

Canoe Racing

State Regatta

**At Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station**  
**FINAL TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Outrigger 35; 2. Hui Nalu 29; 3. Hanalei (Kauai) 20; 4. Loka 17; 5. Kailua 15; 6. (tie) - Waikiki Surf and Heaiau 14; 8. Lanikai 12; 9. Hui Lanakila 10; 10. Kaneohe (Maui) 9; 11. Heaiau 8; 12. Honolulu; Kaneohe 5; 14 (tie) Hawaiian Warriors, Kapa, Koolau 2; 17 (tie) Hawaii Kai, Sons & Daughters, Na Kai Ewala (Maui), Makaha, Leward Kai, 2; 22. Ka Mo'i, Kai, Ko, Lanikaia (Maui).

**BOYS 12 B (1/2-Mile)**—Leward Kai (Terrance DeLima, Ronson Kanoho, Robert Swann, James Taylor, Michael Chung, James Keulana) 2:43.6; 2. Waikiki Surf 2:53; 3. Outrigger 2:55.2; 4. Boys 12 A (1/2-mile)—Hanalei (Chris Carswell, Steve Chandler, Steven Yonli, Russell Mahuki, Keola Sheehan, Hobei Beck) 2:31.5; 2. Heaiau 2:38.3; 3. Sons and Daughters 2:38.7; 4. Boys 12 (1/2-mile)—Loa'a (Bill a Colier, Adam Drummond, Norman Casler, Adam Tanne, Russell Obyer, Guy Wilson) 2:20; 2. Kaneohe 2:24.3; 3. Leward Kai 2:25.

**GIRLS 15 (1/2-Mile)**—Lanikai (Allison Morris, Sally Harner, Susan Chang, Colleen Raymond, Maureen Carvalho, Robin Cooper) 2:17; 2. Hanalei 2:21; 3. Waikiki Surf 2:38; 4. Women Novice B (1/2-mile)—Outrigger (Alicia McIntire, Riley Mahani, Robin Ballentine, Jeanne Jenkins, Berlyn Hendrickson, Elizabeth Perry) 2:34.2; 2. Waikiki Surf 2:34.7; 3. Hanalei 2:35.3; 4. Boys 14 (1/2-mile)—Loa'a (Eddie Meyer, Dennis Sison, Norman Casler, William Hoomanawani, Garon A-Wai, John Fernandez) 2:09.1; 2. Waikiki Surf 2:12.8; 3. Kaneohe 2:17.

**GIRLS 17 (1/2-Mile)**—Lanikai (Dana Dawes, Sherrill, Mahealani Frews, Beth Cooper, Kathi Foh, Kimberley Stephenson) 2:28.4; 2. Heaiau 2:31; 3. Outrigger 2:37.8; 4. Women Novice A (1/2-mile)—Honolulu (Joan Goodale, Karen Burton, Monica Searis, Patricia Shaughnessy, Jan Chang, Connie Oskamp) 2:21; 2. Kaneohe 2:24; 3. Heaiau 2:24; 4. Women Master (1/2-mile)—Hui Nalu (Mary Clancy, Laura Thompson, Lorraine Williams, Karen Racine, Suzanne Kiani, Kenia Keo) 2:23.1; 2. Lanikai 2:24.3; 3. Outrigger 2:24.

**MEM'S NOVICE B (1/2-Mile)**—Hanalei (Brad Y. Adcox, Andy B. McIntire, Shawn Conani, Jimmy Ledward, Lane Tamura, Herb Hermosa, Brian Thompson) 2:00; 2. Hawaii Kai 2:00.3; 3. Boys 16 (1/2-mile)—Kailua (Charles A. Thompson, Lou Pujasset, Kevin Perry, Peter Biana, Mike Gomes, John DeLuca, David Kooa) 4:28.3; 3. Outrigger 4:28.8; 4. Mens Novice A (1/2-mile)—Hanalei (Cornwall, Topo Hermosa, Steve Lanais, Leslie Yonakaki, Earl Simpson, Emilio Fernandez) 4:14.2; 2. Kailua 4:20.3; 3. Waikiki Surf 4:24.

