

Maui has hot draw for state regatta

Paddlers set to converge on Hanakao

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LAHAINA — Nothing helps like luck, and Hawaiian Canoe Club got lucky this week when Mary Palakiko's hands caught fire.

"I was so lucky I couldn't believe it," said Palakiko, a member of Hawaiian's Women Masters. "It wasn't just for Hawaiian, I think I had good draws for all the No. 1 seeds on Maui."

Palakiko was talking about her stretch of luck as the Maui County representative at the lane draw for Saturday's 39th annual Steinlager Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships at Hanakao Beach. Each year before the state regatta, representatives from the competing clubs meet to select, by luck of the draw, lanes for their crews.

This year, the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OCHRA), representing 11 clubs competing at the state regatta, drew for six lanes. The Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association (MCHCA), representing six clubs, drew for two.

Na Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a, with eight clubs coming from Oahu, drew for three. The Big Island, with 10 clubs, drew for one. Kauai, with two clubs, drew for one. And Molokai, with one club, drew for one lane.

The best lane drawn by each association goes to its No. 1 seed, usually its association champion.

Ideally, there should be no such thing as a best lane, and coaches are fond of telling their paddlers that the best crew wins no matter what lane.

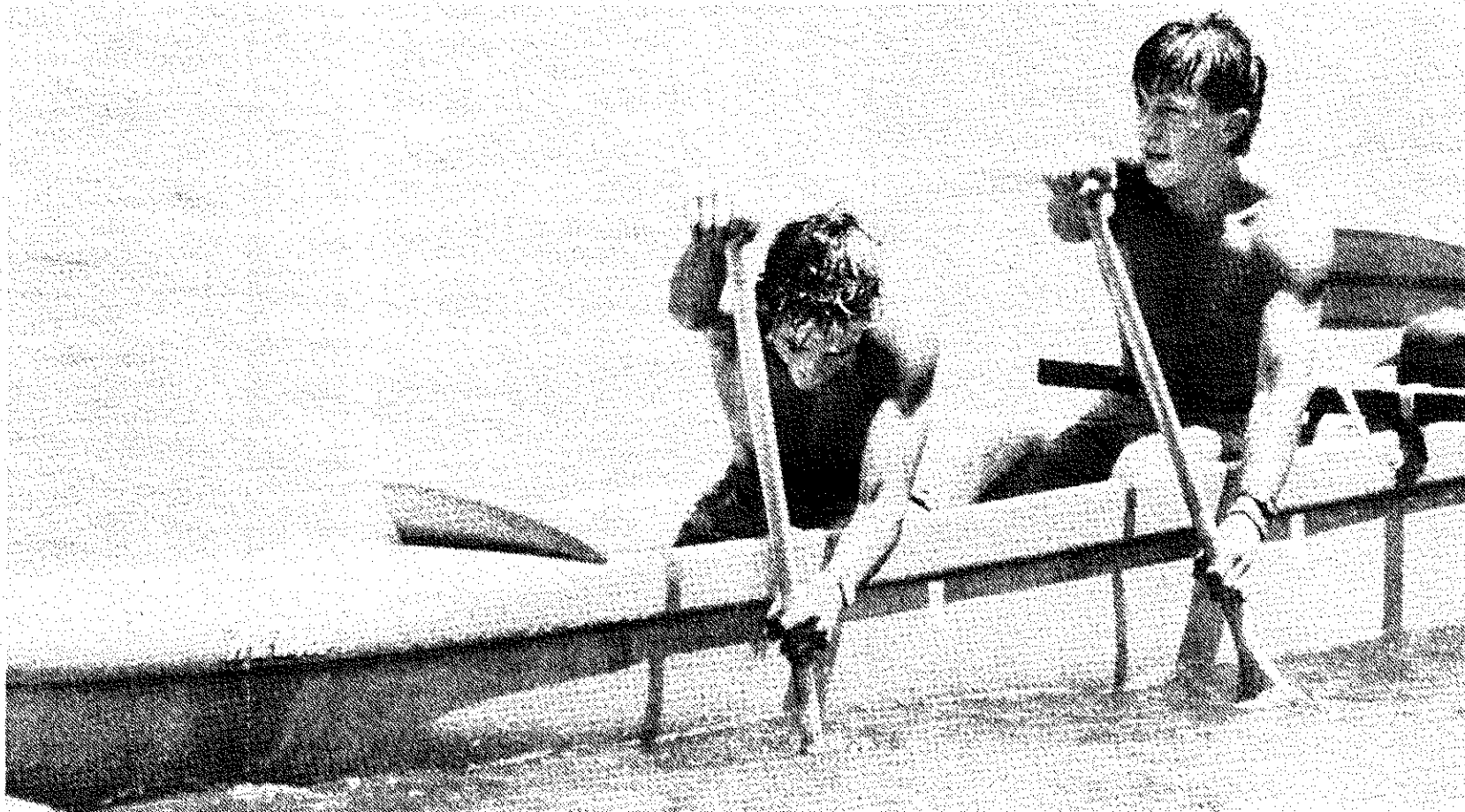
Paddlers don't always agree.

