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Hui Lanakila headed to the finish line to win the men's senior race yesterday.

Lanikai edges Kailua to claim OHCRA crown

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After suffering through a couple of single-digit runner-up finishes and a third-place result late in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regular season, Lanikai Canoe Club finally got a skinny victory of its own -- when it counted most.

The Windward-side club won the AA division (18-plus crews entered) at the association's Oahu Championships Regatta yesterday at Keehi Lagoon with 79 total points and five race wins in the 39-race event.

Kailua -- the defending OHCRA champion and its regular-season leader with four regatta wins -- finished as the runner-up this time with 74 points, followed by Hui Nalu (68) and Outrigger (66).

"Because our club is so large, what we try to do is, if the paddlers come to practice and work really hard, we like to try a lot of combinations during the regular season," Lanikai head coach Kalani Irvine said. "The regattas have been so close that you have to paddle your best (athletes), and your strategy has to be right. We missed a few, and that's a credit to the organization ... but I'm happy we won Oahu. We're looking forward to racing the best in the state."

The state championships are set for Aug. 5 at the same location.

Lanikai did not participate in states last year because of a rules violation involving the composition of its koa canoe. It rebounded during the early portion of this year, however, winning the season opener and tying for the victory with Kailua in the second regatta before winning again yesterday.

Lanikai last won the Oahu Championships when it shared the title with Kailua two years ago, and it tempered the strength of its neighborhood rival yesterday by getting strong results in the youth races during the first half of the regatta.

The new OHCRA champion picked up two wins and seven second-place finishes among the 13 youth races, and led 36-33 over Kailua at their conclusion.

Lanikai widened the gap during the open adult races, nabbing two wins to build a 12-point (57-45) advantage over Kailua after the 26th event.

"To win our individual race and the regatta is very rewarding," said James Bustamante of Lanikai's victorious junior men's crew.

Kailua gained some ground on Lanikai during the last third of the regatta. It drew to within six points (77-71) after a runner-up finish in the 37th race -- open mixed -- but Lanikai sealed the victory with a third-place result and two points in the next event, women's 40.

"Basically, Lanikai showed up with their A game," Kailua head coach Kawai Mahoe said. "They proved they were the Oahu champs."

After dominating all season, Hui Lanakila won the A division for smaller clubs with 47 points, and tied for regatta-high honors with seven race wins (Hui Nalu also won seven). Keahiakahoe (24) finished well back in second place, while Waikiki Surf Club (23) took third.

True to its winning formula, Hui Lanakila again had a stranglehold on the open races, winning six of eight. Those included wins in the prestigious

senior women's and men's events, as well as one in the junior women's that gave the Honolulu club an undefeated OHCRA season in that race.

Hui Lanakila's senior women finished the 1 1/2-mile race in 12 minutes, 44.61 seconds to runner-up Outrigger's 13:14.20. It was the second straight OHCRA championship for the defending state champions in the event.

Compared to the regular season, the OHCRA title "is a little bit more of a big deal because the other clubs tend to stack the senior race at OHCRA's," Hui Lanakila crew member Gail Grabowsky said. "You want to practice being on the edge of your game when the pressure's on."

After winning the last three regular-season races, Hui Lanakila's senior men stayed hot by finishing their 1 1/2-mile course in 11:04.96. Outrigger (11:13.08) ended in second place, while defending OHCRA race champ Lanikai (11:14.68) took third.

"I think we've been dominating because we've only got a few guys, so we can stick to our crew. The other clubs are constantly shifting around," Hui Lanakila crew member Raven Aipa said.

Besides Hui Lanakila's junior women, two other crews completed undefeated OHCRA seasons: Kailua's novice A women, and Kailua's women's 50. The Kailua's girls 12 and Lanikai's boys 18 had a chance for unblemished records going into the Oahu Championships, but lost yesterday.

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Team standings

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

Division A--1. Hui Lanakila, 47; 2. Keahiakahoe, 24; 3. Waikiki Surf, 23; 4. Leeward Kai, 7; 5. Waimanalo, 6; 6. Puuloa, 5; 7. New Hope, 4; 8. Honolulu Canoe Club, 3; 9. Kai Oni, 2; 10. Anuenue, 1.

