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Hanalei CC paddles off to state title

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The relatively small Hanalei Canoe Club came from Kauai to dash both the Oahu and Big Island champions' hopes of winning the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's 32nd annual state championship regatta Saturday in Hilo Bay.

One point separated the leading 125-member Hanalei club and Oahu champion Hui Nalu going into the final event of the day, the two-mile men's senior competition.

The Hanalei senior crew—Sean Hickey, Earl Simpson, Craig Leeper, Dan Sullivan, Gaylord Wilcox and Nick Beck, paddling in lane 12—took the lead early in the race.

With Hui Nalu in lane one and Kona's Kai Opua in the center of the 13-lane course, Hanalei came out of the first quarter-mile turn in the lead and strengthened its advantage to three canoe lengths by the 1½-mile point.

By then, Kai Opua was pushing second-place Hui Nalu with less than a canoe-length between them, but in the last half-mile Hui Nalu pushed for a strong finishing sprint and Hanalei crossed the finish line just inches ahead of the Oahu team.

Hanalei finished the two-mile course in 15 minutes, 31.3 seconds, with Hui Nalu less than two seconds behind, finishing at 15:33.1. Kai Opua came in third at 15:48.6 and Oahu's Outrigger Canoe Club finished fourth with 16:08.2.

The senior men's victory gave Hanalei a total of 62 points to win the regatta and the state canoe paddling championship, the club's first since switching from the Hui Wa'a paddling association to the HCRA in 1979. Hanalei, third-place finisher in last year's state races, won the Hui Wa'a state championships the year the club was founded, in 1973, and kept the title in 1974 and 1975.

Hui Nalu earned a total of 58 points to place second in the 1982 HCRA state championship races. Healan Canoe Club of Oahu came in third with 34 points, and the Outrigger Canoe Club tallied 31 points to place fourth.

At the half-way point in the day's events, Hui Nalu had a one-point lead over Hanalei and a six-point lead over Healan.

Four of the seven Big Island clubs qualifying for the state championships placed in the top 11 finishers. A total of 31 clubs from Oahu, Maui, Molokai, Kauai and the Big Island competed.

Kai Opua led the Big Isle contenders with 22 points to finish third. Kaukaeouli garnered 11 points for eighth place, Kawaihae was right behind with 10 points and ninth place, and Kamehameha tied with Oahu's Hui Lanakila for tenth place with nine points each.

The best that Kai Opua could do, however, was two second-place finishes. Another Kona club, Kaukaeouli, won two first places on the strength of its freshmen women and 17-year-old girls, while Kawaihae won one first place in the mixed

boys and girls 12-year-old competition.

Conditions for the 27 state races and two special events were near perfect for most of the day. A strong current coming out of the Waioa River basin caused a few disqualifications early in the day as it bowed the flags, making it difficult for officials and paddlers alike.

A cover of clouds kept the estimated 7,000 paddlers and spectators from burning to a crisp and lunchtime showers served more to refresh than dampen the crowd. Wind was not a factor in the race, as a gentle breeze blew in from the bay most of the day.

Since this was the first time the newly-aligned Hilo Bay course was used for the state regatta, no new records were set, according to host Moku O Hawaii officials.

