

Kailua top dog in OHCRA

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The Kailua boys 15 crew of Kawai Doo, Michael Mitchell, Troy Anderson, Kekoa Borges, Nick Herrera and Hopena Pokipala headed for the finish in yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship regatta at Keehi Lagoon.

Something about paddling in Keehi Lagoon seems to bring out the best in the Kailua Canoe Club.

Kailua made it a clean sweep by winning its third in as many races this season at Keehi — the site of the upcoming state championship regatta — and defended its Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title at the organization's championship regatta yesterday in the calm waters of the lagoon.

Kailua racked up 97 points and won a regatta-high 11 races to claim both the overall and AAA division (27-39 crews entered) crowns, while Outrigger (70 points) and Lanikai (69 points) were in contention for most of the day. Hui Nalu rounded out the large-club division with 38 points.

"It feels really good to defend the title," Kailua coach Kathy Erwin said. "I have to commend our coaches. It's such a privilege to work with such passionate and dedicated coaches and paddlers."

Erwin was pleased with the club's well-rounded effort in which its youth paddlers notched three wins in addition to four wins apiece from both the adult and masters programs.

"It was balanced. We had some shining performances (to start the day) in the kids division," Erwin said.

More than 2,500 paddlers ranging in age from 12 and under to 60 and above represented OHCRA's 16 member clubs and competed in 39 races ranging in length from a quarter-mile to 1.5 miles.

The regatta was dually important as, in addition to aiming for individual race medals and overall bragging rights, clubs were vying to qualify as many crews as possible for the Aug. 7 Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championship Regatta. OHCRA clubs were awarded four berths in each of the state championship races and they went to the highest-finishing crews according to the seasonlong cumulative point standings that wrapped up yesterday.

By rule, paddlers are allowed to compete in two races per regatta, so coaches were tasked with stacking or rearranging specific crews according to which groups needed points to advance to the state race.

"We were slow to start in the beginning of the season, but these guys are all veterans, so they've got a really strong background," said Mark Sandvold, paddler and coach of Outrigger's defending state champion men's 40 crew that raced to victory yesterday in the mile-long event. "We did this last year in our first year together and won states. As a club, we're building our kids program. You should continue to see more from Outrigger in the next three to four years as the kids progress."

Lanikai had hoped for a better result yesterday as the club attempted to regain the title it had won three straight times until ceding it to Kailua last year.

"I like the relationship that the two clubs have," said Erwin of the competitive-yet-friendly rivalry with neighboring Lanikai. "We push each other to be better. And Outrigger, they always come on really strong in the end (of the season). The question (today) was just how strong."

Hui Lanakila fended off Keahiakahoe 40-35 to take the AA division (14-26 crews entered). Leeward Kai won the day's final race -- the open mixed event -- and finished with 18 points, ahead of Healani (16 points) and New Hope (seven points).

Waikiki Surf Club won the mixed masters 40 in the day's second-to-last race to propel itself into first place in the A division (1-13 crews entered) with 12 points, and edged Waimanalo (10 points) and Anuenue (nine points).

Club representatives from around the state will meet with HCRA officials this week to determine the lane positions and club representations for the upcoming state championships.

"This is our home course, so it's nice to know the water," Sandvold said. "It's going to be a thriller. We're training hard, and you never know what to expect from the neighbor island clubs."

The Na Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a organization held its championship regatta Saturday at Keehi Lagoon. Na Keiki O Ka Moi dethroned seven-time defending champion Kaneohe en route to its first championship in 25 years.

PADDLING

OHCRA Championships

Yesterday

At Keehi Lagoon

AAA: 1. Kailua, 97; 2. Outrigger, 70; 3. Lanikai, 69; 4. Hui Nalu, 38.

AA: 1. Hui Lanakila, 40; 2. Keahiakahoe, 35; 3. Leeward Kai, 18; 4. Healani, 16; 5. New Hope, 7.

