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*The Outrigger Canoe Club (forefront) paddles past
Kailua Canoe Club (background) to win the freshmen men's title.*

Lanikai wins OHCRA title

**Paced by the senior men,
it rallies to edge the Kailua and
Outrigger canoe clubs**

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After a second-place finish at last year's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships, the Lanikai Canoe Club was looking to become the association's top club.

Coming into yesterday's championship at Keehi Lagoon, Lanikai boasted three regatta wins behind the strength of its undefeated senior men. Yesterday, it captured nine of the 32 events to finish with 73 points and edge Kailua Canoe Club and Outrigger Canoe Club by four points.

After the women's senior division race, Lanikai was tied for second with Outrigger and trailed last week's regatta champion, Kailua, which had already posted five wins.

With five points separating first and second place, and 10 events to go, Lanikai needed to take action. And the club's best chance to secure the crown was up next.

The senior men didn't disappoint as they completed the 2-mile race in 14 minutes, 24.68 seconds. Outrigger finished second at 14:32.88.

"We were already locked into the (state championships) in our division," crew member Mike Pedersen said, "but it's always great to go out on a winning note."

Although favored to win their division, the Lanikai senior men were just happy to finish. They nearly flipped over at the final turn, but regained their composure to outdistance Outrigger in a fight-to-the-end finish.

"Today was an example of upwind strength and togetherness," Pedersen said.

"We almost huli-ed (flipped) on that turn," Lanikai's Giovanni Camusa said. "The arm came completely up and that's where we regained our ground. We were dead-even with Outrigger, but we kept our focus, picked up speed and won. That's the high right there."

The team had never paddled together before.



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The Lanikai freshmen women paddle to a third-place finish at the OHCRA Championships yesterday.

"We have an excellent core of guys," Camusa said, "and today was another example of how we can mix it up with different guys of high caliber and make it exciting."

Lanikai went on to win the women's fours and the men's and women's mixed events to surpass Kailua for the crown.

Defending champion Outrigger held onto second place with the help of first-place finishes by seven teams, including the senior women, who surprised the field with their victory.

"Healani, Hui Nalu and Kailua had their good crews in there," crew member Donna Kahakui said. "So we knew it was going to be a battle and we just prevailed."

Like Lanikai's senior men's team, Outrigger's senior women's crew, which finished the 112-mile race in 12:25.80, never trained together during the regatta season.

"It was like 'Dial-A-Crew' every week," Kahakui said. "But we've paddled together for so long and so often over the past six years that when you put us together, we have the confidence to paddle together. And that's what we did and it was really nice."

Teammate Nicole Wilcox felt confident about the race.

"Everything just went right," Wilcox said. "Everything clicked and it felt good the whole time. We pulled away on the upwind and going downwind felt good, too. Everything just went well for us."

"It takes all six to win," Kahakui added. "You have one weak link and it's all over."

Despite taking first, Outrigger's senior women didn't qualify for the state championships, to be held in two weeks. A rule change implemented this season states that qualifiers are not determined by wins, but by total accumulated points throughout the season. So instead, Hui Nalu, Kailua, Healani and Lanikai will participate in the state championships in the division.

"Unfortunately for us, the rules changed," Kahakui said. "Because of the mix-match, we never had this crew together, so it looks like we're not going to the states."



OHCRA Championship Regatta

At Ke'ehi Lagoon

Team standings

AA Division: 1. Lanikai, 73 points. 2. Kailua and Outrigger, 69. 4. Hui Nalu, 40. 5. Waikiki Surf, 24. 6. Hui Lanakila, 18.

A Division: 1. Keahiakahoe, 20. 2. Healani, 16. 3. Anuenue, 10. 4. Makaha, 5. 5. Kai'oni and Leeward Kai, 3. 7. Honolulu, 1. 8. Waimanalo, 0.

Race results

■1/4 mile

Mixed 12: 1. Keahiakahoe (Carol Jenkins, Dari Hariguchi, Tiana Salmon, Willie Holck, Ronson Honeychurch, Kaeo Mau), 2:09.49. 2. Kai'oni, 2:16.42. 3. Waikiki Surf, 2:18.54.

Girls 12: 1. Outrigger (Ali Rigg, Avery Cavanah, Halii Van Lier-Ribbink, Kai Browne, Jennifer Tokin, Amy Lawson), 2:03.06. 2. Kailua, 2:04.72. 3. Lanikai, 2:06.96.

