

Waikiki Yacht Club paddlers stroke past the finish line to win the men's masters race of the opening Hui Wa'a canoe regatta of the season.

# Lokahi claims season's first regatta

By Stephen Tsai Advertiser Staff Writer

Surprising even itself, the Lokahi Canoe Club rallied to win the season's first Na Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a Association regatta at Keehi Lagoon. Lokahi, which trailed most of the regatta, amassed 78 points. Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i, the

two-time defending Hui Wa'a champion, finished second with 62. Nobody else came close. The final score was astonishing, particularly

since the statistics were against Lokahi. Earlier in the day, Lokahi coach Mike Cushnie said the regatta "is a numbers game: the more crews you enter, the better chance" you have of winning.

That logic seemed to favor Ka Mo'i, which registered crews in 25 of the regatta's 31 races.

Lokahi was scheduled to compete in 21 races.

But a rash of no-shows and an outbreak of chicken pox forced Ka Mo'i to scratch from seven races — the mixed-open-6, men's 13 and junior, and women's master, junior, senior and

Lokahi eagerly took advantage of the situation. "We thought all we had to do was enter a lot of races and we'd score a lot of points," Cushnie said.

Ka Mo'i led Lokahi, 48-36, after 22 races. But Lokahi turned white-hot in the final nine races.

winning seven and outscoring Ka Mo'i, 42-14. (Scoring is based on the following system: five points for a first-place finish, three for sec-

ond, two for third and one for fourth.) Lokahi, competing alone, won the women's junior to close to 53-51. It went ahead by winning the men's junior.

Lokahi, again racing by itself, used a makeshift crew to win the ensuing women's senior race, although the crew came close to being

The Lokahi crew struggled in the windy conditions at the starting line and its boat hit the flag separating the first and second lanes. Ka Mo'i coach Rona Kaaekuahiwi filed a writ-

ten protest arguing that Lokahi should be disqualified for the bump.

"I think it was a good protest," Kaaekuahiwi

Hui Wa'a officials disagreed. They said the bump occured while the yellow flag was raised, See Lokahi on Page C-6

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and no penalties are to be assessed during that time. "I was worried," Cushnie

said. "The whole thing could have been for nothing.' Cushnie had gambled in the

women's junior and senior rousing cheers from the beachraces. He knew he needed to side crowd after crossing the enter crews in those races, but finish line fifth - and last found himself short-handed. So in the girls' 12-and-younger he borrowed five paddlers from race. his women's masters crew and women's junior and senior

"There was a lot of pressure," Trent said, "but I think we did a good job

that his team's defaults probably cost Ka Mo'i the regatta. Kaaekuahiwi could have filled some of the vacancies with paddlers from the lower levels, but resisted using the strategy. (Paddlers are allowed to compete at several levels. But once crew they move up, they are frozen at the higher level for the rest of the year.)

"We weren't ready to move crews up." Kaaekuahiwi said. 'We have the whole season ahead of us. You don't want to put all of your marbles in the first race.

Hui Wa'a officials opened the season by saying goodbye to a friend.

"The whole association gave a yell for Uncle John before the regatta." Cushnie said.

The salute was in memory of John Kapua, the Hui Wa'a race chairman who died last month. Kapua, who had been part of the canoe scene since the late 1950s, collapsed during the awards ceremony of a race.

Ed Kaopuiki, president of the Canoe Racing Officials of Hawaii, said Kapua died while doing something he loved.

"He felt more comfortable with the cance paddlers than with anyone else he was ever associated with," Kaopuiki said.

Cushnie remembered Kapua for his leadership.

"He was the backbone of the whole association." Cushnie

The Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club was greeted with

"It's a big drive to have, even asked Sue Trent, a novice-class see, youngsters like this," aspaddler competing in her first sistant coach David Cosier said regatta, to steer a crew that of the crew, believed to be the would compete in both the youngest and shortest in paddling. "They give us a big hoost

The crew is composed of Vyna-Ann Okazuki (age 11), Shana Lee (11), Meredith Kaaekuahiwi acknowledged Ammerman (10). Stephanie Oshiro (10), Deirdre Wilhelm (10) and Kapiolani Kekaulike

Another petit paddier, Amanda Fujimori, who stands eye to handle with a 3-foot paddle. competed for the mixed-12

"They're the easiest paddlers to work with." Cosier said. They don't talk back, they don't have any bad habits. As the years go by, they'll be one team to reckon with. They'll be tigers.

