

Lokahi paddles to championship of Hui Wa'a

A little juggling here, some fine showings there are too much for Ka Mo'i

By Dave Reardon
Advertiser Staff Writer

Is Hui Wa'a's Lokahi Canoe Club becoming a fiberglass version of ever-dominant Outrigger of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association?

Not quite, not yet. But Lokahi was very strong in running away with Hawaii's "other" association's championship yesterday at Ke'ehi Lagoon.

"Maybe in another couple of years," Lokahi coach Mike Cushnie said. "It's taking us longer than I thought, but maybe in a couple of years we'll be up with the top four (clubs statewide).

Lokahi had all the right moves, as Cushnie juggled his crew lineup for maximum points, and the right times — the winning ones — in the Hui Wa'a championship regatta. Lokahi won with 73 points. Ka Mo'i placed second, with 56.

Conditions were ideal for fast times, especially in the morning. Overall, 18 records were set (association records have been kept only since 1985).

Today, Outrigger defends its OHCR title, also at Ke'ehi Lagoon. In two weeks, the state meet will be held.

Lokahi should do well in the season finale because of its strong older crews (which compete in the afternoon). But lack of overall numbers will probably prevent the team from taking it all.

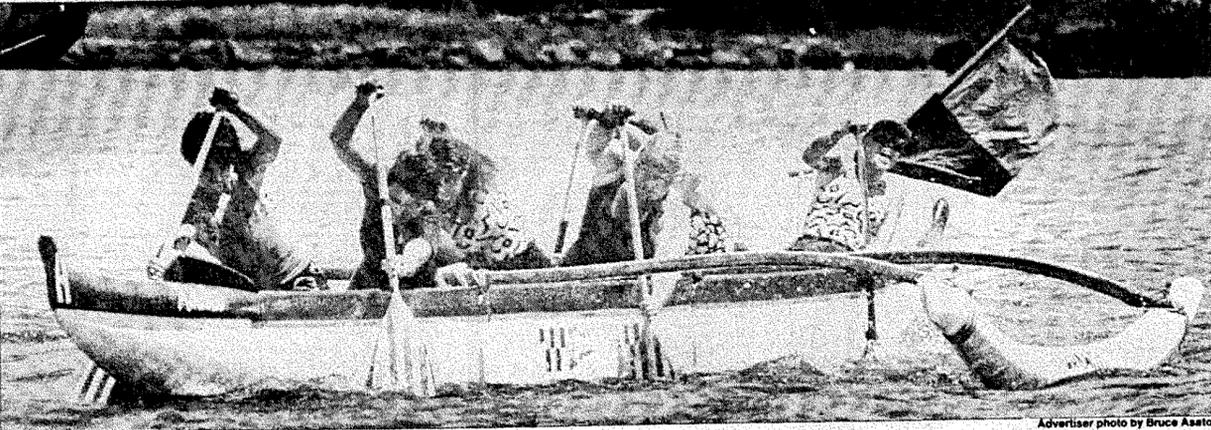
And paddling is a numbers game in many ways. You can't put empty canoes into the water, and there are 31 crews to fill.

Yesterday, Lokahi caught Ka Mo'i on the 22nd event of the regatta (Men's Freshmen) and passed it on the next (Women's Sophomores).

Lokahi has struggled through the early events of regattas all season. Of the club's 170 members, only about 50 are younger than 18.

Yesterday, however, Lokahi got strong-willed efforts from its young crews. They started the regatta with a first from their outstanding Boys 12 crew.

The unsung hero award went to assistant coach Kevin Mokuahi's 9- and 10-year-old girls, who competed in the



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Lokahi's senior women's crew of Connie Fidel, Michelle Oshiro, Connie Flores, Sue Trent, Anne Miho and Joy Arizumi paddles to an upset victory over Ka

Mo'i's crew in yesterday's Hui Waa championships. Lokahi also won the overall championship.

12s, 13s and 14s.

"When they went out for the 14s, they were yelling at me," Mokuahi said.

They didn't score much, but their presence was better than having no crew at all.

