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The Boys 18 crew from Hawaiian Canoe Club of Maui paddled hard during the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship races at Hanalei Bay on Kauai yesterday.

Crew members, front to back, are Lopaka White, Tony Beltran, Keaka Sardine, Lihau Koomoa, David Bandalan and Judson McCandless.

Hawaiian no ka oi

**The Maui canoe club wins its
first state title with a third-place
finish in the final race**

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HANALEI, Kauai >> The Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's state title left Oahu for the first time in more than 15 years.

Overcast morning skies gave way to brilliant sunshine yesterday afternoon at Hanalei Bay as the Hawaiian Canoe Club of Maui captured its first state championship in dramatic fashion.

With the regatta still undecided going into the final race of the day -- the Men's Master 35 -- Hawaiian edged Hoopili for third place by 54/100ths of a second with a time of 7:42.21. Hui Lanakila won the race.

The third-place finish put Hawaiian in first place overall in the AAA division with 315 points. Lanikai Canoe Club, last year's winner, finished second in the race and overall with 303 points. Outrigger Canoe Club was third with 301 points. Kailua finished a distant fourth with 241 points.

For most of the day, the battle was among Hawaiian, Lanikai and Outrigger. Lanikai won more races overall (8-5) but qualified fewer crews (30) than Hawaiian (34).

"It was a total team effort," Hawaiian coach Diane Ho said. "We strategized everything we needed to do and did everything we set out to do.

"It's a huge achievement when we do something like this (because) we don't have the same (size) talent pool to draw from."



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The Men's Novice A crew from Hui Lanakila -- from front to back, Eric Phillips, Derek Leek, Reid Kawano, Jed Gushman, Shawn Woo and Scott McPhail -- paddle onward.

Ho said that racing on Kauai neutralized the playing field and that conditions on Hanalei Bay were near perfect. Currents and wind did not factor much in the race. Neither did lane assignment, as crews were winning from all over the course.

Hawaiian's youth crews scored more than half the club's points, earning 166 points and setting the table for its adults in that last race.

"We were all kind of cringing on the beach (before the race)," steersman and head youth coach Kauhane Luuwai said. "We knew we had to be within two or three places of Outrigger and Lanikai."



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The Girls 18 crew of Waikiki Surf --front to back, Brooke Calpito, Kanani Souza, Kainaa DeMello, Krystal Tin Sing, Luukia Keaunui and Punihei Anthony -- head to the finish yesterday in the HCRA state championship races at Hanalei Bay on Kauai.

It was the first medal in the Masters division in the history of the club, Luuwai said. "I've paddled for 21 years and it's only the second medal I've won," he said.

For much of the day it was Outrigger that battled Hawaiian for first place. Through 24 events, Outrigger trailed Hawaiian by 30 points. Outrigger's youth crews dominated their age divisions and kept the club in contention for the championship. The Girls 15 and 18 and Boys 15, 16 and 18 placed first and earned Outrigger 75 points. The crew members of the Girls 15 have stayed together and won consecutive championships.

"Our youth teams have been pretty solid all year," said Paula Crabb, Outrigger's junior racing chair. "Our Girls 15 has won consecutive state championships since their younger years. We were counting on them and they pulled through."

"We came into the regatta wanting our crews that were consistent to be consistent."

Outrigger's crews were, but so were Lanikai's -- especially late in the day, as Lanikai crept to within three points of Outrigger and 13 points of the lead. Wins in the Mixed Masters and Mixed Men and Women (events 33 and 34) almost allowed Lanikai to sneak in for the win.

But Lanikai, which qualified two fewer crews than the 32 it did last year, was missing its usual punch from its women's crews.



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Irma Kirkwood of the Hawaiian Canoe Club of Maui ran the tunnel after the Novice B Mixed race in the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championships yesterday on Kauai.

"We had a good run," Lanikai coach John Foti said. "A lot of our strength was at the end of the day. Our kids were solid, but in the middle of the day we were a little flat. We hurt with our Wahine not qualifying."

Hawaiian, on the other hand, had success spread throughout the day.