A: 1. Waikiki Surf Club, 12; 2. Waimanalo, 10; 3. Anuenue, 9; 4. Kai Oni, 2; 5. Honolulu Pearl, 2; 6. Keola O Ke Kai, 1.

Open Keiki: 1. Keola O Ke Kai (Tyler Yokoyama, Joshua Domingo, Patrick Layug, Hadji Corpuz, Makana Dayton, Kelsey Takara), 2:22.95; 2. Keahiakahoe, 2:33.32; 3. Healani, 2:37.44; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 2:41.09; 5. Outrigger, 2:41.97; 6. Waimanalo, 2:43.95.

Girls 12: 1. Kailua (Melissa Biddle, Mikayla Hanson, Griff Lockette, Caitlin Krueger, Patrisha Pollard, Seaana Gentry), 2:22.99; 2. Outrigger, 2:23.96; 3. Lanikai, 2:24.81; 4. Leeward Kai, 2:26.94; 5. Hui Nalu, 2:28.82; 6. New Hope, 2:32.04.

Boys 12: 1. Keahiakahoe (Dustin Rosario, Elijah Pang, Makana Indreginal, Mana Garcia, Gary Kawelo III, Joseph Makua-Hopkinson), 2:13.44; 2. Hui Nalu, 2:16.18; 3. Outrigger, 2:17.85; 4. Lanikai, 2:21.30; 5. Kailua, 2:24.42; 6. Healani, 2:43.53.

Mixed 12: 1. Kailua (Makana Wilhelm, Pepsi Nelken, Ezrah Texeira, Pomai Murakami, TJ Cacal, Cameron Wong), 2:21.95; 2. Leeward Kai, 2:28.80; 3. Kai Oni, 2:30.65; 4. Hui Nalu, 2:34.01; 5. Lanikai, 2:38.12; 6. Outrigger, 2:44.69.

Girls 13: 1. Outrigger (Kiele Schwinn, Alyssa Basdavanos, Ellen Ashford, Kara Nystul, Nicole Fong, Kelley Heyer), 2:07.69; 2. Hui Nalu, 2:10.44; 3. Hui Lanakila, 2:14.39; 4. Lanikai, 2:16.80; 5. Keola O Ke Kai, 2:21.37; 6. Kailua, 2:24.29.

Boys 13: 1. Hui Nalu (Alex Look, Nalu Obayashi, Jacob Davison, Lloyd Richards III, K. Ho, Levi Richards), 1:54.95; 2. Kailua, 1:55.58; 3. Lanikai, 2:04.65; 4. Keahiakahoe, 2:05.02; 5. Keola O Ke Kai, 2:13.74; 6. Outrigger, 2:14.99.

Girls 14: 1. Lanikai (Shelby Weitz, Heather Foti, Sawyer Henshaw, Emily Hamocon, Madison Miyamura, Liana Mayer), 2:06.54; 2. Keahiakahoe, 2:06.54; 3. Outrigger, 2:09.50; 4. Kailua, 2:12.59; 5. New Hope, 2:15.65; 6. Hui Nalu, 2:22.07.

Boys 14: 1. Waimanalo (Travis Mundon, Lanakila Reis-Moniz, Kamealoha Wilson, Pookela Stephens, Dakota Lee, Sinjin Bradley), 1:53.35; 2. Leeward Kai, 1:55.41; 3. Hui Nalu, 1:56.60; 4. Keola O Ke Kai, 1:57.86; 5. Hui Lanakila, 1:59.39; 6. Lanikai, 2:00.48.

Girls 15: 1. Outrigger (Madison Pelayo, Rachel Kincaid, Lauren Ashford, Halie Harrison, Allie Whiting, Claire Feeley), 4:38.73; 2. Lanikai, 4:42.27; 3. Waimanalo, 4:44.92; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:49.22; 5. Keahiakahoe, 4:49.71; 6. Kailua, 4:50.28.

Boys 15: 1. Kailua (Kawai Doo, Troy Anderson, Nick Herrera, Michael Mitchell, Kekoa Borges, Hopena Pokipala), 3:50.58; 2. Lanikai, 3:51.89; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:09.86; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:13.34; 5. Keola O Ke Kai, 4:14.02; 6. Puuloa Outrigger, 4:38.32.