Ka Mo'i had won the last three regular season regattas. Coach Rona Kaekuaehiwi said that since the title meet was held on Saturday instead of Sunday, about 15 paddlers couldn't make the meet.

"A lot of our people are contracted to work on Saturdays," he said. "But I'm not complaining. A better club beat us."

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Hui Wa'a Championships At Ke'ehi Lagoon

Men

1/4-mile

12-B—1, Lokahi (Joshua Nabarrete, Dwayne Lopez, Sean Nakayama, Noan Kumana, Jonathan Lum, Bernard Mokuahi), 2:14.58; 2, Ka Mo'i, 2:20.50; 3, Kaneohe, 2:32.14. 12-A—1, Kaneohe (Michael Alexander, Terence Baker, Dwight Basifita, Kekoa Kauewa, Vincent Pacheco, Frederick Tboyani), 2:25.12; 2, Ka Mo'i, 2:36.98; 13—1, Kaneohe (Ezra Aberilla, Keali Aki, Dwayne Baugist, Kamuela Campbell, Glen Irvine, Daniel Mak-

ana), 2:16.55; 2, Ka Mo'i, 2:22.78; 14—1, Ka Mo'i (Kaioi Kekoa, Eric Aiwahi, Clifford Pila, John Ahikoi, Ricky Aiwahi, Aaron Mendel), 2:05.98; 2, Windward Kai, 2:09.90; 3, Kamehameha, 2:10.95; 4, Lokahi, 2:13.14; 5, Manu O Ke Kai, 2:14.74.

1/2-mile
Novice—1, Lokahi (Hani Fujisage, Eric Domingo, Daniel DePinto, Peter Webb, Alan Ferreras, Ronald Foti), 4:00.59; 2, Yacht Club, 4:05.49; 3, Koa Kai, 4:07.81; 4, Windward Kai, 4:09.81; 5, Kamehameha, 4:11.52. 18-B—1, Ka Mo'i (Matt Koukua, Wilfred Lopez, Matt Costa, Mark Kaulana, Eric Aiwahi, Duke Kanakuaehiwi), 4:16.07; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 4:20.55; 3, Lokahi, 4:24.75; 4, Ikaika, 4:35.70.

1/2-mile
Masters—1, Beach Boys (Mika Britland, David Peterson, Kalani Cohn, Mike Meyer, Ted Bush, Alex Ayo), 4:13.66; 2, Yacht Club, 4:18.03; 3, Lokahi, 4:18.48; 4, Ka Mo'i, 4:20.55; 5, Wai Nani, 4:34.66.

Senior Masters—1, Koa Kai (Jack Carrero, John Davis, Calvin Kapua, Charles Kama, Allen Ngobon, Paul Peter), 4:13.96; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 4:15.77; 3, Beach Boys, 4:18.53; 4, Ka Mo'i, 4:22.34; 5, Wai Nani, 4:33.38.

Open Four—1, Yacht Club (Thom Black, Ronald Stubbs, Troy Metairie, Ralph Harada), 2, Lokahi, 4:29.24; 3, Koa Kai, 4:33.41; 4, Beach Boys, 4:33.73; 5, Kamehameha, 4:41.29.

3/4-mile
Novice A—1, Yacht Club (Kris Courtney, Reed Bender, Steven Jack, Randy Vasconcelos, Michael Walker, Norman Hunter), 6:06.61; 2, Koa Kai, 6:35.30; 3, Lokahi, 6:35.85; 4, Kai Poha, 7:09.64; 5, Kaneohe, 7:15.84.

1-mile
18-B—1, Ka Mo'i (Victor Sanchez, Eulogio Mangastar, Robert Preston, Dominic Marcos, David Carden, Joe Lewis), 8:27.09; 2, Lokahi, 8:31.17; 3, Manu O Ke Kai, 8:41.38. Freshmen—1, Lokahi (David Morikawa, Bruce Campbell, Tony Cambra, Joey Duchi, Steve Hartmann, Doki Chow), 8:07.03; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 8:16.45; 3, Kaneohe, 8:19.51; 4, Hawaiian Outrigger, 8:21.47; 5, Kamehameha, 8:45.48.

