

OCC Wins Six Events in State Regatta Championship

Photos by Marilyn Kali

If you could have won it with heart, the Outrigger Canoe Club would have won the 2000 Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championship on August 5. But with seven fewer crews than other teams in the AAA Division, OCC just didn't have the muscle to pull it off.

Outrigger scored 266 points to finish third behind winner Lanikai's 295 points and Kailua's 278. Hawaiian of Maui tied with OCC for third.

Outrigger crews made an excellent showing, winning six state titles, finishing second in four races, third in one and fourth in five other events.

Since the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association changed its scoring method last year, every crew scores points, from first to 14th so you can't just do well in the events you're in, you have to qualify crews in as many races as possible. Lanikai, Kailua and Hawaiian each qualified 31 crews, while Outrigger qualified 24.

"Every one of our crews did a great job," said Head Coach Kehau Kali. "A few crews, such as the Girls 12s and 16s, Boys 16s and Men Novice A, improved steadily all summer and it really showed in states."

Outrigger's 14 boys and girls went through the season undefeated, for the second year in a row. They won last year as 13s.

There were many exciting races throughout the day, and some photo finishes that weren't decided until the judges reviewed the video tapes. Outrigger won the Boys 16s photo finish and came in second in the Women 45s photo finish. Twenty-four hundredths of a second separated the finishers in the Boys 16, and 23 hundredths of a second in the Women's 45. OCC's second place finishes in the Men Novice A and Men's 45 races were also close and less than two seconds off the winning times.

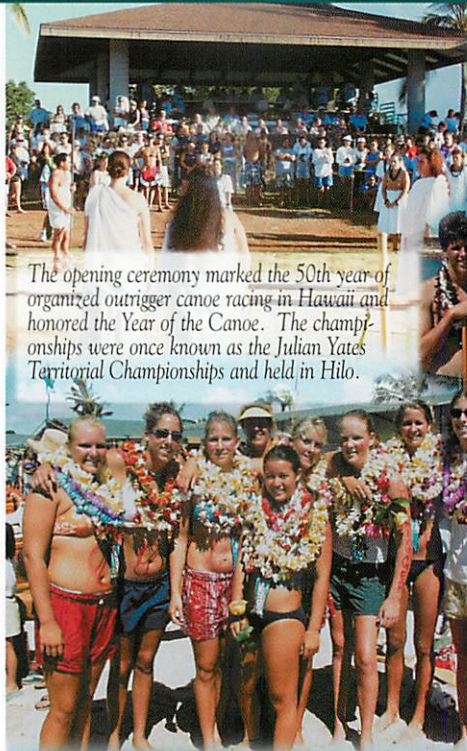
The biggest margin of victory in states was the final race of the day when the OCC Men 35s smoked second place Hui Lanakila by 14 seconds, finishing the mile course in 7:42.23, the third fastest mile time of the day. The win was ironic, since Outrigger didn't qualify for the race during the regular season, and only won a lane when another crew dropped out.

"Next year, we're hoping for a stronger showing at the start of the season," Kali said. "You earn points to qualify for states in every race during the season, so if a crew isn't entered in some regattas, they have a harder time qualifying for states."

Only the top four OHCRA crews in each event qualify for states.

"I want to thank all of the parents of the kids who came out every week and helped us set up the tent and provided a loud cheering section for the crews. The masters and women's crews did a great job at the end of the day taking the tent down, and doing the clean up work. I also want to thank all of our boat holders, coaches, Canoe Racing Committee members, and the registration team who contributed to the Club's successful season."

Michele St. John and Barbara Jean Livingston wave the Club burgee.