RESULTS

Boys 12B (1½)—Oana O Ke Kai (S. Kawai, B. Domes, M. Spencer, F. Mendosa, S. Robertson, W. Kahu) 1:57.0; Kawaihae; Waimanalo.
Girls 12 (1½)—Healan (Dellat Kaheaku, Janna Arakaki, Chrystle Poaha, Tany Yamamoto, Suzanne Telles, Christine Pabillano) 2:00.3; Hui Nalu; Kai Opua.
Boys 12A (1½)—Healan (Peter Montgomery, Earl Spencer, Moby Parks, Conrad Chandler, Steve Murphy, Tyler Parks) 1:50.3; Hui Nalu; Hanalei.
Boys 12 (1½)—Kawaihae (Kevin Takada, Scott Martinson, Dominic Souza, Jeffrey Hall, Maitland Akau, Jimson Ninio) 1:56.07; Hanalei; Hui Nalu.
Novice Women B (1½)—Hui Nalu (Yvonne Nannini, Vanessa Folias, Laura Medrick, Jane Ann Pryor, Puahi Ioane) 1:51.4; Lanikai; Hui Lanakila.
Boys 12 (1½)—Kailua (Tarpur Collis, Zain Saidin, Sam Martinez, Jason Rodriguez, Louis Carrigan, David Steele) 1:48.0; Kamehameha; Healan.
Girls 12 (1½)—Outrigger (Katie McCravy, Heather Moore, Stacy Starhouse, Malia Boyd, Kimmy Merrill) 1:54.03; Hanalei; Kai Opua.
Novice Women A (1½)—Hui Lanakila (Shelley Kahuanui, Elizabeth Kamakona, Terry Spencer, Malia Kamaka, Sissi Kamalii, Na'unanikinau Kamalii) 1:45.4; Hui Nalu; Hanalei.
Boys 14 (1½)—Healan (Jason Pang, Chad Kurashige, Keith Gomes, Daniel Npo, James Judd, Darrell Arnold) 1:43.2; Hui Nalu; Keaukaha.
Girls 14 (1½)—Hui Nalu (Shavonne Spencer, Kei Mednick, Aela Franco, Marian Pettigrew, Laurie Avilla, Karyn Johnston) 1:52.3; Kahana; Hanalei.
Novice Men B (1½)—Hanalei (Craig Leeper, Gary Hudson, Dave Myrick, Mark Daniels, Skip Forrest, Rick Marvin) 3:41.5; Kailua; Kawaihae.
Novice Men A (1½)—Hanalei (Dan Sullivan, Christian Marston, Bob Middleton, Mike Lauro, Murphy Caragna, Victor Williams) 3:47.3; Kai Opua; Healan.
Boys 16 (1½)—Lanikai (Peter Weaver, Robin Moe, Mike Smith, Peter Binney, Tim Rose, Jim Felt) 3:53.3; Hui Nalu; Outrigger.
Girls 17 (1½)—Kaukaeouli (Maile Chapman, Bernadette Cho, Healan Kimfeto, Nicole Navarro, Annette Pierce, Tracy Watali) 4:25.8; Lanikai; Hui Nalu.
Boys 18 (1½)—Kahana (Michael Nuxca, Joseph Lindsey, Alvin Paneasigni, Guy Flores, Alex Wiley, David Nuesca Jr.) 7:58.8; Lanikai; Kai Opua.
Freshmen Women (1½)—Kaukaeouli (Jane Beckus, Nicolas Dotlar, Barbara Lasich, Lynn Long, Yvonne Khouri-Morgan, Tammy Sullivan) 4:18.4; Healan; Hanalei.
Freshmen Men (1½)—Hanalei (Gary Hudson, Craig Leeper, Dave Myrick, David Killingsworth, Murphy Caragna, David Beck) 7:25.7; Kamehameha; Kai Opua.
Sophomore Women (1½)—Kailua (Jenny Scales, Lori Bote, Ann Malama, Sandy Scales-Kalama, Andrea Ward, Luanna Burke) 4:23.5; Hanalei; Outrigger.
Sophomore Men (1½)—Hanalei (Jeff McBride, Earl Simpson, Mark Daniels, Dan Sullivan, Mike Laurella, Nick Marvin) 7:25.5; Kai Opua; Hui Nalu.
Men's Open Four (1½)—Outrigger (Marshall Rosa, Mark Buck, Murray Nixon, Mike Lemes) 3:57.9; Waikiki Surf; Hui Nalu.
Women Masters (1½)—Healan (J.J. Miller, Susan May, Jane Taniguchi, Evelyn Arakaki, Jane Gay, Rita Wright) 1:57.1; Hanalei; Lanikai.
Men Masters (1½)—Hanalei (Rex Burrell, Bob Kaden, Dick Parks, Don Montgomery, Jerry Lefkowitz, Lee Ridley) 3:45.9; Hawaiian Warriors; Outrigger.
Mixed Men & Women (1½)—Healan (Blakely Conant, Tony Seratin, Catherine Kern, Alexander Chang, Nancy Johnson, Dede Replinger) 4:04.5; Kamehameha; Outrigger.
Junior Women (1½)—Na Pili (Mary McGinty, Jackie Burke, Coline O'Grady, Anne Sharpe, Jeannie Livingston) 4:12.4; Hui Nalu; Hanalei.
Junior Men (1½)—Hui Nalu (Harold Akeo, Bob Rocheleau, Rocky Higgins, Wayne Fujiwara, Richard Shizuru, Kahale Kuku) 11:43.9; Outrigger; Kai Opua.
Senior Women (1½)—Hui Nalu (Lita Blankenfeld, Lindsey Syvan, Malani Spencer, Patricia Gallagher, Carol Kukea, Denise Darvall) 8:42.4; Outrigger; Hanalei.
Senior Men (2½)—Hanalei (Sean Hickey, Earl Simpson, Craig Leeper, Dan Sullivan, Gaylord Wilcox, Nick Beck) 15:31.3; Hui Nalu; Kai Opua.



