CANOES

Outrigger coasts to regatta championship

By Dave Reardon Advertiser Staff Writer

Even Outrigger Canoe Club has a few underdogs. And one of its lesser-known crews was among the winners as the powerful OCC blitzed its way to a sixth consecutive Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association championship yesterday at Keehi Lagoon.

 Outrigger - unbeaten this regatta season - scored 103 points to almost double-up second-place Hui Nalu, which had 53. Third-place Kailua scored 45, Healani 40 and Lanikai 13.

Hui Lanakila won the A division (smaller clubs) title with 17 points.

Outrigger won 17 events including the Novice A Men, who took the top spot for the first time this season, causing an eruption of cheering from

"They"ve been consistently fourth or fifth this year. I was thinking of switching them with the Novice Bs," head coach Tom McTigue said. "But Chris Kincaid has been working with them the past three weeks and now it's paying off."

Kincaid, a paddler for the club's senior men (who also won yesterday, for the eighth year in a row), gave the novice crew a positive jolt, McTigue

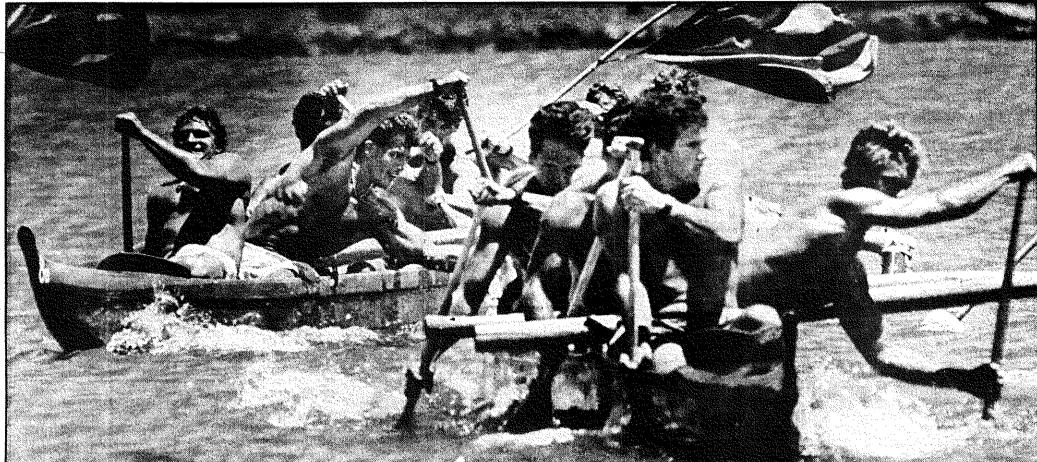
only crew Chris is coaching," McTigue said. "The previous coach had three crews to han-

Said Kincaid: "This group ships (in two weeks on Kauai)." 4:57.94.

Outrigger's Men Novice A "Outrigger's got that race slicing through a half-mile in crew - composed of Jimmy down pat," Healani's Ellen Pa- 4:31.34. dled three quarters of a mile in in the state regatta." 6:11.68 for its first victory of

call from the competition.

The five-time state champion Senior Masters Women — who ished the association season un-



Hui Nalu's men's sophomore team (foreground) leads Outrigger at the second turn en route to victory yesterday in the 1.5-mile event at Keehi Lagoon.

"Part of it is that that is the limit by Healani's crew for the ing the next boat by almost 15

needed more attention. The big volume about 50 yards from motivation today was that if the finish to catch Healani and they didn't win, they wouldn't win the half-mile race in qualify for the state champion- 4:56.35. Healani crossed at

Kalaukoa, Steve Brown, Brad baillano said. "They know Thiessen, Jim Cavanaugh, Scott when they need to excel. But Bradley and Paul Kay - pad- we'll still take a shot at them

Outrigger's Senior Masters Women - Stowell, Gerri Pe-While that crew got a push desky, Marilyn Haine, Ruby from within its club, another Ifverson, Carol Wilcox and Outrigger team got a wake-up Keanuenue Rochlen - won

their 16th consecutive race. OCC's Girls 16 crew also fin-

haven't lost a race in over two years — were pushed to the limit by Healani's crew for the second time this season.

"I think we were in last place at the turn," said stroker Diane Stowell.

But Outrigger pumped up the volume about 50 yards from the finish to catch Healani and win the half-mile race in 4.56.35. Healani crossed at 4.57.94.