Take, for example, Saturday's races.

Race officials will set 14 lanes at Hanakao. The lane closest to the beach is No. 1, the lane farthest from the beach is No. 14.

The 1/2-mile course will run parallel to the beach, with one set of 16 flags off Hanakao, another set 1/4-mile south, and another set 1/4-mile farther south. Although the MCHCA uses a 1/4-mile course during the regatta season, all state races are held on a 1/2-mile course. State races, also unlike MCHCA races, require crews to use koa canoes.

Even during the MCHCA season, when there are only six lanes on the course at Hanakao, paddlers prefer



Jeff Dagan (left) and Mike Rocco of Hawaiian Canoe Club paddle to shore after completing an undefeated season in the Boys 14 division. Dagan and Rocco will represent Hawaiian at

the 39th annual Steinlager Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships Saturday at Hanakao Beach Park.

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to be on the inside lanes, especially when the wind picks up later in the day. The outside lanes (five and six) then turn into an uphill battle against the wind. Saturday, for canoes in lanes 7 through 14 that uphill battle could turn into a climb up Haleakala.

And that's not even considering currents.

"The names of the channels speak for themselves," said Leimomi Perreira, program coordinator for the MCHCA. To the south is the Alenuihaha, which means 'smashing,' to the west between Lanai and Maui is Au'au, which means 'bath,' and to the north between Maui and Molokai is Pailolo, which means 'lifting, shifting.'"

"You can never really tell what the conditions are going to be like until you get out here (Hanakao) and look at them," said Mike Gerry, coach of Kihei Canoe Club. "Sometimes it can be calm, nothing. Other times there's current and wind."

Although race officials say all crews will have an equal chance in whatever lane they draw, the ocean may have something different to say.

So crews hope for hot hands at the draw.

Palakiko was so hot at this year's lane draw she should've been wearing asbestos gloves, or throwing dice at Las Vegas.

For Hawaiian's Boys 12, she drew lane 2; for the Girls 13, lane 1; for the Boys 13, lane 3; for the Girls 14, lane 4; for the Boys 14, lane 3; and for the Girls 16, lane 4.

"I got tired after a while," said Palakiko. "And I let someone else draw for me, when they drew an outside lane, I took over again."

Palakiko drew lane 4 for Hawaiian's Boys 16; lane 1 for the Girls 18; lane 4 for the Boys 18; and lane 2 for Men masters.

The only "bad" draws came for Hawaiian's Mixed 12 (lane 8) and Girls 12 (lane 6).

Not bad, considering OCHRA had six chances to draw, Palakiko two.

"It's a fantastic draw," said Paul Luuwei, coach of Hawaiian's junior division. "We've been training real hard for this and nothing can match the good luck we had in the draw."

Hawaiian's head coach, Kimi Kino, saying first that his crews shouldn't think about the draw but

concentrate on their race, said that he was happy with the lanes for his junior division.

"That's where our strength is," said Kino. "And if we're going to do anything against the Oahu clubs, we'll have to have a strong showing from our younger paddlers."