Boys 12: 1. Kailua (Alan Akina, Paul Bland, Kai Chapman, Kawe Humel, Hoku Joao, Kawai Sylva), 2:05.88. 2. Lanikai, 2:12.78. 3. Outrigger, 2:17.62.

Girls 13: 1. Kailua (Ferron Delacruz, Pua Hamasaki, Jenny Handley, Mele Kalama, Mercedes Mullins, Logan Sandoval), 2:14.74. 2. Outrigger, 2:16.17. 3. Makaha, 2:17.18.

Boys 13: 1. Kailua (Kaina Neuman, Kalani Kane, Jon White, Kahai LaCount, Daniel Baldauf, Esekia Toomata), 1:59.41. 2. Waikiki Surf, 2:02.43. 3. Outrigger, 2:03.75.

Girls 14: 1. Waikiki Surf (Manssa Luning, Taylor Leong, Beth Nakamura, Kelly Maunakea, Luukia Keaunui, Keala Hironaka-Tampon), 2:16.33. 2. Hui Lanakila, 2:17.14. 3. Kailua, 2:19.14.

Boys 14: 1. Outrigger (Aka Beaumont, Adam Dornbush, Ross O'Carroll, Ryan Markham, Thomas Finney, Scott Bright), 1:56.03. 2. Keahiakahoe, 1:58.21. 3. Kailua, 2:00.46.

Women Novice B: 1. Lanikai (Jill Zamzow, Beth Bowlen, Anae Merseberger, Nicole Radford, Letti Frakenhauser, Kendra Watkins), 2:12.12. 2. Kailua, 2:17.27. 3. Waikiki Surf, 2:18.13.

Mixed Novice: 1. Lanikai (Patricia Rivieria, Juanita Aguerrebere-Beck, Rod Pedro, Steve Terrell, Mark Perry, Kathy Hall), 2:02.05. 2. Outrigger, 2:02.42. 3. Kailua, 2:04.13.

■1/2 mile

Men Novice B: 1. Lanikai (Dave Silva, Kai Bartlett, Steve Freitas, Ryan Young, Ron Wolf, Jay Rodgers), 3:42.97. 2. Kailua, 3:44.60. 3. Hui Lanakila, 3:45.12.

Women Novice A: 1. Hui Nalu (Kay Clivio, Laura Lee, Lia Bullock, Mariliz Reilly, Sandy Stennen, Liane Dakujaku), 4:21.63. 2. Outrigger, 4:25.42. 3. Waikiki Surf, 4:25.96.

Girls 16: 1. Kailua (Lauren Reis, Michelle Thompson, Malina Styan, Joelle Humel, Tina Handley, Ilikea Handley), 4:24.61. 2. Lanikai, 4:30.52. 3. Outrigger, 4:32.97.

Boys 16: 1. Keahiakahoe (Wailana Bautista, Matt Fragas, Kaipō Hanakeawe, Toby Perio, Kaneala Smith, Miles Uyemura), 3:50.05. 2. Leeward Kai, 3:58.08. 3. Kailua, 4:16.17.

Girls 18: 1. Hui Nalu (Anne Rosa, Tia Blakenfeld, Brandy Mailer, Heather Watkins, Lindsay Marlatt, Pua Scott), 4:21.12. 2. Lanikai, 4:27.94. 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:30.54.

Women Masters (52+): 1. Hui Nalu (Jane Lundberg, Lynette Yoshida, Bea Ceasar, Jo Star, Prix Grimm, Carol Kukea), 4:51.93. 2. Lanikai, 4:55.08. 3. Kailua, 5:01.18.

Men Masters (52+): 1. Anuenue (Babe Bell, Mike Watson, Gaylord Wilcox, Rockne Freitas, Harry Ho, Nappy Napoleon), 4:02.58. 2. Kailua, 4:03.84. 3. Outrigger, 4:05.02.

Women Masters (45+): 1. Hui Nalu (Lita Blankenfield, Marilyn Kiner, Diane Warncke, KT Scott, Liz Sutter, Mary Fern), 4:41.22. 2. Anuenue, 4:42.21. 3. Outrigger, 4:46.94.

Men Masters (45+): 1. Kailua (Hank Leandro, Edward Chung, Cy Kalama, Robert Bolson, Vance Smith, Denis Yap), 3:46.81. 2. Outrigger, 3:49.11. 3. Anuenue, 3:53.67.

