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PADDLING

OCC remembers, vividly, how to win

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According to Outrigger Canoe Club coach John Finney, "It is easy to forget how to win."

But his paddlers remembered yesterday and blew away the competition at Keesi Lagoon as Outrigger won its fifth consecutive Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship.

OCC scored 96 points, followed distantly by Kailua with 69 and Hui Nalu with 53. Surfsports scored 18 points to capture the A Division title (for clubs with 15 crews or less).

Outrigger got four of its nine first places consecutively around mid-morning. The Men's Novice B, Girls 16, Boys 16 and Girls 18 crews set the tone early.

"The older kids really performed," former head coach Walter Guild said. "And that won the regatta for us."

The OHORA title wasn't the only good news for Outrigger yesterday: the club finished the day with 29 of its crews qualified for the state regatta on Maui a week from Saturday. Since there are 30 events, Outrigger will be in very good position to win its sixth consecutive state title.

Finney seemed more relieved

than excited yesterday when the final numbers came in. It has been a trying season for him, to say the least. Normally dominant Outrigger won only two regular-season regattas and was second in point standings to Kailua.

Finney said that early on Outrigger suffered from complacency and a lack of participation — at all experience levels ("All of these kids go to Disneyland every year," he said). It translated into a lack of regular season regatta victories.

"It looked pretty dismal," Finney said. "It looked like I was picked to be the goat of the year. It got to the point

where I put my foot down and said, 'Don't do this now. You can do it next year when someone else is coach. I'm not going to let Outrigger lose its winning tradition.' Watching the Senior Men lose a couple of races was a good slap in the face."

Losses — or the threat of future losses — helped revive interest and pride. Toward the end of the season the club turned out in force again. The red-and-white checkered tent is crowded to capacity once more.

Finney said Outrigger's slump probably helped the league as a whole.

"Actually, it was a great season (for the association) — be-

cause so many different clubs won," he said. "And it's fun to race in a situation that isn't one-sided."

"Hui Nalu's win had to be as much fun as anything this season. It went right down to the wire. When you lose like that it's not so bad."

Of course, it's better to win, and if there is one crew Finney hasn't had to worry about all season, it's the four-time state champion Women's Senior Masters. It is Outrigger's only unbeaten crew after the Junior Men were outraced by Kailua yesterday. Healan's Boys 14 is the only other undefeated OHORA crew.

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Outrigger surges in title meet

□ After a lackluster season, it wins the OHORA championship

By Jack Wyatt
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Coach John Finney, the man who guided Outrigger Canoe Club to its fifth consecutive Oahu Hawaiian canoe racing championship yesterday at Keesi Lagoon Park, went from goat to hero in a single sweep.

"We got off to a dismal season's start (two consecutive losses). I was a shoo-in for the club's 'Goat of the Year' award," Finney said.

But in yesterday's championship —

a regatta where a win really matters — Outrigger's paddlers came through for their first-year coach with gusto. OCC crews won 10 of 30 events; placed second in 12 others and finished third three times.

Outrigger defeated rival Kailua 96-69 for the biggest winning margin of any OHORA club this season. Hui Nalu placed third with 63 points. Surfsports topped OHORA's small club division with 18 points.

Every club juggled paddler personnel, loading boats with their talented best in attempt to qualify crews for the state championships on Maui Aug. 5.

"I kept busy all day watching the competition — Kailua and Hui Nalu —

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checking "who was paddling what" and trying to out-match them with our people," coach Finney said.

Outrigger broke its competition when it won four consecutive events during the regatta's first half. "With the three clubs (OCC, Kailua and Hui Nalu) each winning regattas, this season has been a great one," he said.

Five-time defending state champ Outrigger qualified crews in 29 of 30 events missing only the Boy's 13s. "The boys are an alternate and stand a good chance of

getting in (the states)," Finney said. (State crew qualification is determined by best overall season's performance or by winning Oahu Championship finishes).

During the seven-regatta OHORA season, Kailua won three meets and tied with Outrigger for first place in another. Outrigger, including yesterday's win, topped only two regattas outright. Hui Nalu won its only meet of the season last week at Kaneohe.