1 1/2-mile
Sophomores—1, Yacht Club (Kris Courtney, Reed Bender, Steven Jack, Randy Vasconcelos, Michael Walker, Norman Hunter), 12:53.25; 2, Lokahi, 12:59.59; 3, Manu O Ke Kai, 13:07.79; 4, Ka Mo'i, 14:36.47.

2-mile

Juniors—1, Ka Mo'i (Derrick Mahulu, Greg Pavao, Jody Ragsdale, Ricky Brody, Mike Sabatini, Damon Kasekuaehi), 16:57.80; 2, Lokahi, 17:14.84; 3, Beach Boys, 17:31.91; 4, Koa Kai, 19:26.82.

2 1/2-mile
Seniors—1, Lokahi (Dan Kaine, Mike Cushnie, Frank Butcher, Chuck Hanberg, David Aki, Dokie Chow), 21:26.53; 2, Ka Mo'i, 22:09.61.

3-mile
12-B—1, Ka Mo'i (Joy Sims, Barbara Mariner, Kalan Keala, Crystal Hata, Bubu Boleho, Shannon Pila), 2:36.17; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 2:57.99; 3, Ikaika, 3:00.20; 4, Lokahi, 3:13.45; 13—1, Kaneohe (John Alexander, Christy Basifita, Christina Labanon, Nicole Pemberton, Jennifer Zicherman, Michelle Zicherman), 2:40.43; 2, Ka Mo'i, 2:42.65; 3, Hawaiian Outrigger, 2:45.16; 4, Ikaika, 3:11.73.

3 1/2-mile
Lokahi, 3:29.38; 14-1, Manu O Ke Kai (Sakura Burckhart, Ryan Pichea, Kanau Kakuu, Carolyn Tremmery, Valerie Kakuu, Cheryl Lunford), 2:25.39; 2, Hawaiian Outrigger, 2:31.42; 3, Ikaika, 2:31.75; 4, Koa Kai, 2:33.46; 5, Ka Mo'i, 2:39.53.

Novice B—1, Lokahi (Brenda Char, Christine Sprague, Laura Hudson, Kimberly Greenwell, Terry Redman, Tammy Redman), 2:22.18; 2, Yacht Club, 2:29.25; 3, Beach Boys, 2:36.74; 4, Kamehameha, 2:41.01; 5, Kaneohe, 2:50.87.

4-mile
Masters—1, Koa Kai (Henry Welch, Leandra Kay, Inger Hoffeldt, Jennie Ringwood, Phyllis Gomes, Cynthia McCree), 4:40.17; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 4:46.85; 3, Kamehameha, 5:05.53; 4, Windward Kai, 5:08.12. Senior Masters—1, Hawaiian Outrigger (Oha Crowder, Myra Ooyonon, Laleloa Kahua, Lilian Kaewela, Carol Kakaueka, Cheryl Wills), 5:13.22; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 5:14.97; 3, Lokahi, 5:29.13; 4, Wai Nani, 5:46.90; 5, Beach Boys, 6:07.84. 18—1, Kamehameha (Tudy Cabrerot, Annette Freitas, Paulette Garcia, Faith Matsuwaiki, Wanda Sanson, Honey Girl Toke), 5:06.47; 2, Manu O Ke Kai, 5:19.50; 3, Hawaiian Outrigger, 5:22.98; 4, Ikaika, 5:26.44; 5, Ka Mo'i, 5:27.80. 18—1, Ka Mo'i (Arion Napolian), set a course record in the Duke Kahanamoku Memorial Paddleboard Race yesterday, finishing the nine-mile event in 1 hour, 23 minutes and 11 seconds. Helene Philips won the women's division in 1:53:37. The course, attempted by 40 paddleboarders, began at Maunaloa Bay bath house and ended in front of the new Otani/Kaimama Hotel area.

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Hui Nalu stuns OCC

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The magic found last week on the waves of Waikiki was gone for Outrigger Canoe Club yesterday on Kaneohe Bay.

The two-time defending state champs saw their undefeated OHCR regatta streak snapped at five as OCC finished third in the John D. Kaupiko Regatta at Kaneohe MCAS. Race host Hui Nalu Canoe Club won the last event of the day—the junior masters men—to edge out Kailua, 71-69; OCC finished with 61 points.