Boys

12-and-under--1. Kailua (Justin Cornair, Kainoa Singlehurst, Troy Anderson, Hopena Pokipala, Dustin Kaleo Poole, Michael Dowsett), 2:23.47; 2. Lanikai, 2:24.82; 3. Hui Nalu, 2:38.13; 4. Waimanalo, 2:40.33.

13--1. Waikiki Surf (Colin Frearn, Kovan Fujimoto, Nikolaus Pittman, Raven Pokini, Kalani Puaoi, Pele Soma), 2:03.68; 2. Kailua, 2:05.03; 3. Hui Nalu, 2:05.40; 4. Keahiakahoe, 2:05.77.

14--1. Kailua (Jackson Stogner, Jackson Kanehailua, Kainoa Chang, Kealii Paoao, Kawai Makuakane, Chas Bautista), 1:54.90; 2. Outrigger, 1:55.14; 3. Keola O Ke Kai, 2:02.86; 4. Lanikai, 2:05.12.

15--1. Hui Nalu (Baby John Campbell, Kaihe Chong, Noa Chung, Kainoa Lopes, Bronson Namba, Ryan Robello), 3:54.74; 2. Keahiakahoe, 3:55.14; 3. Kailua, 3:55.39; 4. Lanikai, 4:07.35.

16--1. Outrigger (Simeon Ke-Paloma, Ryan Harrison, Tri Bourne, Daniel Amimoto, Philip White, Nainoa Basdavanos), 3:46.18; 2. Lanikai, 3:47.27; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:00.43; 4. Leeward Kai, 4:04.03.

18--1. Waikiki Surf (Joshua Chase, Maui Cambra, Uluwehi Keaunui, Waipa Keliipuleole, Travis Voeller, Blayne Fujita), 7:32.15; 2. Lanikai, 7:32.79; 3. Keahiakahoe, 7:45.36; 4. Kailua, 7:53.89.

Girls

12-and-under--1. Waikiki Surf (Makamae Ah Mook Sang, Makana Ane, Kamanao Baligad, Brianne Carvalho, Kaleihiwa Naauao, Uilani Perry), 2:18.98; 2. Kailua, 2:20.04; 3. Lanikai, 2:24.45; 4. Outrigger, 2:36.33.

13--1. Puuloa (Shaylan Ameho, Kapua Roback, Tabitha Whitfield, Chabrielle Gushi, Ashley Sharpe, Caitlin Ferreira), 2:20.09; 2. Kailua, 2:20.85; 3. Waikiki Surf, 2:22.69; 4. Waimanalo, 2:28.56.

14--1. Lanikai (Julia Anderson, Tiana Carstairs, Andrea Herndon, Kanelani Irvine, Hannah Smith, Tarah Sullivan), 2:06.41; 2. Kailua, 2:08.71; 3. Outrigger, 2:11.84; 4. Waikiki Surf, 2:14.57.

15--1. Keahiakahoe (Haley Martinex, Tita Linogan, Shyla Pakele, Chawna Mahelona, April Nakayama, Lii Bitler), 4:30.74; 2. Waikiki Surf, 4:33.67; 3. Lanikai, 4:37.10; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:44.47.

16--1. Hui Nalu (Alyson Ayers, Nalani Bayne, Tanya Gumapac-McGuire, Alicia Nakano, Kiera Sutter, Marisa Wriston), 4:32.58; 2. Lanikai, 4:32.87; 3. Outrigger, 4:37.86; 4. Healani, 4:40.29.

18--1. Hui Nalu (Alyson Ayers, Kelsey Beck, Stacy Brossy, Missy Jasper, Jessie Lathrop, Nicole Chorney), 4:25.26; 2. Lanikai, 4:26.35; 3. Kailua, 4:29.52; 4. Healani, 4:41.04.

Men

Novice B--1. Hui Nalu (Eric Co, Kyle Morioka, Ben Godsey, Frank Ventimiglia, Harold Alcorau, John Simmerman), 3:47.03; 2. Kailua, 3:47.73; 3. Lanikai, 3:50.98; 4. Outrigger, 3:54.19.