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RESULTS

AA: 1, Outrigger 103 points, 2, Hui Nalu 53, 3, Kallua 45, 4, Healani 40, 5, Lanikai 13, A: 1, Hui Lanakila 17, 2, Waikiki Surf Club 14, 3, Waimenalo 12, 4, Leeward Kai 11, 5, Honolulu 7, 6 (Tie). orts and Makaha 5. 8, Anuenue 4, 9, Kai-

Novice A (¾ Mile): 1, Outrigger (Jim Kalaukoa, Steve Brown, Brad Thiessen, Jim Cavanaugh, Scott Bradley, Paul Kaye) 6:11.68, 2, Hui Nalu 6:12.42, 3, Walkiki Surf Club 6:15.87.

Masters (1 Mile): 1, Outrigger (Mike Clifford, Mark Buck, Bill Bright, John Finney, Jack Feher, Mike Lemen) 7:38.21. 2, Kailua 7:47.37. 3, Hui Nalu 9.02.77.

Senior Masters (Vz Mile): 1, Kailua (Rocky Cashman. Bob Nakea. Bob Moncrief, Willy Dunhour, Howard Keller. Dodd Balock) 4:06.54. 2, Outrigger 4:10.26. 3, Anuenue 4:11.19.

Open 4 (1/2 Mile): 1, Outrigger (Geoff Graf, Henry Ayau, Todd Sandvold, Walter Guild) 4:17.32. 2, Healani 4:21.99. 3, Hui Lanakila 4:23.10.

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12 (¼ Mile): Honolulu (Jacks Griffitts, John Kimura, Robert Shampoe, Keo Aiwohi, Daniel Lopez, Andrew Griffitts) 2:35.51. 2, Waimanalo 2:37.15. 3, Andrew Griffitts) 2:35-51. 2, Waimanalo 2:37.15. 3, Hui Lanakila 2:38.15. 13 (¼ Mile): 1, Makaha (Bruce DeSoto Jr., Newton Kuresa, Jason Noland, Benjamin losefa, Gary Cariaga, Ouincy Zastrow) 2:30.12. 2, Leeward Kai 2:31.81. 3, Waikiki Surf Club 2:36.70.

3, Kaitua 8:06.26.

WOMEN

Novice A (½ Mile): 1, Hui Nalu (Becky Fordal, Damaine Hasegawa, Jana Mizuo, Elissa Merk, Dana Chang, Cindy Kaneshiro) 4:48.63. 2, Outrigger 4:51.22. 3, Kaitua 4:53.86.

Novice B (¼ Mile): 1, Healani (Lynn Makua, Heather Finseth, Tanya Beirne, Elise Thorn, Meatou Isaia, Cathy Nied) 2:18.43. 2, Waikiki Surf Club 2:20.50. 3, Kaitua 2:23.23.

Freshmen (¾ Mile): 1, Outrigger (Dione Wilbur, Kaili Chun, Terri Pynchon, Sarah Reilly, Nalani Hunt, Darcie Wilcox) 6:45.97. 2, Healani 7:00.49. 3, Surfsports 7:01.94.

Sophomore (1 Mile): 1, Hui Nalu (Sandy Combis, Sue Erickson, Butchie Lee, Elissa Merk, Marion Lyman-Mersereau, Denise Darval) 8:34.96. 2, Healani 8:44.41. 3, Kaitua 8:57.25.

Junlor (1¼ Milee): 1, Healani (Deneen McNicoli, Lisa West, Adrienne Wilson, Nicol Queyrel, Richline Fong, Robin Nonaka) 12:00.69. 2, Outrigger 12:33.77. 3, Hui Nalu 12:40.86.

Senior (1½ Milee): 1, Outrigger (Genie Kincaid, Katy Bourne, Katie McCrary, Jenny Scafe, Sarah Riley, Paula Crabb) 13:33.31. 2, Kaitua 13:46.52. 3, Hui Nalu 13:56.08.

Masters (1 Mile): 1, Healani (Sharon Atwood, Eva Landam Yuklin Aulii, Carla Pimental, Jonna

16 (½ Mile): 1, Outrigger (Nalani Hunt, Skye Riley, Julie Cundali, Manuiti Starr, Joanna Reinhardt, Eliza Leineweber) 4:36.45, 2, Hui Nalu 4:50.61, 3, Waikiki Surf Ciub 4:56.42.

18 (½ Mile): 1, Outrigger (Eliza Wilcox, CeeCee Sheehan, Julie Friese, Pam Clifford, Jenny Thayer, Missy Mowat) 4/31/34 (New course record; Old record 4/35/68, Kailua, 1986). 2, Hui Nalu 4/46/58. 3, Hui Lanakila 4/56/16.