The Hawaii Kai-based winners came up with nine firsts out of the 31 events. Kailua took seven firsts, with their junior master women's crew giving them a 69-66 lead over Hui Nalu with one race remaining.

Steered by Kala Kukea, Hui Nalu's over-35 crew covered its 1/2-mile race in 7 minutes, 31.66 seconds, nearly 10 seconds ahead of runnerup OCC. The five points were enough to push the hosts into first.

Despite losing the regatta, OCC's senior men survived a major crew change and got double-duty steering from Brant Ackerman (who steered the winning juniors also) to remain undefeated in the blue-ribbon event. OCC held off a hard-charging Kailua, winning in 19:44.87 to Kailua's 19:47.38 in the 2 1/2-mile event.

In the A Division (15 crews or less), Anuenue won the coin toss

with Waimanalo for the second time this season and took home the first-place trophy. The two clubs tied with nine points a piece.

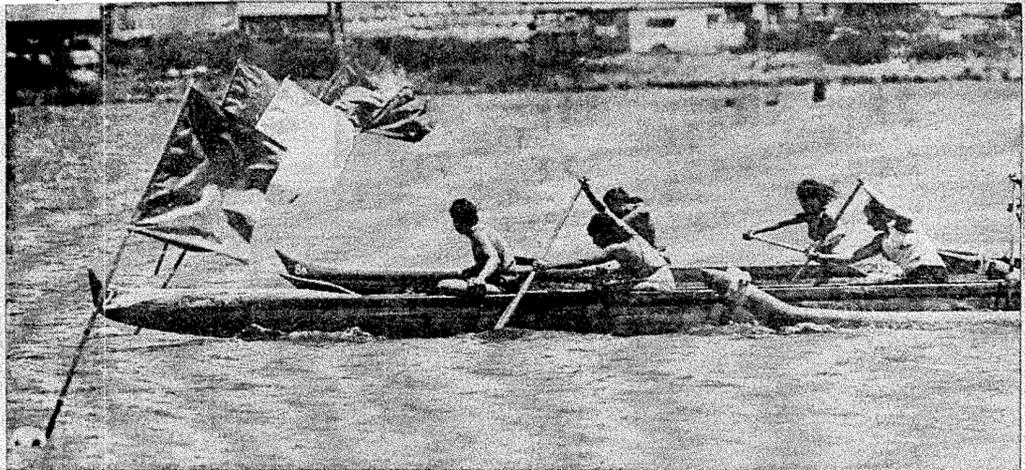
At Waikiki Beach, Ka Mo'i won the last regular-season regatta before next Saturday's Hui Wa'a championship at Ke'ehi Lagoon. The Waianae Coast club scored 68 points to rival Lokahi's 58 for its fourth regatta title this season. Lokahi has won the other three events.

Kamehameha won the A Division with 25 points with Kaneohe second with 21.

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CLOSE FINISH—Hui Nalu's junior women's crew (foreground) noses out Outrigger Canoe Club in a come-from-behind victory in the 1/4-mile race. Hui Nalu won by a half-second.

Outrigger repeats as OHCRA champions

By Jack Wyatt

Special to the Star-Bulletin

Outrigger Canoe Club, after suffering its first loss of the season last week, roared back to win yesterday's OHCRA Championships at Ke'ehi Lagoon like a Concorde jet accelerating at takeoff.

"That loss helped pull our club together. It couldn't have happened at a better time," said Outrigger Coach Michele St. John after her team won its third consecutive Oahu title with points to spare.

The first-year coach also noted that winning is a lot more fun than losing.

"Unlike the week before, our

Outrigger camp was all smiles today," she said.

IN ITS DRAMATIC turnaround, OCC scored big, accumulating a whopping 96 points to 58 points for runnerup Kailua. "After the loss, our crews went right to work, training harder miles than ever before," coach St. John said.

Of the 30 events it entered, Outrigger won 13 races, placed second in eight and third in three. "Our paddlers came through when it counted. We won some important races," she said. Outrigger took the lead mid-way through the 31-race regatta and was never again