

Paddlers Win OHCRA Regatta, 3rd in Kaupiko

Photos by George Wessberg

Outrigger paddlers captured the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship on July 20, after finishing third in the John D. Kaupiko Regatta on July 13.

In beautiful conditions at Keehi Lagoon, Club crews won nine races en route to scoring 75 points for the Oahu championship. Kailua, the winner of two regattas this season, tallied 73 points and seven race victories to come in second. Hui Lanakila also won seven races but finished four points back with 69 points. Lanikai, the winner in six previous regattas, amassed 62 points.

"It takes us awhile to get everybody going, get everybody focused. When we finally do, we perform well," Outrigger coach Anthony Hunt told the *Honolulu Advertiser*. "We're going to try to do better next year. If we could win at the beginning of the year, we'd do it. We try every week, but there's just something about us." Outrigger has captured seven of the last nine Oahu championships.

After the first 16 races, Outrigger was in fourth place, 12 points behind the regatta leader with 23 points. But Hunt said that the upper division programs turned the tide for Outrigger. Six of the nine race victories came from the adults.

The freshmen men started the comeback by winning their race by a second. From there, Outrigger took second in the next two events, before sweeping the junior men's and women's races.

The senior men completed the afternoon assault with a 13-second victory over Hui Nalu. Outrigger actually won 10 races but was later disqualified in event 33, the 55 mixed, after video replay showed the crew had outside assistance at the beginning of the race. The infraction reduced the final margin of victory but did not change the outcome. It was Outrigger's only disqualification of the day.



Coach Anthony Hunt and the victorious Girls 14 crew.



Girls 12 coaches Tiare Finney and Paula Crabb.

John D. Kaupiko Regatta July 13, 2003 • At Keehi Lagoon

Team standings

Division AA: 1. Kailua, 78. 2. Hui Lanakila, 67. 3. Outrigger, 65. 4. Lanikai, 52. 5. Hui Nalu, 45. 6. Keahiakahoe, 28. 7. Healani, 27.

Winning OCC Crews

Girls 16: Hallie Van Lier Ribbink, Ginger Lunt, Kellen Fletcher, Sarah Harris, Dena Cassella, Meleana Carr, 4:23.45.

Boys 18: Darragh O'Carroll, Patrick Moore, Makena Carr, Jared Watumull, Tanner Go, Billy Lawson, 7:36.82.

Junior Women: Traci Phillips, Paula Crabb, Malia Kamisugi, Lisa Livingston, Ine Miller, Missy Mowat, 8:55.85.

Senior Women: Mary Smolenski, Paula Crabb, Donna Kahakui, Traci Phillips, Jennifer Horner, Kisi Haine, 13:13.62.

Senior Men: Tim Twigg-Smith, Jim Austin, Mike Beyer, Jeff Brown, Jim Beaton, Scott Hendricks, 11:19.99.

Masters Men: Eric Levora, Walter Guild, Karl Heyer IV, Marc Haine, Tommy Damon, Todd Bradley, 7:28.15.

Senior Master Men: Doug Bechert, Bill Bright, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Jimmy Kincaid, Mark Buck, Aka Hemmings, 4:01.27.

Golden Masters Women: Susan Heitzman, Pam Zak, Barbara Bryan, Maureen Kilcoyne, Keanuenue Rochlen, Sandra Simons, 5:23.81.

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Winning OCC Crews

Girls 14: Jessica Cleghorn, Amanda Harris, Jessica Lunt, Abbie Lin, Noelle Fowler, Amy Wessberg, 2:08.10.

Girls 16: Halli Van Lier Ribbink, Ginger Lunt, Kellen Fletcher, Sarah Harris, Dena Cassella, Meleana Carr, 4:22.03.

Boys 18: Peter Van Lier Ribbink, Cutter Rolles, Robby Field, Kapono Brown, Darragh O'Carroll, Billy Lawson, 7:36.82.

Junior Men: Tim Twigg-Smith, Jim Austin, Jim Beaton, Jeff Brown, Mike Beyer, Scott Hendricks, 7:03.73.

Junior Women: Traci Phillips, Paula Crabb, Lisa Livingston, Malia Kamisugi, Ine Miller, Missy Mowat, 8:28.75.

Senior Women: Mary Smolenski, Lisa Livingston, Malia Kamisugi, Traci Phillips, Donna Kahakui, Kisi Haine, 13:05.92.

Open 4 Women: Sarah Rosa, Amy Lawson, Alicia Arnott, Kai Bourne, 4:49.49.

Mixed Masters: Laurie Lawson, Rina Pan, Linda Fernandez, Jim Cavanah, Keoni Kino, Marc Haine, 4:04.18.

Mixed Golden Masters: Ann Bowen, Maureen Kilcoyne, Patty Mowat, Mike Clifford, Mike Town, John Finney, 4:35.16.