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It was a paddling frenzy at the start of the Men Novice B race during yesterday's Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships.

Kailua takes OHCRA crown

**The Windward club edges
out Outrigger, Lanikai and
Hui Nalu in a tight battle
at Keehi Lagoon**

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With the championship undecided until the final race and only five points separating the top four clubs when it was done, the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championship Regatta was full of drama and high tension yesterday at Keehi Lagoon.

When the final results were tallied, Kailua became the first canoe club other than Outrigger or Lanikai to win in the last six OHCRA championships.

Kailua finished with 64 points, just two points ahead of second-place Outrigger, the winner of four out of the previous five championships. Lanikai, which won the title in 1998, finished third with 61 points. Hui Nalu Canoe Club made a strong fourth-place showing with 59.

Keahiakahoe Canoe Club won the A Division for smaller clubs in what also was a very tight race with 22 points.

The delighted Kailua contingent let out a roar as the results were announced, led as it has been all season by head coach Cy Kalama.

"At the beginning of the year we had three goals: Winning our own regatta in Kailua, winning the OHCRA championship, and winning states," said Kalama, whose club won the state title in 1998. "So far we've accomplished the first two and it has been a total team effort.

"We hadn't been doing so well these last couple of weeks going into this race so I reminded everybody of our goals and I held up a medal and said 'This is where it's at; we got to go for the gold.' "

Though the Windward club didn't exactly blow its competition out of the water yesterday - winning only four races - its crews consistently finished in top four spots. Kailua grabbed a one-point lead after a second-place finish in Event No. 32, Men's Open Four, and stayed ahead the rest of the way despite no wins in the last three events.

Outrigger continued its recent trend of making a strong late-season push.

"We're very pleased with the last three regattas," Outrigger head coach Kehau Kali said. "We're pleasantly surprised and happy to be peaking at this time.

"But I think our strong showings are due in part to us having most of our paddlers with the club now."

Lanikai finished with a regatta-high eight victories.

Hui Nalu turned in perhaps its most impressive showing of the year with six, four in the women's division.

Said Nainoa Thompson, chief navigator for the Hokulea and longtime steering coach for Hui Nalu: "Our club did awesome today. It's the championship so you've got to put everything together."

Watching intently yesterday was Hawaiian Canoe Club's head youth coach, Paul Luuwai.

Luuwai was scouting the competition for his Maui-based canoe club that won the the Valley Isle championship on Saturday and also was leading the state championship last year before it was called off under protest. A state winner was never declared.

"We can't change the decisions that were made, but we can use the decision to fuel the fire," Luuwai said. "So far, it appears that we will be the most well-represented club at states with 29 crews out of 35 qualified.

"I think the state race (Aug. 5) will be won by a really close margin and we plan to come over here and represent the best we can."

The Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championship will be held at Keehi Lagoon.

Making runs at the state title chase will be Lokahi and Kaneohe, the top two finishers at Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a championships last Saturday at Keehi Lagoon. Lokahi finished with 68 points to Kaneohe's 67.

PADDLING

OHCRA Championships

At Ke'ehi Lagoon Yesterday's results Team standings

AA Division: 1. Kailua, 64 pts. 2. Outrigger, 62. 3. Lanikai, 61. 4. Hui Nalu, 59. 5. Hui Lanakila, 45.

A Division: 1. Keahiakahoe, 22. 2. Healani, 21. 3. Waikiki Surf, 20. 4. Anuenue, 9. 5. Leeward Kai, 6. 6. Waimanalo, 4. 7. Kai Oni, 1. 8. (tie) Honolulu and Makaha, 0.

Boys

12 (mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Cameron Bell, Ryan Miyamoto, Sheldon Herring, Mark Bonner, Nanea Baird, Dru Hara), 2:05.47. 2. Kailua, 2:10.51. 3. Keahiakahoe, 2:17.66. 4. Outrigger, 2:21.67.

13 (mile): 1. Lanikai (Jonny Kono, Kelly Wilkins, Kahea Williams, Jason Poole, Jason Kline, Ian Smith), 2:00.74. 2. Hui Nalu, 2:01.13. 3. Leeward Kai, 2:08.86. 4. Kailua, 2:10.02.

14 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Peter Van Lier Ribbink, Cutter Rolles, Jay Loui, Robby Field, Will Egesdal, Darragh O'Carroll), 1:51.38. 2. Lanikai, 1:57.67. 3. Hui Nalu, 1:59.27. 4. Hui Lanakila, 2:06.78.

15 (mile): 1. Keahiakahoe (Nahina LeeLoy, Neilan Madrid, Kea Sheldon, Taani Wolfgramm, Justin Akana, Kawika Smith), 3:17.05. 2. Waikiki Surf, 3:27.68. 3. Waimanalo, 3:38.04. 4. Hui Nalu, 3:45.67.