Final team standings A division: 1, Manu O Ke Kai, 24. 2. Waikiki Yacht Club, 22. 3, Hawaiian Outrigger and Koa Kai, 18. 5, Kamehameha, 17. 6, ndward Kai, 9, 7, Kai Po'Ha, 3, 8, Wai Nani 0. 9, Kaneohe, 0.

AA division: 1, Lokahi, 78. 2, Ka Moi, 62. Walkiki Beach Boys, 20. 4, Hul O Ikaika.

1/4-mile races

Boys—12 yrs. "8": 1, Lokahi (Joshua Nabarrete, Owayne Lopez, Noah Kunmume, Bernard Mokuahi, Sean Nakayama, Jonathan Lum). 2:26:38. 2, Ka Moi, 2:34:24. Girlis—12-yrs. "8": 1, Ka Moi (Nancy Mather, Kalo Kealo, Crystal Haia, Nani Haia, Hazet Amina, Rena Coetho), 2:28:00. 2, Manu O Ke Kal 2:50:83. 3, Hui O Ikaika, 2:58:19. 4, Hawaiian Outrigger, 3:14:92. Boys—12-yrs. "A": 1, Ka Moi (Timmy Sims, Keolá Kang, Llewellyn Lopes, Paul Alferez, Daniel Pacyao, Buffalo Costales), 2:13:44. Mixed boys/girlis—12-yrs: 1, Ka Moi (Abraham Kaola, Kevin Soo, Keonamana Holmes, Joy Sims, Bubu Botelho, Brandle Kelliwahwaiole), 2:36:59. 2, Manu O Ke Kal, 2:41:65. 3, Lokahi, 2:42:72. 4, Hawaiian Outrigger, 2:44:84. Girls 13-yrs: 1, Ka Moi (Hazel Amina, N. Haia, N. Mather, Vonnette Keliwahwaiole, Shannoell Keliwahwaiole, Sherrie Anwohl), 2:16:47. 2, Hawaiian Outrigger, 2:16:33. 3, Hui O Ikaika, 2:28:30. Girls—14-yrs: 1, Hawaiian Outrigger, (Roxanno Cosler, Melissa Hendricks, Kristy Reda, Wondy Kalakai, Evon Nalpo, Carme Wajolama), 2:04:10. Boys—14-yrs: 1, Lokahi (Ronator Ramos, Geraki Finuliar, Michael Mho, Leerang, Jonathan Castro, Glenden Engl, 1:52:28. 2, Windwartt Kai, 1:54:19. Women novice "8": 1, Lokahi (Terry Strack, Brenda Chan, Christine Sprague, Laura Hudson, Deverle Andrade, Synis

Bondekeri, 2:10:09, 2. Waikiki Yacht Club, 2:18:65 3. Beach Boys, 2:19:90, 4. Windward Kai, 2:24:29. 1/2-mile races

Women's masters: 1, Manu O Re Kai (Joyce Aton, Joanna Kawahakui, Donna Machado, Darcy Kerrigan, Sue Luehrs, J.J. Miller-Lopen), 3:56:45: 2, Koa Kai, 4:15:43, 3, Windward Kai, 4:18:93, 4, Komenahehra, 4:30:02, Senior women's masters: 1, tawaiian Outrigger (Myrna Doyondon, Lisiabha Keluhiwa, Lilian Kesweehu, Carol Kekaulike, Carol Muellor, Cheryl Wille), 4:34:31, 2, Waikid Beach Boys, 5:13:14, 3, Ka Moi, 5:45:14, Men novice: "B": 1, Koa Kai (Leonard Aku, Darryl Castillo, Mark Boys, 5:13:14. 3, Ka Moi, 5:45:14. Men novice "B":

