

Outrigger top survivor in Dad Center race

□ They win the first long-distance race of the season

By Jack Wyatt

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Canoes swamped . . . equipment broke . . . paddlers got battered by the choppy waters.

Yesterday's 16th Dad Center Canoe Race, won by Outrigger Canoe Club, was the first women's distance race of the season and one of the roughest Dad Center races ever, weary competitors remarked.

"Biggest swells I've ever encountered in this race," said Liz Perry-Dugan, who steered Outrigger's entry to victory.

Added teammate Katy Bourne: "Off Waimanalo and Makapuu, the waves were huge — I mean really huge."

For the race, crews used nine paddlers, six paddling at a time and three in reserve. Relief paddlers were dropped into the water from an escort boat and pulled themselves into the canoe as it went past; paddlers substituted for rolled out into the ocean to be picked up by their escort boat.

Billed as a tuneup for next month's 40-mile Na Wahine O Ke Kai women's Molokai to Oahu race, the 21-mile contest began off a stormy Kailua Beach and finished amid sunshine at Waikiki's Outrigger Canoe Club. Heavy wind and choppy seas provided the 16 all-woman crews with an ocean of excitement.

"In the wrong place at the wrong time," Healani Canoe Club's Robin Nonaka said explaining why the Healani boat flipped over in the steep Waimanalo seas. "We took in a lot of water. By the time we got the canoe back up, bailed dry and racing, we had lost a lot of time."

Despite turning over, Healani roared back finishing third overall less than six minutes behind the leader. Outrigger, which took over first place at Waimanalo and held it to the end, turned the windblown choppy course in 3 hours, 33 minutes and 44 seconds.



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Outrigger Canoe Club's crew celebrates winning the Dad Center race yesterday, from Kailua to Waikiki.

Maui's Napili Canoe Club, skippered by former Outrigger steersman Ann Hogan, placed second in 3:37:25 — pulling off the upset of the day.

"We did it using a borrowed Outrigger boat and a pickup crew from several Maui clubs," the happy Hogan said.

Healani II, with its fourth overall 3:41:23 finish, led the koa class. Outrigger Masters, with a crew averaging far above the 35-year-old minimum, won their division race in 4:03:23.

Not finishing were Lokahi and Kai Oni, which withdrew citing equipment and other problems.

Outrigger swept past front-running Healani just minutes before the boat

overtaken off Waimanalo.

"Healani women are great competitors. I would have liked to have them racing with us," Perry-Dugan said.

But in upstart Napili, Perry-Dugan and her five crew had all the competition they could handle.

"After Healani overturned we ran second to Outrigger the entire race," Hogan said.

Although Napili never caught the front-running Outrigger, Hogan says she and her crew of Valley Isle pickups gave them a battle.

"We had them worried," the Maui skipper said.

Hogan's career highlight came as an Outrigger steersman in 1979 when she

guided OCC to a win in the first Na Wahine O Ke Kai. Steering for Outrigger two years later, she won the race again.

"Seems strange now to compete against the club where I grew up paddling," she said.

Outrigger was the last Hawaii club to win the Molokai race: since 1986, it's been owned by Offshore Canoe Club of California. Island women say it's time for a change.

"Paddling in big surfing waves is Outrigger's playing field. If conditions in the Molokai Race are as rough as they were today we stand a chance (at winning)," Bourne said.

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Kessenich shines in Run to the Sun

Wes Kessenich broke the five-hour barrier, winning the 14th annual Haleakala Run to the Sun Saturday on Maui.

Kessenich, of Kihel, Maui, won the 32.6-mile journey from sea level in Wailuku to the 10,023-foot elevation of Mt. Haleakala in 4 hours, 58 minutes, 30 seconds.

Daniel Marcus, of Makawao, Maui, was awarded second with a time of 5:17:02 after Frank Pugliese of Mililani (5:00:24) and Gary Fanelli of Honolulu (5:03:46) were disqualified after the race. Reasons for the disqualifications were not reported.

Rae Clark, of California, was third (5:17:02), followed by Robert Standard, of Pahoa, (5:22:27) and Joseph Schieffer, of California, (5:39:12).

Diane Ridgway, of Honolulu, was the first female finisher and 14th overall in 6:21:42. Defending women's champion Connie Comiso, of Honolulu, was right behind Ridgway — 15th overall — in 6:25:08.

Top finishers:
Overall
1. Wes Kessenich 4:58:30; 2. Daniel Marcus 5:17:02; 3. Rae Clark 5:17:02; 4. Robert Standard 5:22:27; 5. Joseph Schieffer 5:39:12; 6. Stuart Smith 5:50:27; 7. Joe Cash 5:51:03; 8. Chris Vargas 6:12:30; 9. Radar Fitt 6:14:03; 10. Bobus Smith 6:16:51.