Women Fours: 1. Lanikai (Libby Falk, Linda Fernandez, Ann Dewey, Sal Olds), 4:43.26. 2. Kailua, 4:49.62. 3. Outrigger, 4:55.17.

Men Fours: 1. Hui Lanakila (Gavin Chun, Raven Aipa, Kalama Heine, Rob Fetters), 3:50.58. 2. Lanikai, 3:51.32. 3. Outrigger, 3:51.89.

Men and Women Mixed: 1. Lanikai (Mike Smith, Peter Binney, Brynn Blomfield, Cyndee Platko, Kathy Leyshon, John Foti), 3:50.86. 2. Hui Nalu, 3:55.30. 3. Waikiki Surf, 3:56.30.

Mixed (40+): 1. Outrigger (Chris Kincaid, Bill Bright, Katy Bourne, Walter Guild, Genie Kincaid, Paula Crabb), 3:58.81. 2. Kailua, 4:03.73. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:05.96.

■ 1 mile

Boys 18: 1. Waikiki Surf (Noah Gibson, Duff Janus, Shane Harvest, Jeff Brown, Koa Sai, Zachary Payne), 7:32.29. 2. Outrigger, 7:35.75. 3. Lanikai, 7:46.76.

Men Novice A: 1. Lanikai (Daniel Espinoza, James Bustamante, Daniel Henshaw, Jon Emerson, Peter Abcarian, Brandon O'Gorman), 7:23.03. 2. Kailua, 7:28.01. 3. Waikiki Surf, 7:33.91.

Women Freshman: 1. Healani (Gail Murakami, Melvia Hardy, Colleen Chun, Malia Lageman, Lani Isherwood, Marian Yasuda), 8:47.93. 2. Hui Nalu, 8:58.28. 3. Lanikai, 9:04.24.

Men Freshman: 1. Outrigger (Sam Chillingworth, Luke Estes, Craig Gamble, Victor Sheeman, David Stackhouse, Jakob Vaughan), 7:09.43. 2. Lanikai, 7:10.25. 3. Healani, 7:19.75.

Women Sophomore: 1. Kailua (Christily Silvernale, Jennifer Clarke, Sherilyn Broad, Melita Kalama, Linda Shea, Leimomi Dierks), 9:47.87. 2. Outrigger, 9:59.12. 3. Makaha, 10:18.29.

Men Sophomore: 1. Lanikai (Duane Webster, Bruce Lukas, Bill Keller, Rich Lambert, Brian Simpkins, Fred Marumoto), 7:19.68. 2. Outrigger, 7:27.32. 3. Kailua, 7:30.06.

Women Junior: 1. Healani (Karin Hansen, Dane Ward, Dineen McNicoll, Deborah Rosenbloom, Heather Cottrel, Katie Bouthiller), 8:26.88. 2. Lanikai, 8:31.43. 3. Hui Nalu, 8:31.85.

Women Masters (35+): 1. Outrigger (Genie Kincaid, Tiare Richert-Finney, Patricia Nagatani, Katy Bowne, Ann Martin, Paula Crabb), 8:28.69. 2. Kailua, 9:26.78. 3. Hui Nalu, 9:57.32.

Men Masters (35+): 1. Hui Lanakila (Fred DeLosSantos, Greg Poole, Ron Baron, Jim Hewitt, Jon Coito, Leighton Look), 7:24.68. 2. Lanikai, 7:26.65. 3. Outrigger, 7:36.58.

■1-1/2 mile

Men Junior: 1. Outrigger (Bill Bright, Dean Maeva, Ikaika Kincaid, Ralph Gray, Matt Kresser, Heath Hemmings), 11:30.47. 2. Lanikai, 11:33.11. 3. Hui Nalu, 11:52.44.

Women Senior: 1. Outrigger (Traci Phillips, Donna Kahakui, Nicole Wilcox, Lisa Livingston, Sara Ackerman, Kisi Haine), 12:25.80. 2. Healani, 12:39.01.

■2 mile

Men Senior: 1. Lanikai (Gio Camusa, Todd Hart, Mike Pedersen, Al Lipp, Kekoa Bruhn, John Foti), 14:24.68. 2. Outrigger, 14:32.88. 3. Hui Nalu, 15:56.15.