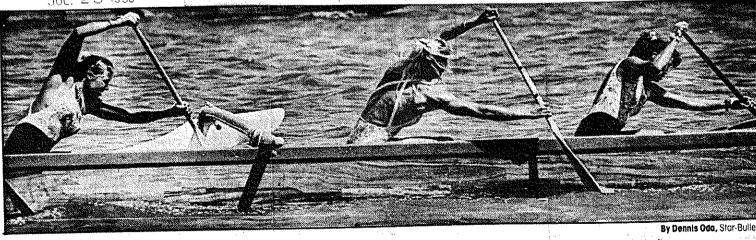
MIXED 12 (¼ Mile): 1, Outrigger (Craig Gamble, Tiare Larsen, Keala Kilcoyne, Koa Ostrem, Todd King-man, Nanea Tannehill) 2:44.14. 2, Waimanalo 2:48.79. 3, Hui Lanakila 2:49.42. Hui Nalu 13:56.08.

Musters (1 Mile): 1, Healani (Sharon Atwood, Eva Lapham, Yukin Aulii, Carla Pimental, Jonna Wickesser, Sandy Young) 9:07.35. 2, Hui Nalu 9:33.70. 3, Kailua 9:44.09.

Senior Masters (1/2 Mile): 1 Outriage (Chris Kincaid, Tom McTigue, Bruce Black, Genie Kincaid, Shawn Moynahan, Paula Crabb) 4:04.28. 2, Kailua 4:08.76. 3, Wakiki Surf Club 4:13.59.

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Katie McCrary, Katy Bourne and Genie Kincaid, from left, helped lead Outrigger's senior women over Kailua yesterday afternoon.

Outrigger breaks scoring record

Jack Wyatt

Special to the Star-Bulletin

Outrigger Canoe Club did its best to paddle yesterday's 12th Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Championship unnoticed.

But this was not to be. Scoring a championship record 103 points, Outrigger not only won its sixth consecutive OHCRA title, but its junior and adult crews won as well. The 15-club, 1.800-paddler competition was staged at Keehi Lagoon Beach Park.

Placing in 22 of 23 events it entered — including 12 first places - Lokahi won the Hui Wa'a championship at Keehi Lagoon Saturday. It was the fourth straight title for the Ala Wai-

First-year coach Tom McTigue would have preferred Out-

rigger's sixth defense of the prestigious championship be done quietly. But he was shocked at his club's ease of winning.

"I'm surprised, but not embarmost clubs are competitive with us, and that racing is getting closer," McTigue said.

Believe that Outrigger is not Hawaii's dominant paddling force and McTigue will sell you Diamond Head.

In seven regattas this season, unbeaten Outrigger has outscored its opponents by a whopping 33 points per meet.

The six-time defending state champ is also a virtual shoo-in to win its seventh consective Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title when clubs from all islands gather at Kauai's Hanalei Bay on Aug. 4.

rigger, says this season's crew is among the best he's seen. "We had unbeaten crews dur-

ing the 1970s and mid-80s and this one ranks right in there," he

In winning OHCRA's big club rassed because I still believe "AA" division (16 crews, and over) with 103 points, Outrigger placed first in 17 of the 31 races. They took second in five others. Hui Nalu placed second in club scoring with 53 points, followed by Kailua with 45.

Hui Lanakila won the "A" division (15 crews and under) with 17 points Outrigger's success was no

"We've been building our rac-

ing program for years," Guild remarked, "It began with our youngsters and developed from

As a result of yesterday's win, and its perfect regular season,

Women's coach Walter Guild, Outrigger qualified 29 of its 31 who grew up paddling at Out- crews into next week's state meet. That's more than any Oahu club.

"It's been a long tradition," said Marc Matsuda, an HCRA observer, "the club sending the most crews to the state meet comes out on top.'

Kailua qualified 22 crews, followed by Hui Nalu with 20 and Healani with 12. Outrigger's two misses came in the boys 12 and the novice B women.

Small "A" clubs, such as Anuenue, just shrug when asked about Outrigger's performance. "What we lack in membership numbers we make up for with a few good family crews," said Anona Napoleon of the 38-pad-

dler Anuenue Canoe Club. Outrigger's girls 16s and its senior masters women, each winners yesterday, continue as OHCRA's only unbeaten crews. The senior masters women have won 16 consecutive races.