BY LAND AND BY SEA—Action was heavy on the seashore and sea lanes of Hilo Bay Saturday as 31 of the state's canoe clubs gathered for the HCRA's State Championship

Regatta. More than 2,000 paddlers competed and some 7,000 fans lined the bay to watch and cheer. Kauai's Hanalei Canoe Club took the crown after a tight finish.



Paddlers push to keep regatta in Hilo Bay

Big Island paddling aficionados' hopes for getting the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association to make Hilo Bay the permanent home of the annual state championship regatta received support from

paddlers Saturday. Although a campaign for such a move is being pushed most prominently by the Big Island paddlers' association and Moku O Hawaii's president Arthur Hoke Jr., Mike

Tongg, HCRA president, said it is up to the 50 clubs now under the HCRA umbrella to determine where they want to hold the state races.

"I think it's always a terrific possibility," Tongg told the Tribune-Herald. "Hilo Bay is one of the best sites and that's because of the layout. It's in a bay and the rising and setting of the sun causes no problems with identification of the canoes."

However, Gaylord Wilcox of Kauai's Hanalei Canoe Club, the 1982 state champion, said it is expensive for clubs to travel to the Big Island. Asked about the race conditions Saturday, Wilcox termed them "great."

"It's a good course, a fair course and it's

nice to watch it (the races)," Wilcox said. Mel Kalahiki, chairman of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, said he thought it was unfair for the paddlers point of view to consider staging the race every year in Hilo.

Kalahiki said he thought Hilo's rain was a minus, while the recent clearance for the sale and consumption of beer at the races was a plus.

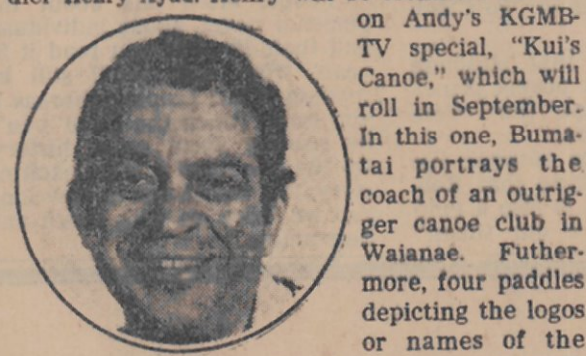
Veteran paddling leader Louis Kahanamoku said of Hilo Bay, "In my point of view, this is the best laid out course."

And Hilo's Charlie Rose, past president of Moku O Hawaii and HCRA official said, "The state races here every year? That possibility is remote."

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Ben Wood's Hawaii

ANDY Bumatai has a thing about outrigger canoes. The comic stars in the Ilkai's Canoe House, which is managed by veteran paddler Henry Ayau. Henry will be technical adviser on Andy's KGMB-TV special, "Kui's Canoe," which will roll in September.