Girls 16 and under: 1. Outrigger (Mikela Schwinn, Chauncey Hirose-Hulbert, Rachel Kincaid, Christine Tsai, Brailey Hirose-Hulbert, Lauren Wong), 4:19.14; 2. Hui Lanakila, 4:19.35; 3. Kailua, 4:36.62; 4. Leeward Kai, 4:46.27; 5. Lanikai, 4:47.14; 6. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:55.77.

Boys 16 and under: 1. Lanikai (Derek Ruebenstahl, Matthew Mench, Nick Abcarian, Andrew Miscovich, Cheyne Mench, Keoni DePonte), 3:48.10; 2. Keahiakahoe, 4:02.34; 3. Outrigger, 4:04.09; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:06.44; 5. Leeward Kai, 4:11.71; 6. Hui Lanakila, 4:17.72.

Girls 18 and under: 1. Keahiakahoe (Chelsea Bizik, Kiana Carvalho, Rachel Goings, Kori Palencia, April Nakayama, Zoey Kalahiki), 4:16.78; 2. Lanikai, 4:18.21; 3. Outrigger, 4:29.16; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:34.67; 5. Kailua, 4:39.23; 6. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:52.88.

Boys 18 and under: 1. Leeward Kai (Kekoa Kau, Daniel Rzonca, Kainoa Philpotts, Dylan Kuewa, Shannon Palmero, Dayne Van Gieson), 7:55.95; 2. Lanikai, 7:59.91; 3. Kailua, 8:09.50; 4. Hui Nalu, 8:16.92; 5. Outrigger, 8:32.80; 6. Healani, 9:25.09.

Women Novice A: 1. Lanikai (Holly Kemsley, Robin Lloyd, Karen Arthur, Megan Arban, Mia Coffman, Marisa Hallsted), 4:17.51; 2. Kailua, 4:21.23; 3. Hui Lanakila, 4:27.36; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:27.88; 5. New Hope, 4:39.98; 6. Waimanalo, 4:42.61.

Men Novice A: 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Roy Robins, Kahoalii Hanohano Jr., Keith Leopardi, Andre Bisquera, Kalei Hanohano, John Jamora), 8:06.93; 2. Kailua, 8:07.52; 3. Honolulu Pearl, 8:13.33; 4. Hui Lanakila, 8:14.52; 5. Healani, 8:20.26; 6. Anuenue, 8:39.64.

Women Novice B: 1. Kailua (Lida Morgado, Romey Sealy, Kelly Myers, Lisa Wilson, Bobbie Awana, Jen Brown), 2:09.19; 2. New Hope, 2:13.59; 3. Lanikai, 2:14.64; 4. Hui Nalu, 2:17.89; 5.

Outrigger, 2:20.52; 6. Keahiakahoe, 2:24.85.

Men Novice B: 1. Kailua (Jason Akamine, Brian Barker, Chris Martini, Alan Barker, Beau Hayden, Lowell Usrey), 3:36.03; 2. Lanikai, 3:46.19; 3. Healani, 3:47.11; 4. Hui Lanakila, 3:49.07; 5. Outrigger, 3:57.35; 6. New Hope, 3:57.75.

Mixed Novice B: 1. Anuenue (Kim Schauman, Richard Hadad-Ralya, Stephanie Tom, Ross Jackson, Lisa White, Eric Kavapalu), 1:52.79; 2. Hui Nalu, 1:53.49; 3. Kailua, 1:57.87; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 1:58.60; 5. Waimanalo, 2:00.33; 6. Kai Oni, 2:02.00.

Freshmen women: 1. Outrigger (Anella Borges, Leigh Cullinan, Hilary Denison, Marisa Wriston, Julia Fiedler, Amy Wessberg), 8:42.79; 2. Healani, 9:02.79; 3. Lanikai, 9:11.20; 4. Kailua, 9:12.58; 5. Keahiakahoe, 9:25.37; 6. Waikiki Surf Club, 9:38.77.