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#### 3/4-mile races

Men's novice "A": 1, Koa Kai (Lyndon Fines. George Goya, Troy Mimuro, Wendall Moon, Wesley Oshiro, Gregory Raguinden), 5:25:15 2, Walkiki Yacht Club, 5:25:94, 3, Ka Moi, 6:24:78, 4, Kri Po'Ha, 6:31:24, Freshman women: 1, Kamehameha (Sharon Char, Katui Gale, Shervelle Gardner, Maun Lucas, Kini McWayne, Lori Peterman), 6:34:76. 2, Ka Moi, 6:53:75, 3, Lokahi, 7:01:71, 4, Walkik Beach Boys, 7:12:60.

1-mile races Boys-18 yrs.: 1, Ka Moi (Victor Sanchez, Robart Preston, Dominic Marcos, Eulogio Mangasar, David Carden, Lance Ke), 7:24:78, 2, Lokahi, 7:35:66, Preshman men: I, Lokahi (Robort Viernes, Wes Oda, Guy Murakami, Tony Cambra, Bruce Campbell, David Monkawa), 7:04:34, 2, Hawakan Outrigger, 7:25:51, 3, Ka Moi, 7:27:95, 4, Walkiki Banch, Bruss, 7:33:21, Sephemote women: 1, Beach Boys, 7:33:21. Sophomore women: 1 Lokahi (Sandra Chong, Julie Aki, Sandy Adams Sara McKay, Marsha Isaas, Iwa Bush), 8:04:84. 2 Walkiki Beach Boys, 8:31:67. 3, Ka Moi, 8:53:84.

Sophomore men: 1. Lokahi (Dan Kenler, Stan Nishakawa, Marshall Giddens, Robert Viernes, Kevin Mokuahi, Wes Oda). 10:35:94. 2, Ka Moi, 10:49:05. 3. Walkiki Beach Boys. 11:19:16. 4, Manu O Ke Kai, 11:41:07. Junior women: 1, Lokahi (Antonia Durbin, Diane Hansen, Doris Olivéra, Susan Trent, Marchand Carte Carteria, 10:40:07. Mary Ann Gertz, Patricia Burns), 13:40:34. 1 1/2-mile race

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## Senior women: 1, Lokahi (A. Durbin, D. Hanser, Otivera, S. Trent, M. Gertz, P. Burns), 16:14:29.

Junior men: 1, Lokahi (Randy Fernandez, Rodney Ouchl, Peter Dye, Rich Wagner, David Aki, Butch Ukis hima). 14:15:88. 2. Walkiki Beach Boys. 15:16:26 2-mile race

#### 2 1/2-mile race

Senior men: 1. Lokahi (Dan Kahler, Mike Cushnie, Frank Butcher, Chuck Haneberg, D. Aki, B. Ukushima), 16:10:91, 2. Ka Mor, 18:03:64, 8, Walkiki

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## At OCC wahine is coach

By Jack Wyatt Special to the Star-Bulletin

Michele St. John thrives on pressure. And it's a good thing. For as Outrigger Canoe Club's first wahine head coach ever every chauvinist worth his paddling skills will be watching her every move.

Defending champ Outrigger is the club to beat in tomorrow's Kamehameha Day Regatta at Kailua Beach. The 16-club Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association opener is expected to draw more than 2,000 paddlers competing in 31 heats. Competition begins at 8:30 a.m. with the youngsters.

"DO I FEEL pressure? None from Outrigger members. The pressure I feel is what I've placed on myself," St. John said. OCC has won the HCRA state title the past three years.

St. John said that she was on the mainland when the club's canoe committee made its surprising decision to select a woman as coach of its highly successful racing program.

"When I returned to learn that I had been voted to fill the position I had mixed feelings. An incredible responsibility. But now that I'm into the program, I'm honored and very flattered, she said.