"We were balanced this year," Ho said. "Our kids program has been dominant for years. If we did nothing else, our adults got some respect too."

Kahana Canoe Club of Maui finished first in the AA division, while Healani Canoe Club of Oahu won the single-A division.

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HCRA State Championship

At Hanalei, Kauai

Yesterday's results

Team

AA division--1. Kahana 124, 2. Keaukaha 115, 3. Hoopili 105, 4. Lokahi 104, 5. Kaneohe, 99, 6. Kawaihae 90, 7. Mapili 81, 8. Na Kai Ewalu 49.

A division--1. Healani 72, 2. Wailea 69, 3. Waikiki Surf 65, 4. Keahiakahoe 54, 5. Lae Ula O Kai 45, 6. Kaiola 44, 7. Kamehameha (Oahu) 37, 8. Na Keiki O Kamoi 36, 9. Koa Kai 34, 10. Manu O Ke Kai 33, 11. Keauhou O Kona 32, 12. Kalihi Kai 32, 13. Kamehameha (Big Island) 29, 14. Waikiki Yacht 27, 15. Imua 24, 16. Anuenue 21, 17. Keoua 20.

Races

Boys

12-and-under--(1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian, (Erino Bascar, Page Nakooka, Kekoa Range, Kilipaki Benevides, Woodbridge Brown, Kaikaika Nance), 2:02.33; 2. Kai Opua, 2:09.94; 3. Puna, 2:10.68; 3. Kaneohe, 2:11.70; 4. Lanikai, 2:14.65. 5. Lanikai, 2:14.665.

13--(1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian, (Joshua Naeole, Page Nakooka, Erino Bascar, Kekoa Range, Konapiliahi Porras-Ragsdale, Kaikaika Nance), 2:01.58; 2. Hui Nalu, 2:03.77; 3. Lanikai, 2:04.16; 4. Keaukaha, 2:08.68; 5. Hui Lanakila, 2:09.28.

14--(1/4 mile): 1. Kaneohe (Seth Ramolette, Kawika Kahiapo, Jonathan Ukauka, Gabriel Tabadero, Derek Hinkley, Keoni Anderson), 1:54.74; 2. Keaukaha, 2:03.19; 3. Hawaiian, 2:04.06; 4. Kihei, 2:04.22; 5. Lanikai, 2:04.98.

15--(1/2 mile): 1. Outrigger (Cutter Rolles, Will Egesdal, Peter VanLierRibbink, Robby Field, Kyle Morgan, Darragh O'Carroll), 3:46.90; 2. Na Keiki O Ka Moi, 3:56.10; 3. Lanikai, 3:56.58; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:00.45; 5. Kaiola, 4:07.80.

16--(1/2 mile): 1. Outrigger (Gary Johnson, Kaponu Brown, Jay Loui, Max Dewolf, Jared Watamull, Billy Lawson), 3:51.18; 2. Hawaiian, 3:57.64; 3. Kailua, 3:59.04; 4. Kaiola, 3:59.42; 5. Keaukaha, 3:59.75.

18--(1 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Lopaka White, Ramon Beltran, Anthony Sardine, Lihau Koomoa, David Bandalan, Judson McCandless) 7:30.10, 2. Outrigger 7:36.21. 3. Keahiakahoe 7:48.95, 4. Kailua 7:49.98. 5. Lanikai 7:50.78.

Men

Novice A--(1 mile): 1. Outrigger (Alan Dowsett, Michael Nakano, Rick Hobson, Jimmy Steiner, Ryan Hanneberg, Aaron Everhardt) 7:26.50. 2. Kui Lanakila 7:27.72. 3. Hanalei 7:29.60. 4. Kahana 7:39.62. 5. Hawaiian 7:40.09.

Novice B--(1/2 mile): 1. Hanalei (Jay Sklar, Eli Frank, Frank Hauata, John Aracki, Mike Hamilton, Del Seager), 3:43.07; 2. Outrigger, 3:44.18; 3. Hui Lanakila, 3:44.62; 4. Kahana, 3:44.92; 5. Hawaiian, 3:45.10.