Kino also said that his club would need some help from the other clubs to help break Outrigger Canoe Club's five-year grip on the state championship. Kino is hoping for that help in the adult races, where Outrigger has much of its strength.

"If the other clubs can split up the points in the adult division and we can score heavily in the junior division, we'll have a chance to do well," said Kino. "The new rule that allows paddlers to move up, should also help us."

That new rule, which the MCHCA did not race under this season, allows whole crews to shift up a race at the state regatta. For example, Kino could race his Boys 18 in the Boys 18 race, then bump the crew up to paddle in the Men Freshmen race.

Hawaiian drew for lanes in 27 events, matching Outrigger and putting the MCHCA champions as

the only Maui club in the AAA division (for clubs with 15 or more crews).

"I don't know if we'll have that many crews, but we're shooting for it," said Kino.

The bulk of Maui's crews will be competing in the AA division, for clubs in the with eight to 13 crews.

Na Kai Ewalu drew for 14 crews, Kihei for 12, Napili for 11, and Lahaina for nine.

Kahana, with four crews, will compete in the A division (7-under).

Na Kai Ewalu's Women Sophomore crew, with a record of five wins and one loss, will race in lane 2. Lahaina's undefeated Mixed Men and Women will race in lane 4.

Napili had two excellent draws: its undefeated Men Novice A and its Men Open Four both going to lane 1.

Kahana's undefeated Women Open Four are in lane 2.

The strength of Kihei's men division drew good lanes; the Men Sophomores going to lane 4, the Men Juniors to lane 5.

"Everyone is healthy, we've had a good season and we've had a good draw," said Kino. "Now we'll just have to see what happens Saturday."

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Warren Bolster aerial photo

Riding the wild surf

Two paddlers try to keep their canoe in balance while riding a wave during yesterday's Steinlager Kamehameha Cup World Canoe Surfing Championships off Waikiki. The event was held in six- to eight-foot surf off the Outrigger Canoe Club.

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Kailua takes 3rd in canoe finals

WINDWARD
Kailua Canoe Club took third place in the Steinlager Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's 39th annual state championship Saturday at Hanakao Beach Park on Maui.

Kailua, which competes in the AAA division, tallied 115 points. Outrigger Canoe Club won the state crown with 160 points, while runner-up Hui Nalu posted 120.

Kailua claimed three first-place finishes in the meet. The senior men masters won the half-mile race in three minutes, 57.39 seconds. Members of the crew are Gary Aprea, Bob Nakea, Bob Moncrief, John Goody, Howard Keller and Robert Cates Jr.

The sophomore men won their 1.5 mile race in 11:08.17. Crew members are: Patrick Erwin, Mackenzie Shannon, Randy Silva, Todd Hart, Mark Cluney and Robert Cates III.

Also, Kailua's girls 16-year-old paddlers won their half-mile race in 4:40.57. Members are: Leila Fo, Kelly Shea, Caroline Tansey, Alia Saya, Alisa Hall and Kahikina Lidstone.

In a division competition, Lanikai tied with Kamehameha for fourth place, Waimanalo tied with Anuenue and Waikiki Surf Club for eighth, and Windward Kai tied with Keahou for 12th.

Thirty-eight clubs from six island associations took part in the event.

Beach space will be hard to come by



LEIMOMI PERREIRA
MCHCA program coordinator

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WAILUKU — For the first time in eight years, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association will give Maui paddlers a chance to chase state titles in their home waters.

The Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championships return to Hanakao Beach this Saturday, with a new name and a field of 2,125 paddlers from 38 Hawaiian canoe clubs.

Thanks to a \$10,000 deal signed this year, the state regatta is now called the Steinlager Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association State Championships. The state regatta had no beer label attached to it when it was last held on Maui, at Hanakao Beach in 1981.

"I don't want to talk about that

regatta," said Leimomi Perreira, program coordinator for the Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. "We had some problems with the course. We've changed things and feel that we're going to have a very good state regatta."

At the 1981 regatta, officials set the race course perpendicular to the coastline, with the canoes racing directly into the channel, toward Lanai. This year they will set the 1/2-mile course parallel to beach. Officials from Honolulu are expected to arrive today to add the finishing touches to the 14-lane course.