Freshmen men: 1. Kailua (Makana Denton, Kekai Kamakawiwo'ole, Chris Tanaka, Alex Epling, Julian Wicker, Jordan Wong), 7:28.59; 2. Hui Lanakila, 7:31.66; 3. Lanikai, 7:33.46; 4. Outrigger, 7:52.93; 5. Healani, 7:57.09; 6. New Hope, 8:38.29.

Sophomore Women: 1. Hui Lanakila (Whitney Martinez, Arlene Holzman, Dara Hubin, Pauahi Ioane, Lori Nakamura, Leahi Frias), 8:34.92; 2. Kailua, 8:42.48; 3. Outrigger, 8:43.91; 4. Hui Nalu, 9:12.53; 5. Lanikai, 9:30.90.

Sophomore Men: 1. Hui Lanakila (Anthony Ortiz, Sean Kaawa, Makena Fernandez, Chris Tseu, Mike Szewczyk, Laa Carvalho), 7:25.66; 2. Lanikai, 7:32.10; 3. Kailua, 8:42.23.

Junior Women: 1. Kailua (Kati Erwin, Susan Maher, Sarah Gilman, Anna Mathisen, Savannah McCue, Ginger Lockette), 8:34.00; 2. Keahiakahoe, 8:41.56; 3. Outrigger, 8:56.80; 4. Lanikai, 9:02.15; 5. Waikiki Surf Club, 9:29.72; 6. Waimanalo, 9:48.67.

Junior Men: 1. Outrigger (Kristin Brown, Simeon Ke-Paloma, Tapa Worthington, William Gacutan, Evan Rhodes, Jimmy Austin), 7:24.33; 2. Lanikai, 7:33.43; 3. Healani, 7:39.02; 4. Kailua, 7:48.01; 5. Hui Lanakila, 7:49.10; 6. Hui Nalu, 7:57.86.

Senior Women: 1. Outrigger (Mary Smolenski, Madi Minkel, Traci Phillips, Malia Kamisugi, Donna Kahakui, Paula Crabb), 12:49.48; 2. Hui Lanakila, 12:49.87; 3. Lanikai, 13:06.44; 4. Kailua, 13:13.85; 5. Keahiakahoe, 13:27.59; 6. Hui Nalu, 13:44.62.

Senior Men: 1. Hui Lanakila (Mike Szewczyk, Sean Kaawa, Chris Tseu, Justin Banfield, Bryan Mack, Gavin Hanoa), 11:11.25; 2. Lanikai, 11:13.21; 3. Outrigger, 11:22.96; 4. Kailua, 11:24.11; 5. Healani, 11:52.59; 6. Hui Nalu, 12:19.51.

Women Masters (40 years): 1. Outrigger (Lisa Livingston, Linda Nelson, Laurie Lawson, Lisa Stringer, Donna Kahakui, Liz Perry), 9:18.86; 2. Kailua, 9:30.77; 3. Lanikai, 9:43.65; 4. Healani, 9:50.12; 5. Hui Nalu, 9:56.10; 6. Keahiakahoe, 10:09.01.

Men Masters (40 years): 1. Outrigger (Mark Sandvold, Todd Sandvold, Robert Harrison, Andrew Glatzel, Craig Neher, Stewart Kawakami), 7:38.69; 2. Lanikai, 7:39.89; 3. Kailua, 8:01.62; 4. Waimanalo, 8:16.32; 5. Healani, 8:25.17; 6. New Hope, 8:47.15.

Mixed Masters (40 years): 1. Waikiki Surf Club (Keala Pruet, Ekolu Kino, Ryan Makua, Kalama Heine, Richline Fong, Kuumea Gora), 4:08.91; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:11.33; 3. Waimanalo, 4:12.60; 4. Kailua, 4:17.73; 5. Lanikai, 4:19.03; 6. Healani, 4:23.48.