**MEM'S OPEN A (1/2-Mile)**—Koolau (Muri Esposito, Fred Berneux, Clarence Gray, Kaii Handley) 4:53; 2. Kailua 4:37.8; 3. Honolulu 4:39.5; 4. Men's Master (1/2-mile)—Hanalei (Nick Beck, Rex Burrell, Dick Perks, Dan Montomery, Frank Adair, Jerry Lynn) 4:18.1; 2. Heaiau 4:19.4; 3. Lanikai 4:21; 4. Mix Men and Women (1/2-mile)—Outrigger (Keahi Pardon, Aaron Kekoaiani, Stephanie Sofas, Aaron Young, Robin Smith, Tracy Newport) 4:40.1; 2. Heaiau 4:41.8; 3. Honolulu 4:44.

**BOYS 18 (1/2-Mile)**—Hui Lanakila (Uma Harbottle, Charles Santiago, Herman Clark, Randy Briones, Randy Lee, Jeff Williams) 9:14; 2. Outrigger 7:18.4; 3. Na Kai Ewala 9:24.0; 4. Women Freshman (1/2-mile)—Heaiau (Lindy Bernard, Jonna Wickesser, Dolly Hiller, Vicki Worthington, Beverly Haas, David) 4:57.9; 2. Kaneohe 4:58.2; 3. Hui Nalu 5:02; 4. Men Freshman (1/2-mile)—Outrigger (Karl Hever, Gus Bimitt, James Dean, Marc Haime, Todd Bradrev, Koole).

**WOMEN SOPHOMORE (1/2-Mile)**—Outrigger (Tracy Phillips, Jill Schmidt, Evie Segovia, Diana Smart, Lisa Riga, Kiki Heaiau) 5:05.9; 2. Kailua 5:06.9; 3. Heaiau 5:07.5; 4. Men Sophomore (1/2-mile)—Outrigger (Dale Hope, Bill Bright, Mike Mason, Murray Nixon, Jack Pehar, Steven Scott) 12:30.5; 2. Loka 14:06.1; 3. Hui Lanakila 14:09; 4. Women Junior (1/2-mile)—Hui Nalu (Mary Franco, Waila Scully, Trish Gallagher, Ruth Fukunaga, Sammy Fuchsman, Denise Davella) 6:30.2; 2. Outrigger 6:30.4; 3. Kailua 6:30.5.

**MEN JUNIOR (1/2-Mile)**—Hui Nalu (Rob Burns, Steve Wood, George Hara, Dickie Freeman, Roy Lum, James Kodama) 16:39.8; 2. Koolau 18:41.3; 3. Kiki 18:46.3; 4. Women Senior (1/2-mile)—Hui Nalu (Nalani Spencer, Christie Gibson, Lisa Blum, Lisa Blum) 13:5.2; 2. Waikiki Surf 13:30.9; 3. Kailua 13:02.4; 4. Men Senior (1/2-mile)—Hui Nalu (Vince Thompson, Bruce Blankenship, George Kissner, Kala Kukea, Stritch Spleiman, Aaron Thompson) 22:24.2; 2. Outrigger 22:46.5; 3. Hui Lanakila 23:06.6.

# Wahines ready for the ultimate in canoe racing

By BARBARA VOJEJUDA  
Advertiser Sports Writer

Only the best of Hawaii's canoe paddlers conquer the 38-mile channel that winds from Molokai to Oahu. The Molokai Express — its steady speed and treacherous current — is their Super Bowl.

Paddlers pull for that challenge like runners sweat for a marathon. For 27 years, the annual Aloha Week race has stood like a mountain to be scaled. But the glorious chance to win the sea has traditionally been a man's event.

Since 1952, when three crews of men first paddled the Kaiwi Channel, the women of Hawaii have tried to organize their own Molokai race. It was a battle lost until 1975, when two female crews ventured out on their own and paddled the whirlwind current. Since then, it has been rumored each year that another race would be organized. But until this year, it didn't happen.

Na wahine o ke kai — women of the sea.

This year, the phrase will take on its meaning. The women's race, "Na Wahine O Ke Kai," is set for Oct. 14, when at least 18 clubs will send all-female crews to board outrigger canoes and set out for Honolulu.

"After the men's race began, a few qualified women thought they could have a race of their own," said Connie McGuire, a coach and paddler for Outrigger Canoe Club who has been instrumental in organizing the event. "The men strenuously objected, saying the race was theirs and it was too dangerous. But it's always remained a dream."

The late Leinani Faria, a woman beloved in paddling circles, was on an escort boat when the crews from the Heaiau Canoe Club and Onipaa, comprised of women from four clubs, paddled the 1975 race. "She decided it could be done," McGuire said. Faria was elected president of the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association in 1977, but was stricken with cancer and died before she was able to organize the event for which so many women paddlers were waiting.

