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Hui Nalu Wins Oahu Canoe Title

By Jack Wyatt
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There seems to be some question as to who was the biggest winner of yesterday's Oahu Canoe Championships at Keahi Lagoon Park—the victorious paddlers of Hui Nalu Canoe Club who demolished the 12-club field, or the City and County treasury because of the many parking citations issued near the lagoon race site.

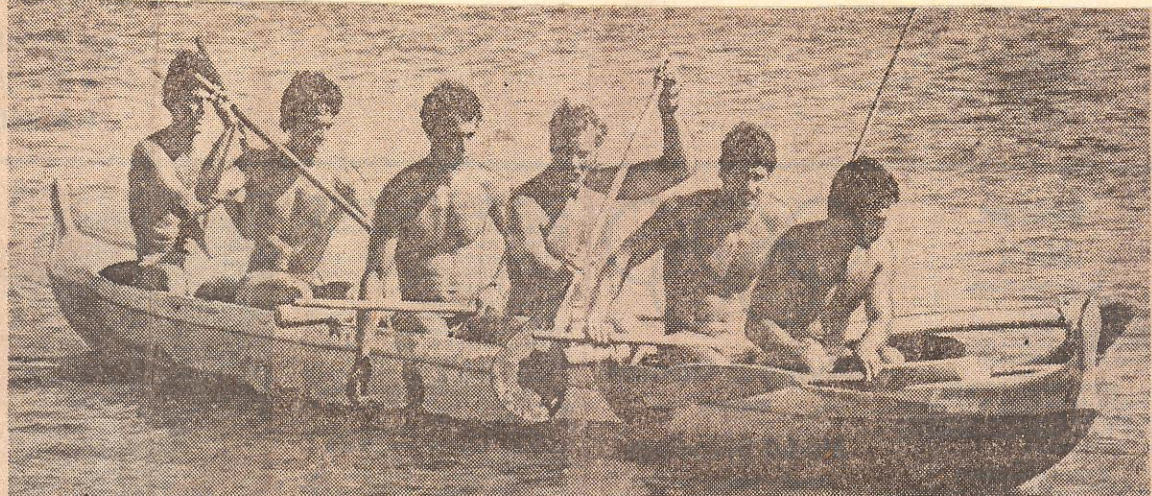
"Parking on the grass without a permit is illegal and it will cost offenders \$10 (\$15 if not paid within seven days)," explained a busy policeman, politely but firmly.

While Honolulu's finest were hard at work tagging cars, Hui Nalu's paddlers were busy racking up winning scores for their whopping 21-point victory over arch-rival Outrigger Canoe Club.

"THE COMPETITION was much closer than the scores indicated," reported race director Mel Kalaheki of the sponsoring Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association.

Beach Boys Win Easily

The Waikiki Beach Boys easily won the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association's Windward Kai Regatta, piling up 55 points to outrigger in and out of the turns. I don't deny that," Ackerman, a former long-time Outrigger Canoe Club paddler and steersman, who guided his new chargers to a comfortable nine-second win in the regatta's blue-ribbon senior men's event.



WINNING CREW—Hui Nalu senior men's winning crew (from left in boat): Brent Ackerman, Myron Thompson, Kala Kukea, George Kissner, Bruce Blankenfeld, Nainoa Thompson.—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.

Race conditions were near-perfect. This was attested by the fact that three meet records were broken and that many close finishes were recorded. Until Hui Nalu broke the regatta open by winning four of the last seven events, the regatta winning was up for grabs by several clubs.

Oahu championship point leaders: 1. Hui Nalu Canoe Club 75 points; 2. Outrigger Canoe Club 54 points; 3. Kailua Canoe Club 43 points; 4. Healanani Canoe Club 38 points; 5. Lanikai Canoe Club 33 points; 6. Waikiki Surf Club 22 points; 7. Hui Lanakila 15 points.

"I think that Outrigger and Hui Nalu's senior men's crews were evenly matched and I'm surprised that we beat them as badly as we did," said Hui Nalu's steersman Brant Ackerman as humbly as possible.

In addition to Ackerman, Hui Nalu's winning crew included stroker Nainoa Thompson, Bruce Blankenfeld, George Kissner, Kala Kukea and Myron Thompson. Among Hui Nalu's nine victories yesterday was another big win scored by the club's undefeated senior women's crew.

With flat water and brisk trades, three records were broken—the mixed men and women's event by Kailua Canoe Club; the men's sophomore event by Hui Lanakila Canoe Club, and the men's junior contest by Hui Nalu.

The winning crews of yesterday's Oahu Championships are automatically seeded into next month's OH-CRA's State Championships held Aug. 9 on Kaneohe Bay.