"Even if you're sitting at Waikiki Beach Park you'll be able to see the races," said Perreira. "And we shouldn't have the problems we had in 1981. A lot of

preparation has gone into this regatta."

Fans hoping to watch the races may have to sit at Waikiki, because there isn't going to be much room at Hanakao. During the Maui County regatta season, three regattas are held at Hanakao. At those three regattas, the six clubs in the Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association took up about half the beach, from the Hyatt Regency to the lifeguard station.

Squeeze in another 32 clubs, 17 food booths, 20 koa canoes and a large officials stand, and open space could be harder to find than beachfront property in Waikiki.

To keep traffic congestion down to a mild roar, race officials have closed off Hanakao to public parking. Only

regatta officials, vendors and news media will be allowed in the Hanakao parking lot. Everyone else, including paddlers, will have to park at Waikiki or the Lahaina Civic Center.

"There are 1,000 parking spots at the Civic Center," said Perreira. "Much of the problem will be cut down because the clubs, even some of those from Maui, will be busing in their paddlers."

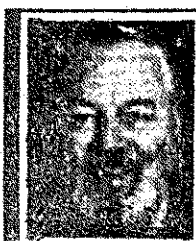
Some of the clubs from Oahu, where the bulk of the competition will come from, have opted to fly in and out of Maui Saturday to avoid the high cost of hotels.

The 39th annual Steinlager Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association Championships will begin at 8:45 a.m. There is no admission charge.

Conrad pleases film crew with choice of new hat

ACTOR Bill Conrad has this thing about hats. He even wears one (from the Outrigger Canoe Club) on "Jake and the Fatman." The other day he was shopping for some hats for the crew of the show at Conrad Passos' hat place, and Passos gave Conrad a military looking hat that at first glance seemed to say "Korean War Veteran." On closer examination, however, the actor realized it said "Korean Bar Veteran." He loved it and wore it all day, much to the delight of the "Fatman" crew.

MANY of us could barely exist without a telephone, and new technology has improved phone capability immensely. Honolulu's new Aloha Conferencing Services Inc., a teleconferencing company, recently was asked by a New York commodities broker to set up conference calls involving N.Y., London, Hong Kong, San



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Francisco and Tokyo — five separate conference calls at the same time. Each of the five teleconferences lasted eight hours and Aloha's Richard Moody says that with the state-of-the-art technology, everyone sounded as if they were in the same room.

CONGRATS to new Miss Hawaii USA Leimomi Bacalso of Ewa Beach, a dancer with the Paradise Cove luau. A photo of her in grass skirt even appears in the Cove's luau brochures. Winning the Miss Hawaii Teen USA the same night at the Hawaii Theater was 17-year-old Sunny Kanaiaupuni of Haleiwa. Leimomi, incidentally, also holds the title of Miss Hawaiian Islands, a competition put together by Jack Cione as a preliminary to the Miss South Pacific pageant. Cione just returned from Western Samoa where this

year's pageant is set for Oct. 19. Ron Jacobs is wondering if the marketing director for Times Supermarkets is color-blind. All of Times' new shopping bags urging on the UH Rainbows in the WAC football wars are printed in red, white, and black — the colors, in fact, of the San Diego State Aztecs.

Fantasy birthday bash

MAUI Prince exec chef Roger Dixon celebrated his birthday in Hollywood with assistant food and beverage manager Benson Lau, and it was a food feast to be remembered. Hollywood producer Shep Gordon is a friend of the two, and being a food-lover himself, Gordon set up a limo tour of some of Tinseltown's most famous eateries where all the stars dine: Citrus, Ma Maison, Chinois-on-Main, City Restaurant, and Le Dome. They received specially prepared dishes at each place, many of them consumed in the kitchen where Dixon feels right at home.