Male
28-under: 1. D. Marcus 7:15:35; 3. Scott Alderman 7:31:50; 30-34: 1. R. Standard; 2. S. Smith; 3. C. Smith; 35-39: 1. R. Clark; 2. J. Schieffer; 40-44: 1. J. Cash; 2. R. Fitt; 3. Stephen Kingsley 6:28:44; 45-49: 1. B. Smith; 2. Denis Trafletsky 6:21:06; 3. Bill Asmen 6:28:17; 50-54: 1. Vince Devlin 7:27:48; 2. Terry-Fumo Teranishi 7:45:35; 55-59: 1. Robert La Cross 7:26:11; 2. Bill Meier 8:25:22; 3. Ray Scharenbrock 8:12:25; 60-64: 1. Del King 8:36:08; 65-over: 1. Ed Fishman 8:46:23.

Female
28-under: 1. Millie Sardon 8:03:53; 2. Heidi Crowe 8:23:03; 30-39: 1. Connie Comiso 6:25:08; 2. Wynne Mullins 7:16:16; 3. Jo Mita 7:20:51; 40-49: 1. Lynn O'Malley 6:55:57; 2. Nancy Rawling 7:14:28; 3. Sandy Spradling 8:08:39; 50-59: 1. Bonnie Smolenski 7:59:29.

Windward falls short:
Mayo, Md. won two games yesterday to capture the American Legion World Series (18-under) Championship yesterday at Corvallis, Ore.

Mark Foster pitched a complete game and had two hits and three RBIs to lead Mayo to a 7-6 victory over Bayamon, Puerto Rico in the final.

Foster, who earlier yesterday started and pitched two innings in Mayo's 16-4 win over Windward, Hawaii, received the George Rulon award as the

1990 American Legion Player of the Year.

Mayo scored nine runs on nine hits in the second inning to roll past Windward and advance to the championship game.

In the final, Mayo took a 6-5 lead with two runs in the eighth inning on Chris Dinoto's RBI triple and Pat Kahl's run-scoring groundout. Mayo added an insurance run in the top of the ninth when Jerry Nicklow singled with two outs, stole second and scored on Jim McNally's single.

OCC women triumph:
Outrigger Canoe Club captured the 16th annual Dad Center Long Distance Canoe Race yesterday, outpaddling a field of 14 teams.

OCC's team of Genie Kincaid, Kaili Chun, Jenny Scafe, Sarah Reilly, Cathy Ho, Katie McCrary, Katy Bourne, Pam Zak and Liz Perry-Dugan covered the 22-mile distance from Kailua Beach to the beach fronting OCC in Waikiki in 3 hours, 33 minutes, 44 seconds.

Napili Canoe Club of Maui was second (3:37:25), followed by Healani (3:39:21), Healani's koa entry (3:41:23) and Outrigger No. 2 (3:47:50), which finished second in the koa division.

HPU off and kicking:
Hawaii Pacific University men's soccer team, which will play at the NAIA level this season for the first time, heads for the Mainland and five matches in the Pacific Northwest.

The Sea Warriors, under coach Robert Smock, play Puget Sound Sept. 3 and Seattle University Sept. 4. HPU will then play three matches in the 18th annual Far West Classic in Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 6-8.

HPU has competed on the club level since 1986, winning five titles in the Honolulu Intercollegiate League (now called the Oahu Soccer Association). HPU is 56-14-9 under Smock.

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Offshore, with its crew of flat water specialists, thrive on calm seas.

"Offshore women would have had a rough time (winning) today," Hogan agreed.

Perry-Dugan noted that her Outrigger paddlers, based on yesterday's performance, are among the best crews she's seen.

"Regardless of conditions, we'll

give Offshore a good race."

16th Dad Center Race

Kailua Beach-Waikiki, 21 miles

Overall: 1. Outrigger (Katy Bourne, Kaili Chun, Cathy Ho, Genie Kincaid, Katie McCrary, Jenny Scafe, Sarah Reilly, Pam Zak, Liz Perry-Dugan), 3:33:44; 2. Napili (Maui) 3:37:25; 3. Healani, 3:39:21; 4. Healani II, 3:41:23; 5. Outrigger II, 3:47:50; 6. Waikiki Yacht Club, 3:52:59; 7. Hui Nalu I, 3:54:24; 8. Lanikai, 3:58:57; 9. Kailua, 4:00:15; 10. Outrigger III, 4:03:23; 11. Healani IV, 4:03:47; 12. Kai Oni, 4:03:56; 13. Waikiki Surf Club, 4:05:22; 14. Hui Nalu II, 4:08:00.