Novice A--1. Outrigger (Rand Carlson, Kulani Jones, Dennis Gaughan, Alika Winter, David Fan, Twain Newhart), 7:39.37; 2. Kailua, 7:42.30; 3. New Hope, 7:49.59; 4. Hui Nalu, 7:50.62.

Freshmen--1. Hui Lanakila (Akeo Cuban, Mike Silva, Scot Miranda, Kaleo Cambra, Kelly Foster, Gavin Hanoa), 7:08.68; 2. Lanikai, 7:17.89; 3. Outrigger, 7:34.92; 4. Hui Nalu, 7:35.62.

Sophomore--1. Hui Lanakila (Raven Aipa, Mike Hangai, Manny Kulukulualani, Franz Robi Solmssen, Adam Treinen-Aea, Scott Hendricks), 6:55.92; 2. Outrigger, 6:56.24; 3. Lanikai, 7:02.48; 4. Kailua, 7:30.22.

Junior--1. Lanikai (James Bustamante, George Leslie, Herb Nahinu, Jim Foti, Justin Akana, Steven Kazai Macomber), 7:28.15; 2. Outrigger, 7:31.75; 3. Hui Nalu, 7:38.67; 4. Healani,

7:41.96.

Senior--1. Hui Lanakila (Raven Aipa, Mike Hangai, James Norman Bradley, Manny Kulukulalani, Chris Tseu, Scott Hendricks), 11:04.96; 2. Outrigger, 11:13.08; 3. Lanikai, 11:14.68; 4. Hui Nalu, 11:37.21.

Masters 40--1. Outrigger (Thomas Damon, Robert Harrison, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Karl Heyer, Jim Beaton), 7:15.09; 2. Kailua, 7:19.07; 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:20.68; 4. Hui Nalu, 7:22.50.

Masters 50--1. Outrigger (William Mowat, Barnaby Robinson, Murray Hixon, Jim Iams, Bill Meheula, William Arnott), 3:55.51; 2. Hui Nalu, 3:56.81; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:01.23; 4. Hui Lanakila, 4:03.09.

Masters 55--1. Outrigger (Ken Bailey, Mark Buch, Thomas Arnott, Jimmy Kincaid, Douglas Bechert, Chris Crabb), 3:50.58; 2. Lanikai, 4:01.09; 3. Waimanalo, 4:03.09; 4. Keahiakahoe, 4:10.90.

Masters 60--1. Lanikai (Shaka Madali, Clinton Mathews, William Monhan, Tay Perry, Michael Tice, William Watson), 4:14.12; 2. Hui Lanakila, 4:19.37; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:34.85; 4. New Hope, 4:35.87.

Open 4--1. Leeward Kai (Keola Wright, Tim Ekau, Joshua Ekau, Ryan Van Gieson); 2. Keahiakahoe; 3. Healani; 4. Lanikai.

Women

Novice B--1. Lanikai (Jenneifer Fioretti, Michelle Hilleary, Kathleen McGovern-Hopkins, Carissa Medeiros, Alison Parsons, Shari Samuels), 2:04.81; 2. Kailua, 2:10.05; 3. Honolulu Pearl, 2:10.63; 4. Healani, 2:11.19.

Novice A--1. Kailua (Jennifer Perelli, Tayte Brock, Sonia Garcia, Lisa Hyde, Brynn Leake, Kahala Titcomb), 4:16.12; 2. Lanikai, 4:22.75; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:24.39; 4. Outrigger, 4:25.73.

Freshmen--1. Lanikai (Dennis Kate, Jiny Kim, Amber Kuhlmann, Kimberly Morris, Nicole Radford, Kelly Smith), 8:40.16; 2. Kailua, 8:41.20; 3. Outrigger, 8:44.14; 4. Hui Lanakila, 8:49.50.

Sophomore--1. Hui Lanakila (Arlene Holzman, Mikala Bradley, Seraphina Eames, Jessie Eames, Pauahi Ioane, Katie Slocumb), 7:59.15; 2. Outrigger, 8:02.13; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:26.65.