16 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Ross O'Carroll, Jedd Chang, Andy Cavanagh, Adam Dornbush, Matthew Moore, Scott Bright), 3:55.84. 2. Lanikai, 3:57.22. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:03.53. 4. Hui

Lanakila, 4:08.70.

18 (1 mile): 1. Lanikai (Steven Murphy, Nick Tomgren, Chris Driscoll, Milan Tresnak, Jesse McCarty, Ethan Creps), 7:27.21. 2. Keahiakahoe, 7:30.64. 3. Outrigger, 7:41.76. 4. Leeward Kai, 7:47.90.

Girls

12 (mile): 1. Lanikai (Alicia Von Bokhoven, Kokee Cosina, Kierke Panisnick, Jordan Terry, Nicole Anderson, Lahi Young), 2:11.46. 2. Kailua, 2:12.93. 3. Keahiakahoe, 2:13.86. 4. Outrigger, 2:17.07.

13 (mile): 1. Kailua (Rachel Humel, Joelle Akau, Elena Bryant, Maria Kanehailua, Dara Hazama, Natasha Baldauf), 2:24.12. 2. Keahiakahoe, 2:24.50. 3. Hui Lanakila, 2:29.55. 4. Hui Nalu, 2:30.30.

14 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Kai Bourne, Jennifer Tokin, Avery Cavanaugh, Haili Van Lier Ribbink, Ali Rigg, Amy Lawson), 2:07.69. 2. Hui Nalu, 2:23.40. 3. Keahiakahoe, 2:25.99. 4. Lanikai, 2:26.79.

15 (mile): 1. Waikiki Surf (Brooke Calpito, Dana Jacobe, Kanani Souza, Krystal Timsing, Tehina Wright, Nohea Arkus), 4:27.73. 2. Keahiakahoe, 4:33.16. 3. Outrigger, 4:48.55. 4. Kailua, 4:50.69.

16 (mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Nicole Paiva, Leihula Desoto, Maluhia Eleneke, Kayna Rodrigues, Jolene Chun, Kaleolani Britland), 4:34.73. 2. Kailua, 4:41.33. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:47.37. 4. Leeward Kai, 4:53.32.

18 (mile): 1. Lanikai (Tina Handley, Tai Handley, Mina Elison, Irie Richards, Malina Styan, Pomai Lancaster), 4:25.97. 2. Kailua, 4:35.41. 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:35.67. 4. Healani, 4:49.40.

Men

Novice A (1 mile): 1. Outrigger (Rick Hobson, William Lawson, Ryan Hanneberg, Brett Chuckovich, Alan Dowsett, Jimmy Steiner), 7:30.91. 2. Kailua, 7:33.16. 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:33.38. 4. Lanikai, 7:50.81.

Novice B (mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Kekoa Beaupre, Reid Kawano, Jason Cosma, Rob Wengler, Dave Mantemach, Randall Chang), 3:51.44. 2. Healani, 3:59.60. 3. Kailua, 4:01.21. 4. Anuenue, 4:05.19.

Freshmen (1 mile): 1. Lanikai (Dave Daniels, Kaai Bruhn, Daniel Espinoza, Andrew Penny, Karel Tresnak, Jr., Pat Von), 7:06.43. 2. Healani, 7:11.70. 3. Waikiki Surf, 7:21.03. 4. Outrigger, 7:23.01.

Sophomores (1 mile): 1. Lanikai (Mike Pederson, Kai Bartlett, Mike Judd, Bruce Lucas, Herbert Nahinu, Jim Foti), 6:59.96. 2. Outrigger, 7:10.52. 3. Waikiki Surf, 7:28.56. 4. Hui Nalu, 7:38.66.

Juniors (1 miles): 1. Hui Nalu (Wyatt Jones, Danny Loui, Frank Butcher, Jake Mizuno, Steve Kelly, Chris Kasperowicz), 11:45.77. 2. Lanikai, 11:53.49. 3. Hui Lanakila, 11:54.03. 4. Outrigger, 12:00.01.

Seniors (2 miles): 1. Lanikai (Mike Pederson, Mike Judd, Kai Bartlett, Karel Tresnak, Jr., Jim Foti, Andrew Penny), 14:10.19. 2. Waikiki Surf, 14:56.57. 3. Hui Lanakila, 14:57.88. 4. Outrigger, 14:58.20.

Masters 35 (1 mile): 1. Outrigger (Karl Heyer, William Bright, Walter Guild, Marc Haine,

Courtney Seto, Scott Rolles), 7:11.73. 2. Hui Lanakila, 7:15.32. 3. Kailua, 7:31.59. 4. Waikiki Surf, 7:32.82.

Masters 45 (mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (crew unavailable), 3:42.19. 2. Outrigger, 3:46.51. 3. Kailua, 3:48.50. 4. Lanikai, 3:53.66.