St. John was selected because of her known organizational skills, her 14 years paddling and crew coaching experience, plus her enthusiasm for the sport

in three short months, St. John signed on 20 coaches (10 each for men's and women's programs) and coordinated training schedules, while administrating the countless other chores that goes with running a winning

canoe racing program. "What I'm most proud of is our fine turnout," she said. "We've signed up more than 240



By Mike Tsukamoto, Star-Bulletin

PADDLING INDOORS—Michele St. John, OCC's first wahine coach, instructs Meaghan Hemmings (right) in the canoe club's indoor training tank located in the club basement.

paddlers and more are expected to join in once school ends.

ST. JOHN IS quick to credit recruiting efforts by her coaches and other OCC members. "I think we now have talent and depth to go all the way," St. John added.

OCC is expected to enter 28 of the 31 races tomorrow, filling all events within the next couple weeks. The OHCRA season concludes with its championship July 19 at Keehi Lagoon. Kailua Canoe Club is every-

one's choice to give Outrigger its closest competition, with Healani, Hui Nalu and Hui Lanikila canoe clubs following not far be-

"We've signed up 239 paddlers spread out pretty evenly over lower and upper divisions," said Molly Mosher-Cates, Kailua Canoe Club's president. Tomorrow, regatta-hosting Kailua plans to enter all 31 events.

"I'm especially pleased with the large turnout of new paddlers," Mosher Cates said, noting

that 15 women are competing for six Novice-B seats. In last year's Kamehameha Day Regatta Kailua with wins by its younger paddlers, led for much of the day. Outrigger overtook Kailua when its talented adult crews began to tally points.

Tomorrow also will mark the return to racing of Lokahi Kai, Kailua's sleek and very fast koa canoe. Lokahi Kai was nearly destroyed" off Diamond Head last summer while racing: "It's a fast. boat one that our members dearly love," Mosher-Cates said.

Healani Coach Gary "Sword" Murakami conceeded that tomorrow's regatta will find Outrigger battling Kailau for first place.

I'll be happy to hold off both Hui Nalu and Hui Lanakila for third," he said. Murakami acknowledged, however, that a third in this strong competition will take a strong paddling effort. Healani plans to enter 23 events, while Hui Lanakila looks

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**OCC Paddleboard** 

Outriguer Canoe Club's Paddle-board Surf Race is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at OCC Beach. Registration is at 9 a.m. with competition for both men and women. There is no entry fee and refreshments and awards will be given out after the last racer has finished. For more information, call Dale Hope at 847-5346, or OCC, 923-1585. HAWAII CLIPPING SERVICE P.O. Box 10242-Honolulu, Hawaii PHONE: 734-8124 Victoria Custer Elaine Stroup HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN

JUN 1 8 **1987** Kamalii volleyball

In preparation for two mainland tournaments, four junior teams from Kamalit Volleyball Club will play exhibitions against the Outrigger Canoe Club Golden Masters men and Burmy's women's teams Saturation and Market Company day at McKinley Gym.

Kamalii's girls' 13, 15 and 17 teams and boys' 17 team will participate in and boys 17 team will participate in the matches, beginning at 5 p.m. The OCC team features such USVBA All-Americans as Tom Haine, Fred Hiapo, John Stanley and Dave Shoji while Burmy's is comprised mostly of former University of Hawaii Wahine where

players.

Kamalii will be competing in the Volleyball Festival in California.

June 28 July 2, and the Junior Olympics in Albuquerque, N.M., later in July KVC's 13s are defending champions in both tourneys.

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#### Outrigger wins opener

HONOLULU — Outrigger Canoe Club, the defending state champion, won the first Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regatta of the scason yesterday at Kailua Beach

Outrigger finished with 91 points, while Kailua scored 75 to capture second place.

Lokahi scored its second consecutive victory in the Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a Association regatta at Waimanalo Beach Park. Ka Mo'i finished second.

The Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association will stage its first points regatta, the Kam Day Regatta, at Kahului Harbor on Sunday, June



Outrigger sets the pace

Outrigger Canoe Club's junior men's team strokes to victory in the 21/2-mile race at the King Kamehameha Regatta yesterday at Kailua Beach. From left, the paddlers are Tom Conner, Keone Downing, Steve Van Lier Ribbenk, Walter Guild, Marc Haine (leaning) and Chris Kincaid. Story on Page C-2.