Junior--1. Hui Lanakila (Allison Sokei, Kristi Lowry, Bernie Suafoa-Tyrell, Jaimie Kinard, Lisa Martin, Kuumomi Ho), 8:31.55; 2. Outrigger, 8:45.62; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:49.95; 4. Healani, 9:16.99.

Senior--1. Hui Lanakila (Arlene Holzman, Gail Grabowsky, Jane McKee, Jessie Eames, Sarah Van DeVanter, Katie Slocumb), 12:44.61; 2. Outrigger, 13:14.20; 3. Hui Nalu, 13:33.85; 4. Lanikai, 13:44.65.

Masters 40--1. Hui Lanakila (Deborah Rosenblum, Gail Grabosky, Jane McKee, Lesline Conner, Lorey Bode, Ilima Kim), 8:37.69; 2. Hui Nalu, 8:51.08; 3. Lanikai, 8:55.91; 4. Outrigger, 9:18.65.

Masters 50--1. Kailua (Donna Kohls, Chrystal Hogue, Donna Meyer, Kathy Erwin, Vivian Griffin, Cateen Ornellas), 4:33.36; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:43.93; 3. Lanikai, 4:51.59; 4. Waimanalo, 4:58.10.

Masters 55--1. Kailua (Sarah Jane Watson, Adrienne Wilson-Yamasaki), 4:45.87; 2. Hui Nalu, 5:00.15; 3. Lanikai, 5:01.81; 4. Waimanalo, 5:25.75.

Masters 60--1. Outrigger (Susan Heitzman, Ann Bowen, Barbara Bryan, Carol Cook, Sandra Simons, Keanuenu Rochlen), 5:05.78; 2. Kailua, 5:26.60; 3. Lanikai, 5:30.12; 4. Anuenue, 5:53.22.

Open 4--1. Kailua (Kisha Hudson, Shannon Van Gieson, Dale Omohundro, Lisa Barney),

4:53.47; 2. Healani, 4:55.37; 3. Outrigger, 5:06.64; 4. Hui Lanakila, 5:07.64.

Mixed

12-and-under--1. Keahiakahoe (Amber Almeida, Rachel Goings, Kodey Saizon, Johnathan Mahelona, Delson Kalei, Mahina Kaawa), 2:15.93; 2. Hui Lanakila, 2:16.46; 3. Kai Oni, 2:17.80; 4. Leeward Kai, 2:24.72.

Open--1. Hui Nalu (Lianne Cameron, Matt Beals, Todd Sandvold, Lindsey Lindbach, Ane Bakustis, Nalu Kukea), 3:46.76; 2. Kailua, 3:47.97; 3. Healani, 3:49.65; 4. Hui Lanakila, 3:50.52.

Novice B--1. Healani (Ikaika Rawlins, Kalei Koki, Clifton Botelho, Tracie Takatane, Tricia Piros, Maile Norman), 1:59.20; 2. Lanikai, 2:02.19; 3. Waikiki Surf, 2:02.47; 4. Honolulu Pearl, 2:06.52.

Masters 40--1. Hui Nalu (Kelly Fey, Bob Rocheleau, Roger Yokoyama, Brett Fee, Brenda Dunham, Kauai Pelekane), 4:00.87; 2. Lanikai, 4:01.96; 3. Kailua, 4:08.31; 4. New Hope, 4:10.40.

Masters 55--1. Hui Nalu (Mable Hirata, Jane Kirton, M.E. Lind, Michael Walsh, William Welch, Ann Yuen), 4:23.96; 2. Kailua, 4:29.43; 3. Lanikai, 4:32.02; 4. Outrigger, 4:32.31.

Specials

1. Waikiki Surf (Kalena Kelu-Espindola, Kekai McGee, Nohea Miller, Kamalani Johnson, Kaiminaauao Johnson, Kawailele Miller), 2:04.89; 2. Hui Nalu, 2:09.89; 3. Outrigger, 2:14.84; 4. Kai Oni, 2:28.88.