Masters 53 (mile): 1. Kailua (Hank Leandro, Pat Goldstein, Ed Dierdorf, Rem Mikus, Bob Thurston, Tom Conner), 3:50.64. 2. Anuenue, 3:59.41. 3. Outrigger, 4:00.42. 4. Lanikai, 4:07.32.

Open 4 (mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Raven Aipa, Greg Poole, Rob Fetters, Kalama Heine), 3:57.59. 2. Kailua, 4:01.63. 3. Lanikai, 4:02.62. 4. Anuenue, 4:06.58.

Women

Novice A (mile): 1. Kailua (Cathy Hamasaki, Kelly Townsend, Michelle Meier, Robin Kalama, Lisa Martin, Kahala Titcomb), 4:24.87. 2. Hui Nalu, 4:33.18. 3. Waimanalo, 4:34.03. 4. Lanikai, 4:35.91.

Novice B (mile): 1. Healani (Heidi Kon, Guinnevere Roberts, Chelsea Jaena, Tomoko Kiuchi, Jerzelle Ruiz, Tracy Hara), 2:13.16. 2. Hui Lanakila, 2:15.64. 3. Kailua, 2:20.69. 4. Kai Oni, 2:23.92.

Freshmen (1 mile): 1. Kailua (Jean Riehl, Jen Mosher, Debbie Neuman, Dora Dome, Tia Ward, Tita Kim), 8:42.64. 2. Healani, 9:03.42. 3. Outrigger, 9:07.78. 4. Hui Lanakila, 9:11.75.

Sophomores (1 mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Megan Harrington, Nikki Queyrel, Julie Horner, Catherine Fuller, Jerelyn Watanabe, Nicole Sew), 8:26.60. 2. Kailua, 8:30.39. 3. Outrigger, 9:06.21. 4. Lanikai, 9:35.47.

Juniors (1 miles): 1. Hui Nalu (Kelly Fey, Julie Horner, Catherine Fuller, Emily Godinet, Cathee Maurer, Kau Pelekane), 8:21.03. 2. Kailua, 8:23.46. 3. Hui Lanakila, 8:47.01. 4. Outrigger, 9:08.34.

Seniors (2 miles): 1. Hui Nalu (Kelly Wong, Megan Harrington, Nikki Queyrel, Chris Jahrling, Kelly Fey, Kau Pelekane), 12:50.12. 2. Kailua, 13:18.55. 3. Outrigger, 13:19.44. 4. Lanikai, 13:20.93.

Masters 35 (1 mile): 1. Healani (Laurie Seto, Gail Murakami, Melve Hardy, Dineen McNicoll, Colleen Chun, Robyn Nonaka), 8:49.16. 2. Lanikai, 8:49.94. 3. Waikiki Surf, 9:11.31. 4. Kailua, 9:32.58.

Masters 45 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Paula Crabb, Susan Heitzman, Laurie Lawson, Patricia Nagatani, Jeanne Jenkins, Michelle St. John), 4:22.53. 2. Hui Nalu, 4:32.36. 3. Anuenue, 4:34.58. 4. Kailua, 4:37.21.

Masters 53 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Diane Stowell, Ann Cundall, Patty Mowat, Patricia Sheehan, Carol Cook, Keanueanue.Rochlen), 4:39.03. 2. Hui Nalu, 4:39.46. 3. Anuenue, 4:42.98. 4. Kailua, 4:58.78.

Open 4 (mile): 1. Hui Nalu (Linda Fernandez, Gail Kaaialii, Tammy Kaneaiakala, Denise Chang-Darval), 4:28.05. 2. Outrigger, 4:48.45. 3. Waikiki Surf, 4:57.84. 4. Kailua, 5:04.69.

Mixed

12 (mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Ramseyer Brown, Sam Taylor, Paris Oamilda, Kawika Kamai, Kari Ann Kumashiro, Tamalyn Kumashiro), 2:10.98. 2. Hui Nalu, 2:23.68. 3. Leeward Kai, 2:31.78. 4. Kailua, 2:45.96.

Novice (mile): 1. Outrigger (Lindsay Berrington, Nohea Rochlen, Vien Schwinn, John Wilbur,

George Puder, Jaren Hancock), 2:08.66. 2. Hui Lanakila, 2:09.77. 3. Hui Nalu, 2:12.24. 4. Makaha, 2:13.21.

Masters 40 (mile): 1. Outrigger (Katy Bourne, Patricia Nagatani, Paula Crabb, Scott Rolles, Marc Haine, Courtney Seto), 3:46.17. 2. Hui Nalu, 3:52.96. 3. Kailua, 3:54.37. 4. Lanikai, 4:00.56.

Open (mile): 1. Lanikai (Mike Beyer, Kalani Irvine, John Foti, Hillary Broad, Chrissie Twomey, Lyndsey Wong), 3:53.07. 2. Kailua, 3:56.85. 3. Hui Nalu, 4:01.12. 4. Healani, 4:04.94.
