tri Bourne, Daniel Amimoto, Philip White, Nainoa Basdavanos, 3:46.18.

**Men Novice A (1 mile):** Rand Carlson, Kulani Jones, Dennis Gaughan, Alika Winter, David Fan, Twain Newhart, 7:39.37.

**Men 40 (1 mile):** Tommy Damon, Robby Harrison, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Karl Heyer IV, Jim Beaton, 7:15.09.

**Men 50 (1/2 mile):** Bill Mowat, Barnaby Robinson, Murray Hixon, Jim Iams, Bill Meheula, Bill Arnott, 3:55.51.

**Men 55 (1/2 mile):** Ken Bailey, Mark Buck, Tom Arnott, Jimmy Kincaid, Doug Bechert, Chris Crabb, 3:50.58.

**Women 60 (1/2 mile):** Susan Heitzman, Ann Bowen, Barbara Bryan, Carol Cook, Sandra Simons, Keanuenue Rochlen, 5:05.78.