

Junior 'Riggers Do OCC Proud AT JUNIOR NATIONALS

Outrigger Canoe Club sent three volleyball teams to the USA Junior National Championships June 27-July 4 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada.

Boys 13s Take Silver By Coach James Ka



Boys 13 - Front: Bryce Meichtry, Jon Stanley, Davis Lau, Matthew Safery, Shea Suzumoto, Austin Bryan, Ethan Wescoatt. Standing: Assistant Coach Alan Lau, Parker Van Dyke, Kanai Akana, Claudio Clini, Coach James Ka.

Our Boys 13's team arrived in Reno seeded 4th overall. On the first day we were undefeated with a record of 4-0. On the second day we finished 1-1 with a tough loss to Manhattan Beach Surf. The team showed great character in rebounding to beat the #1 seed Vaqueros team from Puerto Rico.

That win advanced us to the semifinals the next day against the Manhattan Beach Surf team we had lost to the day before. In a hard fought battle, our team won in three sets to advance to the gold medal match. Against fellow Oahu team Ka Ulukoa, we lost a tough match in two which earned the Outrigger a silver medal.

I was very proud and impressed with the effort and poise our team.



Boys 14 - Front Row: Connor McInerny, Patrick McInerny, DJ McInerny. Standing: Ethan Siegfried, Aukai Manson, Noa Kerner, Easton Kays, Nick Yuh, Kainoa Downing.

Boys 14s Place 6th

The Boys 14s traveled to San Mateo in January and placed third in their division. In the spring the team trained with a speed and quickness coach leading up to the Junior National tournament. Confidence and strength were some immediate results.

The trip to Reno was highlighted with the team's 5-1 start. Although the team would have liked to have gone further they were satisfied with their 6th place finish out of 35 teams in their division.

The 14s were fortunate to have three great coaches: head coach Danny McInerny, and assistant coaches Tony McInerny and Kainoa Downing. The team is already looking forward to next year.

16's Battle to 5th By Julie Henderson



Boys 16 - Front: Todd Gruebner, Alec Henderson, Kelsey Yogi, Rohan Watumull, Eleu Akimseu. Standing: Wil Stanley, Sam Bradley, JB Kam, Coach Vernon Podlewski.

On June 30th, Outrigger Canoe Club's Boys 16 began pool play. The team, coached by Vern Podlewski, played with heart, passion and 100% effort that saw them battle back from being down by as much as eight points late in a set.

They pulled together, re-grouped and won the battle 31-29. The team played for three late nights ending pool play 9-0 which put them in the Gold bracket of the 16's Club Division.

Although the final game did not end the way the team had wished they played hard, serving, blocking, digging and swinging for every point. Their road ended with an impressive 5th place finish, out of 68 teams, with a 9-1 record.

JB Kam was named to the All Tournament Team.

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