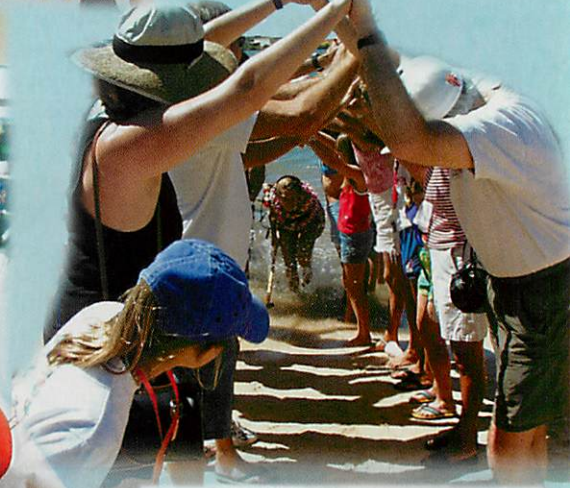


The undefeated Boys 14s are, front, Justin Ohama, Brett Bechert. Back, Peter Van Lier Ribbink, Cutter Rolles, Jay Loui, Robby Field, Will Eggedal, Darragh O'Carroll and Coach Scott Rolles.

The opening ceremony marked the 50th year of organized outrigger canoe racing in Hawaii and honored the Year of the Canoe. The championships were once known as the Julian Yates Territorial Championships and held in Hilo.



Keoni Kino and son Thurston watch the races.



OCC supporters created a tunnel to welcome winning crews back to the beach.



The freshmen women got off to a fast start.

HCRA State Championships

August 5, 2000 • Keehi Lagoon

Winning OCC Crews

Girls 14 (1/4 mile) Ali Rigg, Halli Van Lier Ribbink, Kai Bourne, Avery Cavanah, Jen Tokin, Amy Lawson, 2:13.45

Boys 14 (1/4 mile) Peter Van Lier Ribbink, Cutter Rolles, Jay Loui, Robby Field, Will Egesdal, Darragh O'Carroll, 1:53.11.

Girls 16 (1/2 mile) Sarah Field, Tiare Salassa, Nani Loui, Erin Larsen, Chelsea Converse, Kelsey Rigg, 4:31.10.

Boys 16 (1/2 mile) Jedd Chang, Adam Dornbush, Ross O'Carroll, Andy Cavanah, Mat Moore, Scott Bright, 3:57.90.

Women 53 (1/2 mile) Ann Cundall, Patty Mowat, Susan Heitzman, Carol Cook, Barbara Bryan, Keanuene Rochlen, 5:00.68.

Men 35 (1 mile) Courtney Seto, Marc Haine, Walter Guild, Bill Bright, Scott Rolles, Karl Heyer IV, 7:42.23.

The state champion Boys 16s are, front, Scott Bright, Jared Watumull. Back, Ryan Tamura, Ross O'Carroll, Adam Dornbush, Andy Cavanah, Jedd Chang, Matt Moore, Coach Ikaika Kincaid.



The biggest victory of the day belonged to the Masters 35s Karl Heyer IV, Scott Rolles, Walter Guild, Courtney Seto, Marc Haine and Bill Bright. They smoked the pack, winning by 14 seconds.



Second Place Crews

Men Novice A (1 mile) Rick Hobson, Bill Lawson, Bret Chuckovich, Ryan Haneberg, Steve Torkildson, Allan Dowsett, 8:01.90.

Women 45 (1/2 mile) Paula Crabb, Laurie Lawson, Jeannie Jenkins, Kaiulu Downing, Trisha Nagatani, Michele St. John, 4:63.34.

Men 45 (1/2 mile) Bill Danford, Tom Arnott, Bill Mowat, Pokii Vaughan, Chris Crabb, Aka Hemmings, 3:57.45.

Women 35 (1 mile) Mary Smolenski, Kaili Chun, Katy Bourne, Lisa Livingston, Genie Kincaid, Nau Kamalii, 9:26.38.

Third Place Crews

Men 53 (1/2 mile) Tom Merrill, Tay Perry, John Finney, Chris McKenzie, Joe Dubiel, Bruce Ames, 5:00.68.

Fourth Place Crews

Girls 12 (1/4 mile) Halli Van Lier Ribbink, Kerri Shibuya, Britta Bourne, Eva Rochlen, Emma Candon, Denise Kobashikawa, 2:23.45.

Boys 18 (1 mile) Noah Gibson, Keoni Williams, Andrew Estes, Nick Bright, Ryan MacLaughlin, Wakefield Mist, 8:27.40.