While the 200-paddler Outrigger was flexing its muscles in OHORA's AA "big club" division, Kailua's 42-member Surfsports

was busy winning its fifth "A" (15 crews, or less) title in seven tries this season.

"It's important that OHORA offers two divisions. No way can us little guys compete with Outrigger, and the other big powers" coach David Kalama said. Surfsports' giant killing freshmen men and women's novice "A" paddlers won races yesterday.

"We qualified four of our six crews to the states. That's pretty good for such a small club," the coach said.

Kalama explained that Surfsports is trying to build but pad-

dlers are in short supply, particularly at Kailua Beach Park where there are so many clubs and so few paddling prospects.

On Saturday, Lokahi Canoe Club won the Na Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a Oahu Championship, also held at Keesi Lagoon. The Ala Wai Canal-based club capped its eight-regatta season unbeaten.

"We hope to send 20 crews to the state championships. This should give our paddlers their best competition of the season," Lokahi coach Michael Cushnie said. Lokahi defeated Kamehameha 89-55 for its third consecutive Oahu title. Kaneohe won Hui Wa'a's small club division with 21 points.

OHORA championships

At Keesi Lagoon

■ Team standings

AA Division—1. Outrigger 96 pts. 2. Kailua 69. 3. Hui Nalu 53. 4. Healan 53. 5. Lanika 3.

A Division—1. Surfsports 18. 2. Leeward Kai 8. 3. Hui Lanika 6. 4. (tie) Makaha and Waimanalo 4. 6. Waikiki Surf Club 3. 7. Anuenue 2.

■ Boys

12-1. Kailua (Kamuela Cobb-Adams, Kapa Francisco, Leon Mosher, Kahala Naka-aki, Mike Smith, Kia Young) 2:28.53. 2. Outrigger 2:34.25. 3. Makaha 2:35.32.

13-1. Leeward Kai (Malcolm Kekawa, David Kane IV, Byron Corr, Wendel Kamakana, Kanala Nahu, Chuck Bolt) 2:17.53. 2. Hui Lanika 2:19.51. 3. Healan 2:20.35.

14-1. Healan (Craig Souza, Kai An Sam, Ryan Hoke, Nelson Sa, Barry Quilty, Kagi Pania Jr.) 2:00.65. 2. Outrigger 2:17.57. 3. Hui Nalu 2:18.71.

15-1. Outrigger (J.P. Canis, Danny Goldcamp, Paul Larsen, Matt Corboy, Adam Cobeen, Sage Soudring) 4:04.92. 2. Hui Nalu 4:22.42. 3. Healan 4:23.97.

18-1. Hui Nalu (Todd Kamikupu, Brad Yim, Daniel Sakaguchi, Gam Dykstra, Robert Taylor, Steve Maurer) 7:34.14. 2. Outrigger 7:55.21. 3. Kailua 7:58.34.

■ Men

Novice A—1. Outrigger (Michael Schwinn, John Eveleth, Kirk Christman, Fred Fong, Kevin McGrath, Paul Kaye) 5:58.42. 2. Kailua 6:01.59. 3. Hui Nalu 6:04.19.

Novice B—1. Outrigger (Gary Clarke, Steve Brown, Jim Cavanaugh, Brad Theissen, Scott Bradley, Jeff Hungerford) 3:55.59. 2. Kailua 4:02.43. 3. Hui Nalu 4:02.83.

Freshmen—1. Surfsports (Wilfred Chene, Chuck Lowther, Jim Fisher, Drew Kelleman, Mac Tiltman, John Puakea) 7:37.96. 2. Outrigger 7:52.65. 3. Healan 7:59.02.

Sophomores—1. Kailua (Patrick Erwin, MacKenzie Shannon, Randy Sylva, Todd Hart, Mark Cloney, Rob Cates III) 11:45.92. 2. Healan 11:58.27. 3. Outrigger 12:05.07.

Juniors—1. Kailua (Patrick Erwin, MacKenzie Shannon, Kamoa Kalama, Dave Clark, Jerome Dias, Rob Cates III) 15:27.45. 2. Outrigger 15:39.28. 3. Healan 15:45.37.

