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The Lanikai Canoe Club won the senior men's division title at the OHCRA Oahu AA Division championship yesterday.

Kailua, Lanikai tie for OHCRA title

**The men 40 crew makes up a
3-point deficit in the final race**

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When the pressure was on, Kailua's men 40 crew came through.

Facing a three-point deficit in the final race of the day, Kailua Canoe Club pulled out a second-place finish, filling the gap to finish in a tie with Lanikai for the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association AA Division championship yesterday at Keehi Lagoon.

Kailua and Lanikai finished with 81 points apiece to cap a series of momentum swings. Hui Lanakila was a formidable part of the mix, finishing with 77 points.

Kailua's men 40, a crew of veteran paddlers, had been one of several top-quality groups in its division all summer. In the 37th and final event of a sunny day, Hui Nalu, Hui Lanakila and Outrigger were also in position to win the race.

"They told us we had to win. Second would tie," steersman Kamoā Kalama said. "We've been in this situation before. So have the other crews. This race is full of experienced paddlers, and there's a great deal of respect."

Coming out of the turn, the leading canoes were even. Hui Nalu (7 minutes, 9.15 seconds) eventually pulled away, and Kailua (7:14.52) outlasted Hui Lanakila (7:17.46) down the stretch.

Keahiakahoe won the A Division (1-12 commercials) with 26 points. Healani placed second with 18 points.

Kailua was content with its co-championship.

"The coaches and paddlers put in a great effort," head coach Jimmy Bruhn said. "If you're gonna share something, it might as well be (with) your neighbor around the corner. I'm satisfied."

Bobby Puakea, head coach of Lanikai, wasn't about to complain, either.

"Somehow, Friday, I felt really good about how today's race would go. I'm happy. I'm stoked," said Puakea, who returned to coaching last year after a seven-year hiatus.

Lanikai won four of the first nine races, all in the youth divisions. By the end of event 21 -- the sophomore women race -- Lanikai had the lead over Kailua, 49-42.

Hui Lanakila was 12 points behind, but as usual, rallied late. With wins in the girls 18, men's novice A, men's sophomore, men's junior, women's junior and women's senior races, Hui Lanakila was back in the hunt. After 30 events, they were eight points behind Lanikai (68). Kailua, scoring across the board, was within one point of Lanikai.

"I saw the numbers and I thought, 'Holy mackerel. This could be a three-way tie,'" Puakea said.

Kailua took the lead when its women's open 4 crew placed third to claim two points and vault ahead of Lanikai. A few minutes later, Hui Lanakila won the men's open 4 race. Suddenly, Hui Lanakila led with 70 points, with Kailua and Lanikai one and two points behind, respectively.

On cue, Lanikai's mixed crews came to the rescue. The 55 mixed crew won event 33 with a time of 4:31.17 over a half-mile course. Kailua placed fourth in the race, but Lanikai had 73 points to 70 apiece for Hui Lanakila and Kailua.

Hui Lanakila did not enter two crews in the final five races, leaving Kailua and Lanikai to battle it out.

Lanikai won the 40 mixed race in a time of 4:02.66, scoring five more points to take the lead. Hui Lanakila moved up in the point total with a third-place finish, but Kailua came in sixth and did not score.

Trailing by nine points, Kailua's title hopes were in dire straits. The turnaround began with the men and women mixed race, where Kailua finished in 3:48.46, more than six seconds ahead of Hui Lanakila. Lanikai finished a distant eighth and did not score.

Kailua closed the gap in the women 40 race, finishing second to Hui Nalu. Lanikai placed third, setting up the final event.

With no Lanikai crew entered in the men's 40, Kailua controlled its destiny. Hui Nalu, however, won handily with a time of 7:09.15, more than five seconds ahead of Kailua.

"I saw them making the turn just a little bit ahead of Hui Lanakila," Bruhn said. "I thought we'd have a chance to win it, but Hui Nalu was just too strong."