Freshmen--(1 mile): 1. Wailea (Mark Cluney, Peter Konohia, Jacob Abeytia, Ralph Wiegmann, Jensen Cramer, Kekoa Cramer) 6:56.52. 2. Hawaiian 7:02.55. 3. Huinalu 7:04.23. 4. Kailua 7:06.52. 5. Hanalei 7:09.42.

Sophomores--(1 mile): 1. Lanikai (Mike Pederson, John Foti, Ikaika Harbottle, Andrew Penny, Kekoa Bruhn, James Foti) 6:44.64. 2. Kai Opuia 6:45.93. 3. Huinalu 6:48.70. 4. Outrigger 7:00.83. 5. Hui Lanakila 7:06.27.

Juniors--(1 mile): 1. Lanikai (Kai Bartlett, Ikaika Harbottle, Andrew Penny, Mike Judd, Kekoa Bruhn, Karel Tresnak Jr.) 6:56.23. 2. Kawaihae 7:03.78. 3. Puna 7:11.26. 4. Wailea 7:16.85. 5. Huinalu 7:20.07.

Seniors--(1 1/2 miles): 1. Lani Kai (Mike Petersen, John Foti, Mike Judd, Karel Tresnik Jr., Kai Bartlett, James Foti) 10:39.13, 2. Kai Opuia 10:44.04, 3. Hui Nalu 10:54.02, 4. Hui Lanakila 11:08.29, 5. Kawaihae 11:19.39.

Masters--(1 mile): 1. Hui Lanakila (Fred Delos Santos, Jim Hewitt, Miles Sakai, Stephen Holbrook, Sam Alama, Leyton Look) 7:22.57, 2. Lani Kai 7:25.63, 3. Hawaiian 7:42.21, 4. Hoopili 7:42.75 5. Kaneohe 7:43.57.

Senior masters--(1/2 mile): 1. Kaeauhou O Kona (Lambert Lee Loy, Bill Hamar, Kalani Delovio, Bob Bruce, Peter Lasich, Ken Powell) 3:39.99, 2. Hui Lanakila 3:48.30, 3. Kai Opuia 3:49.91, 4. Outrigger 3:53.98, 5. Kailua 3:55.73.

Golden masters--(1/2 mile): 1. Kailua (Pat Goldstien, Hank Elandro, Mike Watson, Bob Thurston, Howie Keller, Tom Conner) 3:54.08, 2. Kawaihehe 3:56.97, 3. Outrigger 4:03.68, 4. Naueue 4:04.92, 5. Lani Kai 4:06.54.

Open 4--(1/2 mile): 1. Kihei (Derek Biggs, Jef Shaffer, Robert Breed, Kawika Williams) 4:04.34, 2. Hahalei 4:05.34, 3. Lanikai 4:05.95, 4. Keahiakahoe 4:06.88, 5. Na keiki O ka moi 4:08.30.

Girls

12-and-under--(1/4 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Malia Purdy, Rhianne Spencer, Rayven Abodo, Tanis Biga, Nicole Thorell, Tatiana-Malia Piena), 2:18.43; 2. Kailua, 2:19.65; 3. Lanikai, 2:20.73; 4. Puna, 2:21.16; 5. Kahana, 2:21.83.

13--(1/4 mile): 1. Lanikai (Nicole Anderson, Kokee Coscina, Jordan Terry, Kierke Panisnick, Dawn Hunt, Alicia Van Bokhoven), 2:15.52; 2. Keaukaha, 2:22.18; 3. Hawaiian, 2:23.45; 4. Lokahi, 2:24.00; 5. Hui Lanakila, 2:26.85.

14--(1/4 mile): 1. Lanikai (Jamie Stroble, Dana Yamashiro, Johanna Chapman, Tamar Demattos, Evan Dewey, Alexandra Galbraith), 2:11.30; 2. Outrigger, 2:11.52; 3. Hawaiian, 2:17.54; 4. Kailua, 2:18.57; 5. Manu O Ke Kai, 2:21.81.