DNF: Lokahi, Kai Oni II equipment problems.

Koa: Healani II, 2. Outrigger II, Hui Nalu I

Masters: Outrigger III, 2. Healani III

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THE SPORTING LIFE

Roughwater race entices serious, not-so-serious swimmers

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The 21st Waikiki Roughwater Swim this coming Monday is billed as a non-serious Labor Day sports spectacular, where participation and fun, more than a speedy stroke, is the emphasis.

But apparently no one told the former Olympians, world-class competitors, and the local elite who are expected among the 1,200 participants when the 2.4-mile plunge gets under way at Waikiki's San Souci Beach at 9 a.m.

"Most of the world's best ocean swimmers have entered. A win here can make a swimming career," chairman James Anderson said.

Defending champ Darren Turner, 23, of Australia is set to return.

The swim ends at the Duke Kahanamoku Beach fronting the Hilton Hawaiian Village, with the winner expected to arrive about 9:45 a.m.

The Waikiki Roughwater, according to Anderson, is the largest single ocean swim in the world.

"It's also among the world's most prestigious. That's why swimmers come from all over," he said, citing an entry from Saudi Arabia as an example.

While Anderson expounds the swim's recreational virtues, the world's elite focus on their speed. Last year, visitors swept the first seven places of the men's open race, and the top four spots in the women's open field. Only two Hawaii swimmers—Chris Moore and Rick Heltzel—finished among the first 15, placing eighth and ninth, respectively. Both are

returning.

"Visitor performances were impressive," Heltzel said after last year's race, "which only means island swimmers just have to train harder."

Heltzel set the current course record with a 43-minute, 47-second swim six years ago. Waipahu's Nadine Takai holds the women's mark with a time of 46:55 set in 1988.

With 105 age-group trophies awarded, Anderson says it's definitely a people's swim.

"Every finisher will be recognized, if only with a timed certificate of completion," he said. Swimmers from 7 years old to 70 are expected.

More important than tending to the elite, Anderson's first concern is safety. "Our record is perfect (no drownings). And

we're doing our best to keep it that way."

The surf-line course will be marked with flags and is expected to be patrolled by escort boats and paddlers on surfboards.

"Swimmers may be up against a current come Monday morning," Anderson said. "How severe we'll have to wait and see."

But even against the strongest current, nearly all Roughwater swimmers finish. "Those too tired to go on are plucked from the sea by rescuers," he said.

Diane Stowell, 56, of Manoa, holder of two national age-group records and all local swim marks for women 50 and over, offers a few tips for the first timer.

"Enjoy the swim and don't get caught up with the fast swimmers," she said. Ocean swimming is much different than doing laps in a pool. "There's no black line to follow; you can't stand on the bottom to

rest, and some people get seasick."

First timers and all slow swimmers must start with their proper ability group, and there are four seeded divisions. "Go out with the fast swimmers and you're sure to get trampled and swum over," she said.

Once in the water, Stowell recommends the beginner swim easily and enjoy it. "Go from flag (marker) to flag and should you become tired, turn on your back and rest. Or do an easy breaststroke."

Stowell runs, plays tennis and paddles on Outrigger Canoe Club's state champion senior masters women's crew. She also splits her six weekly swim workouts between the pool and the ocean.

John White Cater, a Honolulu attorney, is Roughwater's only 20-event swimmer. "I've swam them all, some fast and some slow," he said. "I'm entered for Monday but I'm not certain how I'll do."

Late entries will be accepted Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand. The fee is \$10.

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Napili crew takes second

HONOLULU — The Napili Canoe Club's women's distance crew placed second overall, the highest finish by a Neighbor Island crew, in Sunday's paddling of the Dad Center Race off the southern coast of Oahu.

The Napili crew had to overcome eight-foot seas on the 25-mile course from Kailua Beach to the Outrigger Canoe Club on Waikiki Beach. Their finishing time was three hours, 37 minutes and 25 seconds.

OCC won the event in 3:33:44, and Healani of Oahu was third in 3:39:21 despite capsizing their canoe. A total of 14 canoes participated in the annual distance race.

The crews encountered the eight-foot outside swells throughout most of the course.

"I swear my life was passing before me," said Napili paddler Jeanne Gonzales to coach Tim Medeiros while entering the escort boat on a crew change.

Other members of the Napili crew included 10-year veteran of the Dad Center Race Anne Perry, Donnie Zarko, Ann Blanchard, Laura Blears, Mary Rodrigues, Penny Guth-Tuipulotu, Sharon Antone, and Vanessa Weiss.

Napili and several other Maui crews will compete this weekend in the Queen Liliuokalani Races off the Kailua-Kona coast on the Big Island. Men's and women's races will be held Saturday, and double-hull races will be held Sunday.