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"BECAUSE WE got out ahead at the start and never let up made it difficult for Outrigger to catch us. Someone said that Hui Nalu was quicker than outrigger in and out of the turns. I don't deny that," Ackerman, a former long-time Outrigger Canoe Club paddler and steersman, who guided his new chargers to a comfortable nine-second win in the regatta's blue-ribbon senior men's event.

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It's summer fun as Hui Nalu spans OCC for Oahu crown

By Andy Yamaguchi
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The way Kala Kukea sees it, paddling an outrigger canoe shouldn't be like getting an audition with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's a fun summer thing. It's not like trying out for the NFL," said the 36-year-old head coach of Hui Nalu.

"Our philosophy is to get everybody to paddle," Kukea said. With a 210-member club, that means a lot of crew-shuffling from week to week. "Maybe it's not the best crews, but we want to get everybody involved."

With that philosophy, Hui Nalu split the season's first six regattas with Outrigger Canoe Club.

But yesterday was different. With the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association title on the line, Kukea filled each of his crews with its best six paddlers and blasted arch-rival Outrigger out of the waters of Keahi Lagoon.

Hui Nalu rolled up 75 points to OCC's 54 for an easier-than-expected

team victory and a fourth consecutive Oahu title. Kailua was third with 43 points, Healanani fourth with 38 and Lanikai fifth with 33.

Highlighting Hui Nalu's victory was a record-breaking — and, for Outrigger, back-breaking — effort in the junior men's race.

The crew of Steve Wood, Barry McKeown, John West, Rob Burns, Ray Lum and James Kodama covered the 1/2-mile course in 12 minutes, 27.6 seconds — 11.5 seconds faster than the old mark set by Hui Lanakila in 1979.

"They've always had it. It just took time to get their act together," Kukea said of that crew, which hadn't won a race all season.

They gave Hui Nalu a 55-40 lead with just five races to go. And if that wasn't the knockout punch, it at least sent Outrigger reeling against the ropes.

OCC had been making a comeback, too. Halfway through the meet it trailed Hui Nalu 35-24, but Outrigger chipped away until it trailed 38-35 with eight races left.

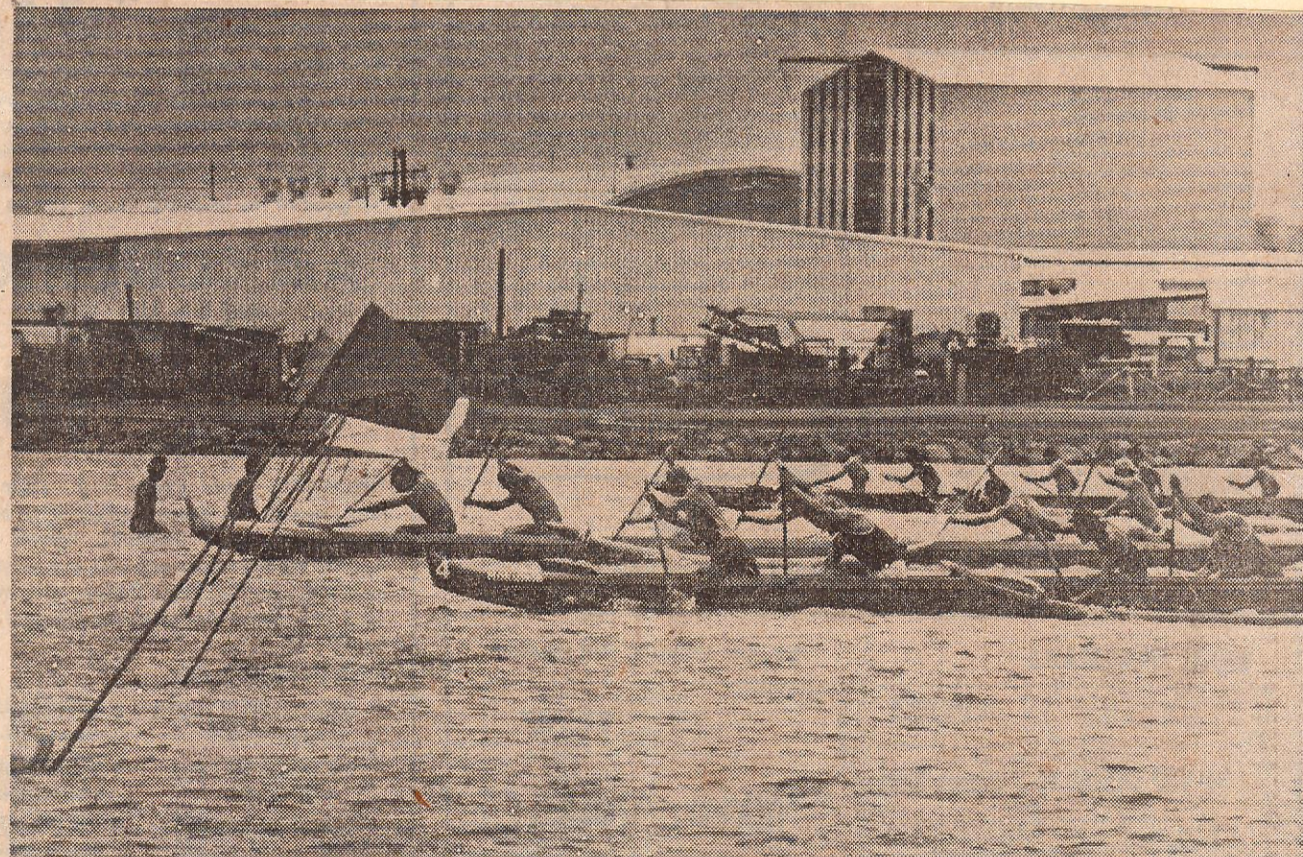
Then Hui Nalu stiffened, edging OCC for second place in the men's open fours, storming to victory in the junior women and winning junior men. In just half an hour OCC's deficit went from three points to 15.