THEN there's Perry's, my favorite hangout in San Francisco. Built by Perry Butler in the style of an old 3rd Avenue saloon in New York, the restaurant celebrates its 20th anniversary all this week, and the current issue of Vis a Vis, the



Bill Conrad



Leimomi Bacalso

United Airlines inflight mag, carries a piece on it called "The Swinging Door, The 20th Anniversary of an Honest Bar in San Francisco." I was surprised to see my name mentioned as among the "global clientele" that Irish barkeep Michael McCourt has developed since he helped swing open the doors 20 years ago Sunday. Other Perry's habitués mentioned in the article (by Chris Barnett) include Wilt Chamberlain, Rick Barry, Karl Malden, Johnny Unitas, Jason Robards, Charlton Heston and John Travolta. Speaking of sports figures, Rick Mahorn, formerly with the World Champion Detroit Pistons,

and now a member of the new Minnesota Timberwolves franchise, was vacationing at the Stouffer Wailea Beach Resort at the same time as the L.A. Lakers' Orlando Woolridge and family. Don't know if they got in any one-on-one practice.

Odd couples

RECENT guests at the Mauna Lani Beach Hotel included Christine Ferrare and hubby Tony Thomopoulos. The two were joined at the resort by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Weitzman — he's the attorney for Ferrare's ex-husband, John DeLoe. And speaking of odd couples, put "When Harry Met Sally..." on your list of must-see movies. Both Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan were fine in the title roles, and director Rob Reiner has established himself as a major league director with an ear for dialogue not unlike that of Woody Allen. It's not everybody's idea of a breakfast delight, but actor/artist Tony Curtis was recalling the days of his youth when downing a N.Y.-style egg cream at the Rose City Diner the other morning.

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This week

■ Golf
Hawaiian Statehood Tournament Friday and Saturday, Pali Course

■ Hiking
Kapalema (Alewa Heights): Saturday, Leaves 9 a.m. from mauka side of Iolani Palace. Information: 836-4540.

■ Poamoho (Waikawa): Sunday, Leaves 8 a.m. from mauka side of Iolani Palace. Information: 262-2845, 737-0550.

■ Mountainbikes
Kaena Point: 10 a.m. Saturday. Meet at Mokuleia Beach Park. Helmets required. Information: 933-1585.
Offroad race: 10 a.m., Sunday. Information: 941-8723.

■ Paddleboard
OCC Hann SK Race: 10 a.m. Saturday, Outrigger Canoe Club. Classes: Paddleboard & SUP/500/700. Divisions: Men, women, girls (under 18), boys (under 18). Masters men and women (40 & over). No entry fee. Information: Fred Fong, 531-7551 or OCC, 933-1585.

■ Paddling
OCHRA Long Distance: Kahanamoku Races Sunday, Men, Magic Island to Kailua Beach, 8:30 a.m.; Women, Bird Island-Kailua Beach triangle, 12:30 p.m.

■ Polo
Waimanalo Polo Club: Club match, 2 p.m. Saturday, Waimanalo Polo Club Field.

■ Running
Chuck McLaughlin: 5 kilometers, 8 a.m. Saturday, Moanalua Shopping Center.

Schofield RRCA 25K Championship: 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Schofield Barracks.

■ Sailing/Canoes
Na Holo Kai: Oahu to Kauai Channel crossing Saturday, Start, 4:30 a.m. Puka Bay, Ho'olaule'a & finish, 10 a.m., Kalapaki Beach, West Kauai. Information: Liberta Albao, 822-5685 (Kauai).

■ Soccer
AYSO 25th Anniversary Celebration: 5 p.m. Friday, Aloha Stadium. Information: George Miller, 488-4687 or Bob Dunsen/ochon, 487-6615.

■ Softball
Pan Pacific Women's Tournament: Friday through Sunday, Aiea Field. Games 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Sunday.

■ Triathlon
Windward: 6:15 a.m., Sunday, Kaneohe MCAS. Packet pickup: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through Saturday, Island Triathlon & Bike. Information: 732-7227.

■ Volleyball
Duke Kahanamoku State Men's Doubles Tournament: 5 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Outrigger Canoe Club. Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday. Information: 923-1585, 262-5124.

■ Water Polo
Hawaiian Invitational: Today through Sunday, Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Center, UH.