15--(1/2 mile): 1. Outrigger (Ali Rigg, Jennifer Tokin, Kay Vourne, Alicia Amot, Avery Cacavanaugh, Amy Lawson) 4:16.40, 2. Puna 4:30.73. 3. Keahiakahoe 4:31.20. 4. Keaukaha 4:40.10. 5. Kamehameha (Oahu) 4:42.16.

16--(1/2 mile): 1. Waikiki Surf (Ashley Kost, Megan Foytich, Jessica Carey, Brianna Ackerman, Stephanie Malin, Brooke Perry), 4:19.83; 2. Outrigger, 4:25.64; 3. Hoopili, 4:29.14; 4. Kumu Lokahi Elks, 4:30.49; 5. Hawaiian, 4:32.58.

18--(1/2 mile): 1. Outrigger (Anella Borges, Tiare Salassa, Kathleen Lui, Jessica Isaacs, Auli'l George, Makana Tochman) 4:27.48, 2. Kamehameha Hawaii 4:28.44, 3. Hoopili 4:29.07, 4. Hawaiian 4:31.77, Wakiki Surf 4:32.17.

Women

Novice A--(1/2 mile): 1. Huinalu (Jessica Carew, Patti Mosko, Lois Wise, Irene Curren, Kamala Trotter, Celeste Aoyama) 4:20.19. 2. Hui Lanakila 4:21.21. 3. Kahana 4:28.25. 4. Hoopili 4:33.01. 5. Kailua 4:34.34.

Novice B--(1/4 mile): 1. Healani (Tyra Padello, Stacey Aema, Luanne Smith, Anne Neal, Georgina Lillich, Jamie Kawaguchi), 2:09.44; 2. Lanikai, 2:11.82; 3. Puna, 2:14.27; 4. Kihei, 2:14.79; 5. Hui Nalu, 2:15.66.

Freshmen--(1 mile): 1. Hawaiian (Dane Ward, Theresa Selgate, Marjorie Kawaiaea, Deborah Robinson, Cathy Uu, Lauren Spalding) 8:10.91. 2. Lokahi 8:11.48. 3. Kai O Pua 8:11.90. 4. Healani 8:40.51. 5. Kahana 8:43.90.

Sophomores--(1 mile): 1. Kai O Pua (Jessica Eanes, Carrie Sue Hendricks, Cheryl Villegas, Patricia Eanes, Cherisse Kelli, Jackie Taylor) 7:50.90. 2. Outrigger 8:06.46. 3. Huinalu 8:11.61. Lokahi 8:26.60. 5. Kailua 8:33.02.

Juniors--(1 mile): 1. Huinalu (Tia Blankensel, Kelly Fey, Kelly Wong, Catherine Fuller, Kate Souness, Kau Pelekane) 8:14.53. 2. Kai O Pua 8:16.03. 3. Outrigger 8:32.58. 4. Kailua 8:33.90. 5. Kaiola 8:36.02.

Seniors--(1 1/2 miles): 1. Kai O Pua (Jessica Eanes, Carrie Sue Hendricks, Cheryl Villegas, Patricia Eanes, Cherisse Kelli, Jackie Taylor) 12:35.70. 2. Outrigger 12:37.17. 3. Huinalu 12:40.11. 4. Hawaiian 12:50.53. 5. Lokahi 12:56.46.

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Mix

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Novice B--(1/4 mile): 1. Lanikai (Kelly Tam Sing, Nicole De Costa, Chris Sullivan, Stanley McCrea, Regan Long, Nicola Whistler), 2:00.09; 2. Kahana, 2:02.01; 3. Healani, 2:03.30; 4. Waikiki Surf, 2:04.82; 5. Puna, 2:05.25.

Masters--(1/2 mile): 1. Lanikai (Peter Abcarian, Gay McPhail, Pete Roney, Stephen Freitas, Lisa Sauer, Sal Olds) 3:58.90, 2. Keoua 4:02.40, 3. Kawaihae 4:03.72, 4. Kailua 4:05.85, 5. Wailea 4:12.04.

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