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Team standings

Division AA--1. Kailua and Lanikai, 81; 3. Hui Lanakila, 77; 4. Hui Nalu, 47; 5. Outrigger, 42; 6. New Hope, 7.

Division A--1. Keahiakahoe, 26; 2. Healani, 18; 3. Waikiki Surf Club, 13; 4. Anuenue, 8; 5. Waimanalo, 4; 6. 4. Leeward Kai, 2; 7. Makaha, 1.

Boys

12-and-under--1. Kailua (Travis Wilhoite, Joshua Dudoit, Kupono Kanehailua, Kainoa Chang, Chas Bautista, Kawai Makuakane), 2:10.13; 2. Lanikai, 2:15.69; 3. Keahiakahoe, 2:19.68; 4. Waikiki Surf, 2:22.52.

13--1. Kailua (Patrick Tepea, Carter Casey, Alika Guillaume, Kaonohi Malama-Custer, Kahikolu Pescaia, Keano Bruhn), 2:00.60; 2. Lanikai, 2:03.28; 3. Hui Nalu, 2:05.28; 4. Anuenue, 2:10.09.

14--1. Lanikai (Devon Ferguson, Jack Roney, Beau Moody, Jon-Michael Grindle, Scotty Irvine, Connor Dowsett), 1:55.15; 2. Hui Nalu, 1:57.18; 3. Keahiakahoe, 1:57.50; 4. Kailua, 1:57.89.

15--1. Kailua (Mana Ohia, Derek Poole, Kaipo Sarkissian, John Dudoit, Cody Hernandez, Stephen Agnew-Miller), 4:10.08; 2. Anuenue, 4:12.92; 3. Outrigger, 4:14.80; 4. Lanikai, 4:16.09.

16--1. Keahiakahoe (Jared Duran, Kevin Snodgrass, John Kupau, Kapili Kalahiki-Anthony, Levi Garcia, Kona Cambra), 4:00.23; 2. Lanikai, 4:00.62; 3. Kailua, 4:03.15; 4. Waikiki Surf, 4:08.09.

18--1. Lanikai (Keith Beers, Zane Chess, Matt Crowley, Jonny Kono, Ian Smith, Matthew Sullivan), 7:28.46; 2. Keahiakahoe, 7:51.79; 3. Hui Nalu, 7:52.48; 4. Kailua, 7:53.59.

girls

12-and-under--1. Lanikai (Julia Anderson, Tiana Carstairs, Kanoelani Irvine, Lauren Sampsel, Teresa Shun, Hannah Smith), 2:29.45; 2. Waikiki Surf, 2:30.56; 3. Hui Nalu, 2:31.92; 4. Keahiakahoe, 2:32.29.

13--1. Hui Lanakila (Sasha Andrade, Tierney Ioane, Hiilei Thompson, Chawna Mahelona, Kalau Martinez, Kamalei Ah Yuen), 2:15.26; 2. Lanikai, 2:17.99; 3. Kailua, 2:21.39; 4. Leeward Kai, 2:25.92.

14--1. Lanikai (Kayla Benali, Gina Coscina, Claire Dewey, Elizabeth Hawkins-Mahaulu, Meghann Lau, Zoe Tomar), 2:14.14; 2. Hui Lanakila, 2:19.99; 3. Outrigger, 2:22.87; 4. Kailua, 2:24.57.

15--1. Keahiakahoe (Teresa Kahookele, Sarah Keliioomalua, U'i Heimuli, Tyleen Teixeira-Rosa, Piilani McFadden, Chevy Au-Stein), 4:39.47; 2. Lanikai, 4:41.77; 3. Kailua, 4:46.17; 4. Outrigger, 4:47.84.