"There were always too many male voices saying, 'no, no, no,'"



Getting it all together with the paddlers from Halawa.

McGuire said. "But last year, seven or eight clubs got together and we began meeting in September to plan this year's race, and we've been meeting ever since."

McGuire was chosen as acting chairman to get the organization under way, and later, Mary Winchester, of Windward Kai Canoe Club, was elected chairman.

"It just took off," Winchester said. "A few women were waiting since the '50s. Women have it. They just needed a chance to put it together."

"Every woman who paddles is 'na wahine o ke kai,'" McGuire said, "and she realizes that the ultimate goal is crossing that channel. Even if she can't paddle because she's too old, or pregnant, or whatever, she's helping us realize that dream."

E.R. "Toots" Minvielle, a veteran OCC paddler, suggested the Molokai-to-Oahu course in the 1950s because, he said, "regular regattas are nothing exciting." But even his own club thought the idea was radical and the route too dangerous.

"We're at the same place Toots was when he started," McGuire said. "Some people think we can do it and others think we have no right to. After a few years it will be second nature. It's like anything new."

Since the men first raced, the event has grown to include crews from California and Tahiti, and in 1977, a record 60 crews entered.

"It's always been the ultimate for male paddlers, and now it will be the ultimate for females," McGuire said.

Traditionally, the men have raced in mid-October, when turbulent seas are more likely, but this year, Aloha Week and the race have been moved to September, leaving the women with the more risky mid-October date. In some of the men's races, as many as half the crews have lost their canoes to the battering waves.

No lives have been lost, but in one race a paddler was in the water for more than an hour before he was found by the escort boat.

"Our first concern is for safety," McGuire said. "If the Coast Guard warnings are up, we won't go. That would be sad. There would be some

tears shed, but it's not worth risking the loss of a life. We're prepared for that, but we're not planning on it."

Because the men's race has been organized each year as part of Aloha Week, much of the actual work was done for the clubs. But the women have had to organize their race from start to finish.

They are selling T-shirts and bumper stickers in a fund-raising effort that includes a "paddle-a-thon," with celebrity races this Sunday at Kailua Beach Park.

The bulk of the expense money has come from sponsors and will cover the costs of official boats, as well as air fare and lodging for officials. If there is money left over, it will be filtered back down to help the clubs cover costs, McGuire said.

That decision was made only after another faction, which supported a cash prize, was won over to the spirit of helping some of the smaller clubs, who will bear the expenses with more difficulty than the larger clubs.

The decision, like many others made over the past 10 months, is an indication that the women's crews are interested in more than competition. Diana Smart, another OCC paddler who has helped organize the race and may compete herself, said she feels one of the best aspects of the race is the spirit of cooperation between clubs and associations.

"We'll be competing," she said, "but we have to hold hands to get started. I think it's incredible the way women have pulled together for this."

The women have scheduled their best show of cooperation after the race, when they'll celebrate together.

The race may take eight or more hours. There will be 12 paddlers on a crew, six in the canoe at a time and the others rotating from an escort boat.