It wasn't a good day for Outrigger. Its boys' 13-under crew, which had won its race, was disqualified for a false start. "That hurt," said head coach Walt Guild. But halfway through the meet he remained confident. "I hate these down-to-the-wire races," he said.

As it turned out, Hui Nalu took all the suspense out of the day when it won both senior men's and senior women's races. And it looked like Kukea's time-sharing philosophy has paid dividends.

"In one crew I have 18 people, so you see how much I have to move crews around," he said. "If they come out and train all year and never get in a race they'll never come back. We might have a guy who's not so good — next year he'll come back and be our best paddler."

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In what was a familiar scene yesterday, a Hui Nalu canoe team crosses the finish line first. In this event — the men's Novice A — Hui Nalu, which won nine first-places yesterday, edges Lanikai.

The Waikiki Beach Boys continued to dominate Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association canoe racing yesterday, piling up eight first places en route to victory at the Windward Kai Regatta at Waimanalo Beach Park.

Isle sports file

The Beach Boys scored 55 points. Kaneohe, the early season leader which has been slumping lately, edged Loa's 32-31 for second place.

The Beach Boys swept both senior men's and women's races and also scored three second places.

Hui Wa'a will hold its association championships this Saturday off Kaneohe Marine Air Station.

HUI WA'A AND SURFING ASSOCIATION
Windward Kai Regatta at Waimanalo

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1. Waikiki Beach Boys 55, 2. Kaneohe 32, 3. Loa's 31, 4. (He), Ka Mo'i and Windward Kai, both 18, 6. Lanikai 16, 7. Kamehameha 15, 8. Lauho'e 12, 9. Kailua 11, 10. Sons and Daughters 7, 11. Koa Kai 6, 12. Hawaii Kai 5, 13. (He), Eleu Alulu (Kailua-Haleiwa 20th).

HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION
Climb Kamehameha at Keahi Lagoon (Oahu Championships)

Senior — 1, Hui Nalu 16:56.2, Outrigger 17:05.3, 3. Kailua 17:13.5, Senior Masters — 1, Healanani 4:13.2, 2. Outrigger 4:18.2, 3. Lanikai 4:24.3, Masters — 1, Kailua 4:15.2, 2. Healanani 4:16.7, 3. Lanikai 4:18.4, Junior — 1, Hui Nalu 12:27.4, (record, old mark 12:29.1), Hui Lanakila 12:31.2, Koolau 12:35.8, 3. Outrigger 12:43.3, Open 4 — 1, Waikiki Surf 4:31.4, 2. Hui Nalu 4:33.1, 3. Outrigger 4:33.7, Sophomores — 1, Hui Lanakila 7:56.7, 2. 8:36.4, 2. Hui Nalu 8:17.3, 3. Hui Lanakila 8:25.8, 18-under — 1, Hui Nalu 2:59.1, 2. Lanikai 4:05.3, 3. Healanani 4:07.5, Novice A — 1, Hui Nalu 4:05.6, 2. Lanikai 4:08.4, 3. Koolau 4:07.8, Novice B — 1, Lanikai 4:10.3, 2. Hui Lanakila 4:11.8, 3. Healanani 4:12.7, Healer — 1, Outrigger 2:17.0, 2. Leeward Kai 2:20.4, 3. Kailua 2:21.0, 18-under — 1, Waikiki Surf 2:17.9, 2. Lanikai 2:19.4, 3. Healanani 2:22.9, 12-A — 1, Outrigger 2:31.4, 2. Kailua 2:31.8, 3. Healanani 2:32.2, 12-B — 1, Hui Nalu 2:34.2, 2. Healanani 2:36.3, Makaha 2:02.1.

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