Sophomore Men (1 mile) Andrew Glatzel, Mark Sandvold, David Buck, Ralph Gray, Byron Ho, Billy Balding, 7:49.77.

Junior Women (1 mile) Nicole Wilcox, Malia Kamisugi, Missy Mowat, Sarah Ackerman, Karin Hansen, Kisi Haine, 8:05.80.

Senior Men (1-1/2 miles) Andrew Glatzel, David Buck, Chris Kincaid, John Eveleth, Byron Ho, Billy Balding, 12:11.22.

The paddling Mowat family took home two medals from states. Bill got a silver in the Mens 45 and Patty got a gold in the Women 53. Missy paddled in the Sophomore and Junior Women's races, and Kai was in the Junior Men boat.



Fifth Place Crews

Senior Women (1-1/2 miles) Brooke Berrington, Ann Marie Mizuno, Sasha MacNaughton, Karin Hansen, Kisi Haine, 14:16.50.

6th Place Crews

Freshmen Women (1 mile) Brooke Berrington, Ann Marie Mizuno, Sasha MacNaughton, Cristina Hoffman, Tia Fergusson, Heather Moore, 9:27.49.

Sophomore Women (1 mile) Malia Kamisugi, Missy Mowat, Joan Taylor, Tracy Selling, Nicole Pederson, Carolyn Moss, 9:27.49.

Junior Men (1-1/2 mile) John Eveleth, Kai Mowat, Ikaika Kincaid, Ralph Gray, Chris Kincaid, Jimmy Austin, 8:05.80.

8th Place Crews

Women Open 4 (1/2 mile) Janna Arakaki, Caren Broederdorf, Margie Walsh, Pam Davis, 5:30.91.

Mixed Masters (1/2 mile) Pam Zak, Tiare Finney, Maureen Kilcoyne, Juvie Coito, John Mounts, Brant Ackerman, 4:20.23.

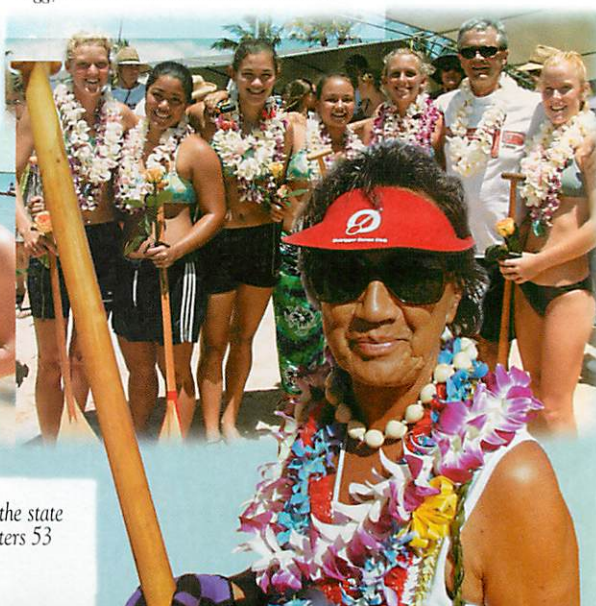
Ninth Place Crews

Girls 15 (1/2 mile) Erin Larsen, Briana Ackerman, Brooke Brissette, Lindsay Princenthal, Jessica Hancock, Brooke Perry, 4:59.90.

Twelfth Place Crews

Boys 12 (1/4 mile) Tri Bourne, Jordan Ohama, Jacob Jenkins, Drew Wallace, Parker Rolles, Austin Kino, 2:42.17.

Adding first place points for Outrigger were the Girls 16s Sarah Field, Nani Loui, Tiare Salassa, Chelsea Converse, Kelsey Rigg, Coach Mike Town and Erin Larsen.



Keanuene Rochlen was recognized as one of the two longest paddling paddlers in HCRA history. Keanue first paddled in the state championships in 1952, winning the senior 6. She has won many golds in the year's since, including steering the OCC Masters 53 to victory this year. She is the oldest registered HCRA paddler at 71. Way to go Keanue!