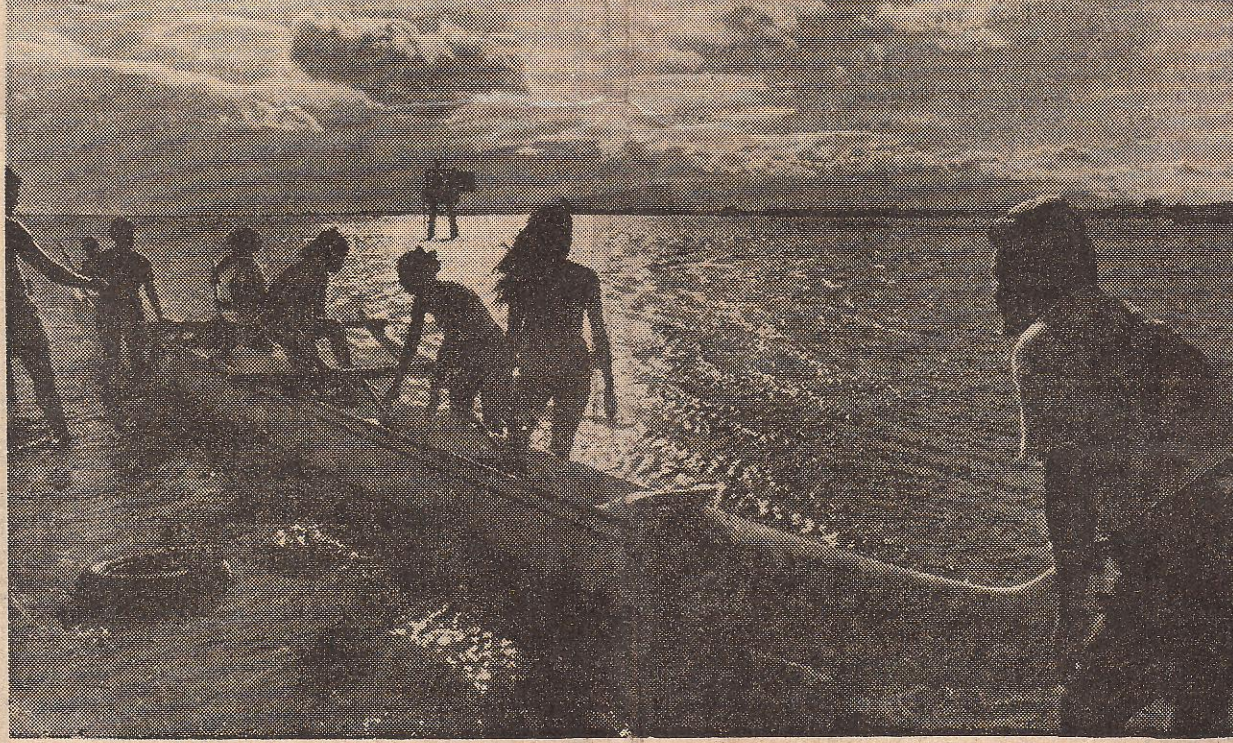
Charlene Michado, a veteran paddler and president of the Halawa Canoe Club, said the women who cross the channel must be good swimmers just to handle the changeovers, when they'll be left in the water between the escort boat and the canoe. Also, the women must be in the proper frame of mind.

"I've seen some of the men panic, and refuse to get into the water. It's important that the steersman keep talking, and reassure the paddlers," she said.

Some of the crews have already begun to shift from short-distance training to longer workouts and conditioning. All involved acknowledge that preparation is extremely important for an event that tries the paddlers mentally as well as physically. Many of the men paddlers have become ill and asked to quit midway through the race.

"The one thing I don't want is for someone to say, 'I'm tired,' halfway across. That's not the time to tell me," Michado said.

"It's like training for the Olympics," McGuire said. "If you're involved in a sport, the aim is to be the best you can be and find the most exciting challenge. For us, the ultimate is crossing the channel, facing the challenge of the sea. I won't know how far I can push myself, or if I will break. But at 7 o'clock the night of Oct. 14, I can sit back and say, I did it, and I'm here to talk about it."



Coach Reuben Makua helps float the canoe for the women in the Halawa Canoe Club.

# 'Hot Field' for Hui Wa'a-HCRA Canoe Clash

The Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association, the new association on the block in canoe racing, is not one to be intimidated by tradition, experience, or by press clippings.

In fact, Terry Reed, the 33-year-old Hui Wa'a president, gave notice to the hierarchy of the revered Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association that in Sunday's All-State Championship at Kaneohe Bay, his group plans to give them a run for the title.

The Outdoors

Jack Wyatt

"Although HCRA's Hui Nalu, Outrigger and Waikiki Surf canoe clubs, plus others, have years of experience on us," Reed conceded, "we're sure not going to pack up our canoes and quit. I believe that Hui Wa'a has several crews that are as competitive as HCRA's. And what our other crews lack in experience, most of them will make up for in enthusiasm."

THANKS TO the commander at Kaneohe Peninsula base will be open to the public and will feature canoe racing at its finest this weekend.

On Saturday, the Marines will host the annual HCRA State Championship, with 27 events scheduled, and then on Sunday, the base will be the site of the long-awaited Hui Wa'a-HCRA clash. Canoe racing begins at 9 a.m. each day.

"We'll be setting 14 lanes for Saturday's regatta," said Mel Kalahiki, HCRA's race chairman. "In addition to Oahu's top canoe clubs, I expect six clubs from Maui, two from Hawaii, and one from Kauai. It should be a hot field."

