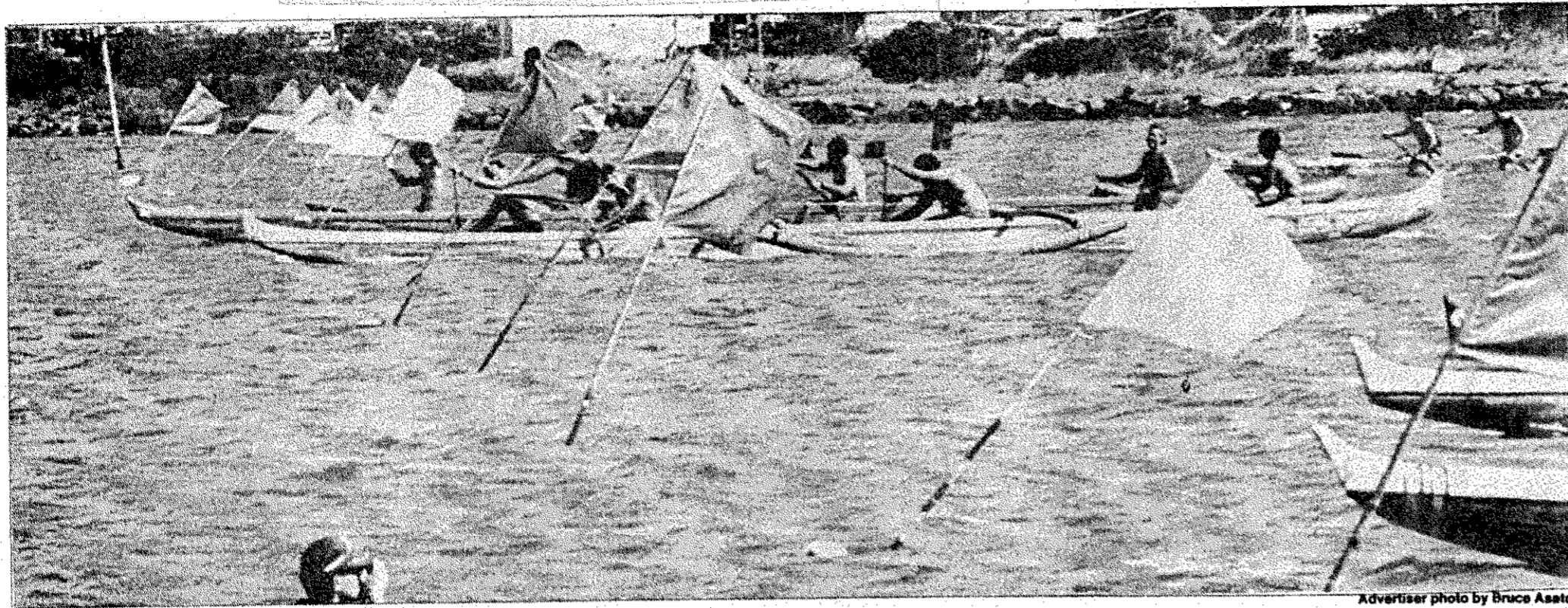


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# OCC cruises to another title

By Dave Reardon  
Advertiser Staff Writer

The second-best thing that happened to Outrigger Canoe Club this paddling season was its third-place finish last week. That helped set up the best thing — yesterday's victory in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's championship regatta at Keehi Lagoon.

Outrigger won its sixth regatta of the season in runaway fashion. OCC scored 96 points to second-place Kailua's 58, and third-place Hui Nalu's 57.

Waikalu won the A division (15 or fewer crews) with 14 points. Waimanalo was second with 10, and Anuenue third with 9.

OCC will go for its fourth consecutive state title on Aug. 1, also at Keehi Lagoon.

"If it hadn't been for the loss, we could have gotten complacent," Outrigger coach Michele St. John said. "And we weren't beaten by just a little ... we were third."

While coming off a loss inspired Outrigger, the main motivation came from the fact that this was a championship meet. A lot was on the line, as OCC was going for its third consecutive OHCRA title. Also, winners of races in yesterday's meet got automatic berths in the state championship.

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The outrigger canoe race was founded in 1952 by A.E. "Toots" Minvielle and is considered the world championship of long distance outrigger canoe racing.

The race will start at Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai. The first team to finish expected at Waikiki before 1 p.m. Sunday. The record is 5 hours, 18 minutes, 19 seconds, 40.8 miles set by Outrigger Canoe Club in October, 1984. Outrigger is also the defending champion.

Each team consists of nine paddlers with six in the canoe at one time. Members rotate paddlers in open-ocean exchanges

### Moku O Hawaii Long Distance Paddling schedule

Date	Event	Location
Aug. 8	A.J. McDanold	Keauhou to Kailua
Aug. 15	Uncle Red Kanuha	Kailua
Aug. 22	Calvin Kelekolio	T.B.A.
Aug. 29	T.B.A.	Kailua
Sept. 5	Queen Liliuokalani	Keauhou, Honaunau, Kailua
Sept. 6	Queen Liliuokalani	Kailua
Sept. 12	Aunty Alice Hauanio	Pohoihi, Opihikao, Kalapana
Sept. 19	Dan Nathaniel	Hilo, Honoli, Onomea
Sept. 27	Na Wahine o Ke Kai	Molokai-Oahu
October	Molokai Hoe	Molokai-Oahu

as the race progresses across the channel. Participants in 1987 include world-class teams from Australia, California, Canada, Germany, Japan, Tahiti, and the Mainland.

The race is owned and produced by the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and sponsored as a community service by Bank of Hawaii.



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GOING UP AND OVER — A Maui outrigger crew works to keep their canoe out of trouble during a regatta at Hanakaoo earlier this year. Maui's six canoe clubs will be on Oahu this Saturday for the state championship regatta at Keehi Lagoon in Honolulu,

where the Maui representatives won't have trouble with surf but they will face stiff competition from Outrigger Canoe Club, the defending state champions.

## OCC the favorite in state regatta

By Jack Wyatt  
Special to the Star-Bulletin

Unless tropical depression Fernanda kicks up its heels and wipes out tomorrow's Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championship at the Keehi Lagoon Beach Park, Outrigger Canoe Club should paddle away with its fourth consecutive state title.

"The weather looks great and Outrigger looks even better," OHCRA president Michael Tongg said.

More than 1,500 paddlers representing 41 clubs from five islands are expected to enter the 31-race competition. Six-paddler koa canoes, each approximately 40-foot in length, will be used. Racing begins at 9 a.m. and admission is free.

The key to Outrigger's success is its great paddler depth. Outrigger qualified crews in almost every event something no other club could match. Tongg said Outrigger, which enjoyed a 6-1 regatta season, qualified crews in 28 of the 31 races. Most clubs are happy to qualify crews

in half that number of events. "My paddlers are deadly serious going into this competition. They've trained long and hard in preparation," said coach Steve Scott of Outrigger's unbeaten men's sophomore, junior and senior crews.

Having raced against Oahu clubs all season, Scott knows pretty well what to expect from the locals. But the paddling talent from the Neighbor Islands still remains a mystery.

"It's rumored that they're some pretty talented crews coming," Scott said.

Hanalei (Kauai) Canoe Club's senior men's crew, plus Kamehameha (Hilo) Canoe Club's unbeaten junior men are two Neighbor Island teams that could give the defending champs a fit.

"Everyone's gunning for us," Scott added.

In the past 10 years, Outrigger has won the state title five times; Hui Nalu has won three and Hanalei and Kailua, has won the championship one time apiece.