16--1. Lanikai (Kokee Coscina, Arianna Grindle, Dawn Hunt, Amanda Moody, Rachel Orodener, Dawn Simunovich), 4:44.50; 2. Waikiki Surf, 4:46.22; 3. Waimanalo, 4:46.93; 4. Kailua, 4:49.08.

18--1. Hui Lanakila (Kaipo Martinez, Kauai Martinez, Leahy Frias, Kelsi Campos, Kanoe Naauao-Kipapa, Lori Nakamura), 4:22.76; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:28.31; 3. Outrigger, 4:29.54; 4. Kailua, 4:31.69.

men

Novice A--1. Hui Lanakila (Gavin Hanoa, Sean McElligott, Kalai Fernandez, Kaleo Cambra, Allen Mahuka, Isaac Brumaghim), 7:39.19; 2. Healani, 7:53.74; 3. Kailua, 7:58.52; 4. Makaha, 8:07.99.

Novice B--1. Hui Lanakila (Austin Easley, Scot Miranda, Chris Simpson, Michael Kaneshiro, Marc Titcomb, Chino Colburn), 3:50.67; 2. Healani, 3:53.63; 3. New Hope, 3:54.40; 4. Kailua, 3:55.07.

Freshmen--1. Kailua (Kealii Martin, Boyd Moberga, Zion Thompson, Jacob Anderson, Cana Day, Nahina Leeloy), 7:20.67; 2. Outrigger, 7:29.59; 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:38.57; 4. Lanikai, 7:48.51.

Sophomore--1. Hui Lanakila (Tapa Worthington, Chris Tseu, Mel Puu, Tomas Schlotman, Manny Kulukulualani, Billy Balding), 6:56.90; 2. Lanikai, 7:00.57; 3. Kailua, 7:02.42; 4. Outrigger, 7:03.16.

Junior--1. Hui Lanakila (Manny Kulukulualani, Mark Riegel, Tomas Schlotman, Maui Kjeldsen, Raven Aipa, Billy Balding), 6:58.59; 2. Lanikai, 7:06.11; 3. Hui Nalu, 7:09.84; 4. Outrigger, 7:11.68.

Senior--1. Lanikai (Kai Bartlett, Peter Binney, Kekoa Bruhn, Jim Foti, John Foti, George Leslie), 10:42.54; 2. Kailua, 10:47.13; 3. Outrigger, 10:48.43; 4. Hui Lanakila, 10:56.31.

Masters 40--1. Hui Nalu (Giovanni Camusso, Bruce Blankenfeld, Rob Harrison, Chris Baird, Roger Yokoyama, Nainoa Thompson), 7:09.15; 2. Kailua, 7:14.52; 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:17.46; 4. Outrigger, 7:24.79.

Masters 50--1. Kailua (Hank Leandro, Charles Kalama, Paul Shaner, Benny Quitevis, Read Spencer, Tommy Conner), 3:47.31; 2. New Hope, 3:50.71; 3. Outrigger, 3:53.07; 4. Hui Lanakila, 3:57.58.

Masters 55--1. Lanikai (Jerome Cox, Phil Fox, Michael Gibson, Shaka Madali, George Medeiros, Carl Woehrle), 4:00.56; 2. Anuenue, 4:07.39; 3. Kailua, 4:08.02; 4. Hui Lanakila, 4:09.63.

Open 4--1. Hui Lanakila (Keanu Kuna, Bill Pratt, Andy Penny, Kalama Heine), 3:47.97; 2. Keahiakahoe, 3:51.82; 3. Outrigger, 3:59.52; 4. Anuenue, 4:04.38.

women

Novice A--1. Hui Nalu (Kerry McQuiston, Barb Craft, Christina Luna, Julie Anne Wassel, Micole Matney, Lisa Chang), 4:25.73; 2. Kailua, 4:26.06; 3. Healani, 4:28.64; 4. Hui Lanakila, 4:33.31.