Seniors—1. Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Mark Rigg, Bill Bright, Walter Guild, Keone Downing, Todd Bradley) 19:34.89. 2. Hui Nalu 19:55.62. 3. Surfsports 20:03.21.

Masters—1. Hui Nalu (Nainoa Thompson, Georg Kissner, Rocky Higgins, Bob Rochelleau, Wayne Fujihara, Darryl Hara) 7:35.05. 2. Outrigger 7:36.19. 3. Kailua 7:40.05.

Senior Masters—1. Kailua (Gary Aprea, Bob Neke, Bob Moncrief, John Goody, Howard Keller, Bob Cates Jr.) 3:55.61. 2. Outrigger 4:02.55. 3. Anuenue 4:09.32.

Open A—1. Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Mark Rigg, Walter Guild, Todd Bradley) 4:00.29. 2. Healan 4:07.25. 3. Hui Nalu 4:07.50.

■ Girls

12-1. Hui Nalu (Tara Beyer, Tara Wright, Eleni Espinoza, Hasena Zachariah, Monica Parker, Mandy Jones) 2:39.81. 2. Outrigger 2:49.73. 3. Healan 2:52.85.

13-1. Hui Nalu (Brooke Kaneshiro, Kabi Marceau, Jessica Kim, Natalie Parse, Laura Tam, Emma Erya) 2:33.84. 2. Waimanalo 2:41.80. 3. Surfsports 2:44.64.

14-1. Kailua (Carrie Mau, Kathy Colin, Desiree Epi, Kanani Benson, Amy Patrick, Robin Jacobs) 2:24.15. 2. Outrigger 2:24.53. 3. Healan 2:26.22.

15-1. Outrigger (Julie Curdall, Nalani Hunt, Shandy Danford, Anne Marie Pavlin, Joanna Reinhardt, Lisa Jackson) 4:55.44. 2. Hui Nalu 5:03.19. 3. Kailua 5:04.55.

18-1. Outrigger (Diane Wilbur, Missy Mowat, Pam Clifford, Cynthia Sheehan, Megan Clark, Hilary Scott) 4:48.11. 2. Healan 5:00.30. 3. Hui Nalu 5:00.45.

■ Women

Novice A—1. Surfsports (Nicola Piccolli, Sally Smith, Nina Pacewicz, Andrea Lorenz, Diana Sylva, Loretta Carloti) 4:30.28. 2. Hui Nalu 4:37.34. 3. Healan 4:41.03.

Novice B—1. Kailua (Tammy Jones, Dawn Cassula, Debbie Cheever, Dar Leandro, Sue Bornhardt, Jacques Lauze) 2:20.80. 2. Outrigger 2:28.21. 3. Healan 2:33.34.

Freshmen—1. Kailua (Mikell Baldwin, Umi Maama, Connie Johnston, Shen Tester, Kathy Beck, Kara Davis) 6:45.28. 2. Healan 6:50.24. 3. Outrigger 6:53.87.

Sophomores—1. Hui Nalu (Lelewhi Anne Maama, Katie Johnson, Susan Enkson, Lory Bode, Becky Hara, Denise Darval) 8:21.64. 2. Healan 8:31.58. 3. Outrigger 8:01.35.

Juniors—1. Healan (Laura Seto, Kelly Fay, Carolyn Jean McKinzie, Patricia Vasquez-Fasi, Jonna Wickessee, Robin Nonaka) 11:38.52. 2. Kailua 12:02.36. 3. Hui Nalu 12:15.11.

Seniors—1. Hui Nalu (Lestine Conner, Sandy Combs, Jennie Scales, Diane Darval, Lindsey Sydn, Denise Darval) 13:23.87. 2. Outrigger 13:35.29. 3. Kailua 13:41.90.

Masters—1. Kailua (Nancy Perry, Nani Olds, Lynn Haen, Bernice Heen, Kathy Javelana, Lynn Kaita) 9:41.69. 2. Outrigger 9:57.84. 3. Hui Nalu 9:59.83.