In Sunday's HCRA-Hui Wa'a match, Kalahiki will use 10 lanes for approximately 20 to 24 events. "Only two canoes will be raced on Saturday," he said, "but for Sunday's regatta, both koa and fiberglass boats will be allowed."

THE REGATTA favorites: HCRA—Hui Nalu and Outrigger canoe clubs. Hui Wa'a—Loa'a Outrigger

canoe club and Kaneohe Outrigger Canoe Club.

"Sunday's All-State Regatta is the third meeting between Hui Wa'a and HCRA," explained Reed. "Each association will field its top five crews in each event. Hui Wa'a has come far since its beginning about five years ago, if all goes as expected, the HCRA should be among the first to notice our improvement."

Kailua's Nohea Kalama, a 17-year-old Kai Oni Canoe Club paddler, likes Hui Wa'a's chances in several events on Sunday.

"Our freshmen women have been consistently placing in the top three for most of the season, so I think that we have a chance against the HCRA," she said, "but my brother Chinky, on the men's sophomore team — they're really good. I mean they're tops. Chinky and gang will

give the HCRA fits."

HOWEVER, NOHEA may be a bit over-enthusiastic in her predictions, for her father, Joseph Kalama, is Kai Oni's coach and one of Hui Wa'a's founders.

With both HCRA and Hui Wa'a claiming goals of perpetuating the Hawaiian culture through canoe paddling, and both associations encouraging adults and youngsters to take part in their respective racing programs, why two groups?

"To race in HCRA regattas requires a club to own, or to borrow, a koa racing canoe. This hard-and-fast rule, I believe, places a hardship on the poorer clubs. Koa logs, suitable for canoe building, are expensive and are hard to come by (Hui Wa'a did obtain 10 koa logs for canoe carving). Our clubs have the option of racing either koa, or fiberglass, constructed canoes."

REED IS anxious to keep costs to the paddler to a minimum. "Some of our clubs have dues as little as \$10 a year and with

that the paddler receives a club tee-shirt," he said. "Hui Wa'a's entry fee per paddler per regatta is less than \$2 and the contestants often receive trophies or medals, but always a well-run regatta. Hui Wa'a has no wealthy clubs. Like our motto—Ku Lokahi Kakou—says, 'We stand together.'"

HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN

# Isle File

**HIVA Race Takes Shape**

There are only three more playing dates of the Hawaiian International Volleyball Association before the playoffs begin. Judging by the standings, it'll be a close finish for the top spot at the end.

Tonight at Damien High School gym, first-place Hawaiian Jewelry Exchange Pukas meets McDonald's Golden Arches in the 7 p.m. feature game of a doubleheader sponsored by the Sultan Ester Seal School for Handicapped Children. The Datsun EH Hustlers will tangle with the Aloha Airlines Flyers in the nightcap.

**All-Army Netters**

Kurt Andrews, a former prep tennis star at Lilehua High, and Sandy Haltwanger of Schofield Barracks are members of a four-man All-Army tennis team that will defend its title in the interservice tennis championships here today through Friday.

The Air Force and Marines have also entered the championships.

**Stewart Elected**

George Stewart has been elected president of the Hawaii chapter of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association.

The other officers for the 1979-80 year are Cliff Loando, vice-president; Sherri Ward, secretary; Alvis Shiu, treasurer, and Vaughn Dyess, board member.

The local NISOA group will be conducting clinics later this summer in advance of the high school qualifying test to be administered this fall.

**Volleyball Exhibition**

The United States Volleyball Association (Hawaii-Pacific region) will sponsor a three-match volleyball exhibition Saturday, Aug. 11, at McKinley High School gym, with the first game scheduled at 8:30 p.m.

Outrigger Canoe Club, the No. 2 team in the US, Michélob, 1979 USVBA-Hawaii Women's Open champs and two Hawaiian International Volleyball Association all-star teams will participate.

**Isle Athletes Compete**

The 13th annual National AAU/USA-Sears Junior Olympic Games will be held at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) this weekend with 34 athletes from Hawaii competing in track and field, diving and boxing. An estimated 2,000 athletes from 50 states will compete for national titles in seven sports.

The Hawaii athletes: Track and



THEY'RE DIGGING HARD—Hui Nalu's junior women's crew strains to win a recent half-mile race and it'll be one of the crews to beat in Sunday's state championship race.—Star-Bulletin Photo.

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HCRA results

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