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Hui Lanakila's sophomore women dig for the finish during yesterday's 1/2-mile event in the Macfarlane Regatta off Waikiki. They won — one of two Lanakila first places — to help the club to 30 points and fourth place overall.

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Hui Nalu beaches Outrigger, crash beaches old canoe

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Hui Nalu Canoe Club won the final blue-ribbon events in the 37th annual Walter J. Macfarlane regatta yesterday, stealing the show and then the coveted cup from defending champion and sponsor Outrigger Canoe Club, which reluctantly handed over the winner's plaque for the first time in five years.

"We don't like losing this one," said Nat Norfleet, the disappointed Outrigger coach. But there were no hard feelings as Hui Nalu's senior men's crew drank champagne to the cheers of second-place OCC and seven other teams at crowded Waikiki Beach.

The most serious disappointment of the day was the broken Malia, Waikiki Surf's 46-year-old koa canoe, which lost its bow when it collided with the Koolau canoe in the men's open four race. The sorrow and tears shed after the collision showed the emotion connected with the beloved Malia.

The sections were taped and banded together and a crew was back in the water for the last four events, paddling against the drag of the thick bands.

"It's nobody's fault," said Waikiki steersman Jake Kaio, whose paddle broke as the canoe shared a wave with the Koolau crew, who went on to win the event.

Koolau No. 4 paddler Tinky Grey said the Surf club had caught a wave at the turn and was leading, but then the Koolau crew caught the same wave and when the canoes swung sideways, the Malia slammed into the Koolau craft.

"I felt the collision but I didn't see anything," Grey said. He said the canoes crashed in the Koolau lane.

Moku Froiseth, Waikiki Surf president, said the Malia had been broken before, "but never like this."

The craft, which was built in Kona, can be repaired, she said. Her husband, Wally, who has repaired other broken koa canoes, later told the crowd the Malia was paddling roughly because of the temporary bands. "But if she can possibly be in

the water, we want her in."

The club was one of only two to use a koa canoe in the Kaupiko regatta last month, when clubs had the option of using fiberglass canoes in the Waikiki surf.

The regatta, held in memory of former OCC president and paddler Walter J. Macfarlane, has been won by its sponsor since 1974. Halfway through yesterday's events, when Outrigger led by two points, Norfleet was confident the title would stay in the family again.

"It's our race," he said. "We're entering every event and so far it

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looks good. We haven't lost this one in five years and as coach, I really want to win. It's fun too, crews that normally don't win are winning today."

But it was a different story 10 events later. Hui Nalu's senior women's crew edged OCC in a nose-to-nose finish and the point balance tipped in favor of Hui Nalu, which won its own Kaupiko regatta June 23.

Then Hui Nalu's senior men, who have lost their event only once, paddled the blue-ribbon two mile in 16:21.8, coming from behind OCC, which led at half. Outrigger came in third in 16:44.3 behind Kailua's 16:30.5 finish.

"Well, it just didn't happen," Norfleet shrugged at the close of the regatta. "It was still a fun day, and they paddled well, all the credit goes to them."

Hui Nalu's senior men took home the prestigious silver cup for winning their

event — a race that has gone to Outrigger six of the past 10 years. Hui Nalu also won the cup in 1971.

Records were broken by Lanikai in the boys 18, Outrigger in the freshman and sophomore men, Hui Nalu in the men novice B and Healani in the junior women's event.

OCC's Joanne Kaaua donated an Hawaiian quilt she made and the proceeds will go to Waikiki Surf for the Malia repairs.

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Hanalei Canoe Club paddles to victory

by Gaylord Wilcox

The Second Henry Tai Hook Canoe Regatta and distance races were held on Saturday, July 14, with four clubs from O'ahu and two from Kaua'i competing. Hanalei Civic Canoe Club, competing in its home bay and entering all of the 13 regatta events, took the first place overall trophy.

Powerful Outrigger Canoe Club, which paddles out

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of Diamond Head and Leeward Kai from the Nanakuli coast, took second place. Outrigger, represented by about a third of its team, won five out of the eight events it entered. Hanalei also won five events and Leeward Kai, with a strong boys contingent, three wins.

Hanalei's girls 15 and under crew, second at last year's All-State Regatta, put in a long, productive day, edging Outrigger's B crew in the two mile distance race for third place, then taking both the Girls 15 and under and 17 and under.

Hanalei's boys 12A crew showed promise for the state meet on O'ahu August 11 by winning their event in a time faster than the Leeward Kai Boys 12 B, who have been consistent winners on O'ahu.

In the distance races, Outriggers "Super Sophs" crew were never headed as they won the six-mile Hanalei-Wainiha-Hanalei race by more than one minute, in 47:20, with Hanalei second and Lanikai third. Undeclared this year on flat water, it is probably one of the two best crews in the state at this time.

The women, paddling a triangular course around the bay, had an exciting race with Hanalei A having the lead at the first turn, before the powerful Kaumuali'i crew from Wailua River overtook them and rounded the flag near Pine Trees first with Outrigger close behind.

In the race to the finish line at the Pier, Outrigger got mixed up and went through instead of around the yachts, allowing them to cross the finish line in front of Kaumuali'i but disqualifying them.

Outrigger's Senior women and distance crew have been the best in the state for the last few years, and Kaumuali'i will be out to dethrone them in the nine women distance race in Kona on September 1. Outrigger later got their revenge when they took the Senior Women's race against a slightly different Kaumuali'i crew.

The Regatta, honoring Hanalei's late well-known Henry Tai Hook, was initiated two years ago by Kathy Ham Young and other family members, many of whom are paddlers.

The Hanalei Canoe Club inued a pig and fed all the paddlers with a potluck after the races. The weather, after an eight-foot swell and some strong onshore winds on Friday, settled down to a flat, hot day.

The competition was fierce but friendly, with some of the best in the state. The food was ono. Henry would have loved it.

2nd Henry Tai Hook Canoe Regatta Results

Overall Team standings:	47:20.9; Hanalei A, 2nd.
1. Hanalei Civic Canoe Club, 49 points.	48:31.5; Lanikai, 3rd.
2. Outrigger Canoe Club, 34 points	50:11.3; Hanalei B, 4th.
3. Leeward Kai Canoe Club, 26 points	50:31.3; Hanalei C, 5th.
4. Kaumuali'i Canoe Club, 3 points	53:28.5; Leeward Kai, 6th.
5. Lanikai Canoe Club, 2 points	1:06:01.8
6. Hui Lanakila Canoe Club, 1 point.	Women Senior (1 mile): Outrigger, 1st, 9:42.7; Kaumuali'i, 2nd, 9:54.5; Hanalei, 10:05.5.
Mixed Men and Women (1/4 mile):	Women's Distance (2 miles): Kaumuali'i, 1st, 18:34.6; Hanalei A, 2nd, 19:10.1; Hanalei B, 3rd, 20:23.5; Outrigger B, 20:25.5.
Outrigger, 1st, 1:59.3;	Men Sophomore (1 mile): Outrigger, 1st, 7:58.9; Hanalei, 2nd, 8:17.7.
Leeward, 2nd, 2:14.4;	
Hanalei, 3rd, 2:17.1	
Men's Distance (6 miles): Outrigger, 1st,	

Six-man crew canoes battle it out to the finish (above, right) at the Second Henry Tai Hook Canoe Regatta races on Saturday. Tired but happy crew members of the Hanalei Civic Canoe Club (below, right) watch as other crews finish. The Hanalei club won the overall trophy as well as the Men Open 4, Novice Men, Boys 12A, Girls 17 and under and girls 15 and under events.