Senior Masters—1. Outrigger (Diane Stowell, Uliu Friese, Gerry Pedesky, Marilyn Haine, Peggy Danford, Keanuene Rochlen) 4:47.79. 2. Kailua 4:49.25. 3. Healan 4:56.04.

Open A—1. Outrigger (Katie McCrory, Norma Santiago, Diana Clifford, Kie Haine) 5:05.03. 2. Kailua 5:12.06. 3. Surfsports 5:21.11.

■ Mixed

12-1. Outrigger (Bret Chuchovich, Josh O'Connor, Tiffany Sutherland, Nathan Stapleton, Meghan Hemmings, Neneha Tannehill) 2:38.25. 2. Kailua 2:41.59. 3. Makaha 2:51.75.

Men/Women—1. Healan (Andrew Kang, Evi Fasto, Maia May, Joseph Mott, Michelle Ross, Rhonda Reyes) 4:21.42. 2. Hui Nalu 4:21.62. 3. Waikiki Surf Club 4:25.95.

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To master paddling, Outrigger uses its seniority

Jack Wyatt

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Although Outrigger Canoe Club's senior masters women's crew is undisputedly the best in the state, there's no room for complacency among its paddlers, coach Di Guild says.

"The ladies push each other hard just to stay in the crew," Guild said of group. "They understand a few mistakes in practice and they're sitting out a race."

As four-time defending state champs and heavily favored to win their fifth title at the state championships at Maui's Hanalei Beach Aug. 5, one might think Guild would lighten up and give the women a break. After all, ranging in age from 46 to 61, they're no longer kids bursting with energy.

"Our workouts are hard and our crew is competitive. There's no slacking off in practice or while racing," paddler Marilyn Haine said.

"Actually, the women are in better shape than I am," the 29-year-old coach said.

Under Guild, Outrigger's senior masters women breezed through this season's seven OHORA regattas without a loss. They won last Sunday's Oahu Championships, narrowly beating Kailua by just under two seconds.

The senior women include Peggy Danford, Ulu Friese, Marilyn Haine, Ruby Iversen, Gerri Pedesky, Diane Stowell, Carol Wilcox and steersman Keanuene Rochlen.

"Keeping our win streak alive presents a challenge—because competition among clubs is getting better and we, unfortunately, are getting older," Haine said with a sigh.

The crew's age averages 54; the minimum age for their division is 45. The women, many of whom have grandchildren, know they're up against younger crews all the time.

"Don't count us out. In club scrimmages we still beat the Girls 18 crews," said Friese, who began paddling at age 45.

In addition to paddling, many of the crew are active in other sports.

"Some play tennis, some golf and



By Dennis Odo, Star-Bulletin

Hard work has paid off for the Outrigger women's senior masters, going for their fifth state title. From left: Ruby Iversen, Keanuene Rochlen, Marilyn Haine, Ulu Friese, Carol Wilcox, Diane Stowell, coach Di Guild, Gerri Pedesky and Peggy Danford.

almost all swim or run to stay in shape," said Haine, a veteran of 30 years paddling.

As a youngster growing up in California, Haine swam competitively and is a past Hawaii state doubles volleyball champion. She's married to former Olympic volleyball player Tom Haine and sent both children, who also paddle for OCC, to school on volleyball scholarships—Kisti to Stanford, Mare to San Diego State.

Maana Diane Stowell, a nationally-ranked age-group swimmer and last

season's Quarterback Club Senior Athlete of the Year, is perhaps the crew's best-known athlete. The Punahou School chemistry teacher is Hawaii's fastest swimmer among women over 45. She also holds two national breaststroke swim records in the 55-59 age division.

"Like swimming, paddling is an excellent upper-body fitness exercise. I strongly recommend the sport to everyone," Stowell said. She also runs 10K footraces, bikes to swim practices and competes in triathlons, beginning

her workouts at dawn each day.

Outrigger's women credit the talent of steersman Rochlen for much of their success.

"A fabulous water-person, Keanuene can find and then milk a surfing wave like no other woman," Haine said.

"I've been paddling and steering canoes much of my life, with Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf and now with Outrigger," said Rochlen, age 61. "This crew is as strong and talented as any crew I've been associated with."