In this one, Bumatai portrays the coach of an outrigger canoe club in Waianae. Furthermore, four paddles depicting the logos or names of the first four finishing teams in today's state canoe racing meet in Hilo will be prominently displayed in the Canoe House. Saw singer Dick Jensen at the Chipwich ice cream reception at the Kahala Hilton last week. He opens tomorrow at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel and said he's rarin' to go. When Jensen really turns it on, he's a whirlwind on stage. Chipwich founder Dick LaMotta of New York made the trip for the Kahala party, which was thrown by Philippe Marnier and Michael Fisher, who have the local franchise. Nephi Hannemann is getting his singing career in high gear again. He'll follow Frankie Avalon in Vancouver's Ritz Hotel for three weeks starting tomorrow.

WHENEVER Faye Parker comes home from a trip, she always returns with a satchel full of news about various personalities. She visited Jill St. John and Robert Wagner in Los Angeles and said that as for any marriage between the two screen stars, Jill says it's much too soon for that. However, they will be going to Gstaad, Switzerland, to ski in December.



Parker also had lunch with Michelle Triola Marvin and Dick Van Dyke while in the film capital. Main reason for Faye's California trip was to catch Journey's Rose Bowl concert, which drew 88,000. As if the rock group doesn't create enough fire, \$35,000 in fireworks were set off. Faye attended the concert with daughters Taber Parker and Tane McClure Cain, and ex-husband Doug McClure and his wife, Diane. Tane, a singer, is Faye and Doug's daughter and is married to Journey keyboarder Jonathan Cain. Tane's RCA single, "Holding On," is now getting national airplay. Song was written by Jonathan.

AN OUTRIGGER CANOE Club guest card for the dates Aug. 4-14 was requested for Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks. The singer is supposed to be holed up somewhere in Kahala. Television's

Fred Silverman was seen last week at the Kahala Hilton. Mammo Howell, who has made a name for herself around these parts as a solo hula dancer and model, is well qualified to teach good grooming and fashion at Punahou. Mammo conducted a fashion show for about 150 students, ages 6 through 18, in the Kahala Hilton's Maile Room last weekend. Ritz stores provided the apparel and the kids did the modeling. And employees of the San Francisco Rag Shop will be showing off their contemporary threads at the Wave Waikiki tonight. The store has taken over the place for a party for its employees and their guests. Nightowls won't be allowed in the Wave, which stays open until 4 in the morning, until 1:45 a.m. By that time they figure the party people will be all ragged out.

THE ONE-AND-ONLY Ella Fitzgerald will be scattling up and down the scale at the Waikiki Shell tonight. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Friends are still talking about Sue McCabe's eagle she carded on Waiata's 18th. Apologies go out to brothers John Han Sr. and William Han. Because of an error in editing last week, William was incorrectly listed as the father of John Han Jr. Think that Danny Kaleikini is the favorite singer of his secretary, Arlene Tanaka? Guess again. She digs Englebert Humperdinck the most. When Englebert took in Danny's show recently, he was called on stage and Kaleikini

joked, "Hey, you look just like (local singer) Rodney Arias." But Danny wound up getting Humperdinck's autograph for Arlene and had a photo taken of him and Englebert for her.

SINGER Boyce Rodriguez wants people to be aware of the salute to Kathleen Perry next Sunday, 11:30 a.m., at a luncheon in the Waikiki



Hyatt's Ballroom. Kathleen was the former owner of the Willows restaurant and is the widow of Al Kealoha Perry, who was musical director of the "Hawaii Calls" radio show. "Sounds of Hawaii Calls" is the theme of the luncheon program. Danny Kaleikini will emcee and many of the entertainers who appeared on "Hawaii Calls" will perform. Tickets are \$30 and are on sale at House of Music and the Hyatt Waikiki. Proceeds will be used to establish a teaching and research center for the perpetuation of the hula. Tom Selleck and "Magnum" have both been nominated for Emmy Awards. At the opening of Windward Mall shopping center last weekend, Melveen Leed and her band were ready to cut loose but her piano player was missing. Buddy Nahuai, formerly of the Surfers, sat in and played all of Melveen's songs without sheet music.