Senior Women Masters (50 years): 1. Kailua (Lois Hewlett, Donna Meyer, Ann Farrell, Carleen Ornellas, Kathy Erwin, Brenan Guyol), 4:20.83; 2. Lanikai, 4:27.36; 3. Outrigger, 4:38.59; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:45.21; 5. New Hope, 5:49.67.

Senior Men Masters (50 years): 1. Kailua (Walter Hamasaki, Benny Quitevis, Kamo Kalama, Paul Hewlett, Stephen Holbrook, Nyle Warinner), 3:45.49; 2. Lanikai, 3:48.66; 3. Hui Nalu, 3:56.99; 4. Outrigger, 4:04.32; 5. Healani, 4:19.18; 6. New Hope, 4:29.02.

Women Golden Masters (55 years): 1. Kailua (Molly Mosher-Cates, Susie Thain, Roberta Wallwork, Iolani Kassebeer, Kalei Javellana, Cookie Baudrau), 4:35.68; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:37.16; 3. Lanikai, 4:42.80; 4. Outrigger, 5:27.36.

Men Golden Masters (55 years): 1. Healani (Benjamin Ancheta, Harvey Aki, Gary Samura, Dan Gagich, Jeffery Tario, Rod Bayne), 3:52.51; 2. Outrigger, 3:53.31; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:02.21; 4. Lanikai, 4:06.52; 5. Keahiakahoe, 4:10.27; 6. Kailua, 4:21.79.

Women Masters (60 years): 1. Keahiakahoe (Mary Duryea, Joy Schoenecker, Mimi Frank, Sarah Jane Watson, Susie Oakland, Pamela Monahan), 4:47.22; 2. Kailua, 4:53.05; 3. Outrigger, 4:56.60; 4. Hui Nalu, 5:03.01; 5. Lanikai, 5:33.13; 6. Waimanalo, 5:43.54.

Men Masters (60 years): 1. Keahiakahoe (Tama Savusa, Harold Akeo, Boy Kalama, Bernie Paloma, Thomas Conner, Kenny Bailey), 3:55.04; 2. Outrigger, 4:04.88; 3. Anuenue, 4:08.57; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:16.01; 5. Lanikai, 4:27.60.

Women Open Four: 1. Hui Lanakila (Deborah Rosenblum, Clementine Benemerito, Kristi Lowry, Ilima Kim), 4:51.46; 2. Healani, 4:52.43; 3. Kailua, 4:52.67; 4. New Hope, 5:00.49; 5. Hui Nalu, 5:06.86; 6. Lanikai, 5:09.24.

Men Open Four: 1. Hui Lanakila (Raven Aipa, Adam Treinen-Aea, Hayden Ramler, Manny Kulukulualani), 3:47.07; 2. Kailua, 3:48.73; 3. Keahiakahoe, 3:53.46; 4. Lanikai, 3:54.14; 5. Leeward Kai, 4:03.10; 6. Healani, 4:05.09.

Mixed Masters (55 years): 1. Kailua (Suzi Mechler, Hank Leandro, Jeff Metzger, Mike McCue, Chrystal Hogue, Amy Crews), 4:16.98; 2. New Hope, 4:19.12; 3. Anuenue, 4:23.11; 4. Keahiakahoe, 4:35.39; 5. Lanikai, 4:39.18; 6. Hui Nalu, 4:40.49.

Mixed Men and Women: 1. Leeward Kai (Michael Beyer, Shannon Van Gieson, Paul Rzonca, Mikala Bradley, Ryan Van Gieson, Tamara Sandry), 3:56.76; 2. Kailua, 3:58.68; 3. Hui

Lanakila, 4:08.47; 4. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:09.90; 5. Anuenue, 4:13.04; 6. Healani, 4:19.14.

Mens 65: 1. Outrigger, 4:11:45; 2. Keahiakahoe, 4:14:89; 3. Anuenue, 4:18:60; 4. Lanikai, 4:23:84.

Womens 65: 1. Lanikai, 5;49:94.