Novice B--1. Hui Lanakila (Estee Okumura, Colleen Kelly, Patty Tannahill, Mary Stibbard, Kahealani Miguel, Aloha Yamaguchi), 2:12.39; 2. Healani, 2:12.69; 3. Lanikai, 2:14.13; 4. New Hope, 2:20.83.

Freshmen--1. Outrigger (Mahealani Batlik, Laurie Lawsen, Anne Rosa, Sarah Rosa, Pa'a Kincaid, Elizabeth Perry), 8:34.35; 2. Lanikai, 8:37.03; 3. Kailua, 8:38.84; 4. Waikiki Surf, 8:45.41.

Sophomore--1. Outrigger (Tracy Phillips, Laurie Lawson, Megan Clark, Jennifer Thayer, Mary Smolenski, Kisi Haine), 8:20.96; 2. Hui Lanakila, 8:23.71; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:32.74; 4. Kailua, 8:44.06.

Junior--1. Hui Lanakila (Pauahi Ioane, Bernie Suafoa, Jennifer Von Ruden, Seraphina Eames, Jody Kono, Ilima Kim), 8:21.21; 2. Hui Nalu, 8:29.33; 3. Kailua, 8:38.63; 4. Outrigger, 8:50.18.

Senior--1. Hui Lanakila (Jessie Eames, Michelle Arnold, Jennifer Von Ruden, Jody Kono, Deborah Rosenblum, Vi Coito), 12:33.35; 2. Outrigger, 12:35.03; 3. Kailua, 12:55.33; 4. Hui Nalu, 12:55.66.

Masters 40--1. Hui Nalu (Patsy Vasquez, Lois Wise, Jane Fee, Lorey Bode, Terry Brussehoff, Ellen Komatsu), 8:46.00; 2. Kailua, 9:00.84; 3. Lanikai, 9:31.49; 4. New Hope, 10:05.15.

Masters 50--1. Hui Nalu (Lurline McGregor, Mary Fern, Marcia Omura, Katie Scott, Lindsey Styant, Lita Blankenfeld), 4:35.55; 2. Kailua, 4:53.08; 3. Waimanalo, 4:55.99; 4. Waikiki Surf, 4:58.56.

Masters 55--1. Kailua (Sarah-Jane Watson, Nani Olds, Yvonne Keahi, Shelly Gilman, Susie Oakland, Mary Martin), 4:47.19; 2. Lanikai, 4:55.95; 3. Hui Nalu, 4:56.26; 4. Outrigger, 5:01.59.

Open 4--1. Hui Lanakila (Allison Sokei, Lehua Heine, Gail Grabowsky, Katie Slocumb), 4:40.60; 2. Outrigger, 4:40.93; 3. Kailua, 4:47.48; 4. Lanikai, 4:47.73.

mixed

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Open--1. Kailua (Kahai Canario, Jason Ignacio, Pat Von, Loretta Toth, Donna Kahakui, Kisha Hudson), 3:48.46; 2. Hui Lanakila, 3:54.83; 3. Healani, 3:56.03; 4. Hui Nalu, 3:57.97.

Novice B--1. Healani (Denis Massey, Greg Russell, Holly Greenwell, Mike Gillenkin, Denise Kodani, Jamie Ito), 2:02.30; 2. Waikiki Surf, 2:02.57; 3. Lanikai, 2:02.80; 4. Hui Lanakila, 2:06.39.

Masters 40--1. Lanikai (Cathy Bender, Judy Sangiuliano, Heidi Smith, Cory Mehau, Peter Roney, David Smith), 4:02.66; 2. Outrigger, 4:04.05; 3. Hui Lanakila, 4:11.14; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:18.33.

Masters 55--1. Lanikai (Mauliola Aspelund, Lori Auhll, Hoppy Smith, Kimo Jadrnicek, Robert Milne, William Watson), 4:31.17; 2. Hui Nalu, 4:35.66; 3. Outrigger, 4:40.28; 4. Kailua, 4:41.21.