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**UPSET WINNER**—Members of the Hanalei men's junior crew celebrate their upset victory in yesterday's Hawaii State Canoe Racing Championships at Kaneohe Bay. Members of the Kauai team (from front to back) are Rey Burrell, Togo Hermosora, Peter Cornwall, Don Montgomery, Gayford Wilcox and steersmen Nick Beck. Hui Nalu won the state title. See story on Page C-2.—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.

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# Hui Nalu Paddlers Capture State Title

By Jack Wyatt  
Special to the Star-Bulletin

Hui Nalu Canoe Club again proved itself the master of the come-from-behind victory in yesterday's Hawaii State Canoe Racing Championships on Kaneohe Bay.

"Heck, Hui Nalu didn't even get on the boards until the seventh heat and they didn't win a race until the ninth event," said an Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association scorer.

"And then they reeled off five first places, a second and a couple of thirds in the remaining 10 events. Hui Nalu's age-group paddlers may be weak, but their adults are awesome."

IN YESTERDAY'S combined HCRA and Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association Regatta held at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station, Hui Nalu—which just the day before staged another dramatic come-from-behind rally to win the HCRA state title—scored 38 points in topping its ch-rival Outrigger Canoe Club by 16 points.

The big Island's Kai Opu'a, Honolulu's Healani, and Kauai's Hanalei canoe clubs placed third through fifth, respectively.

"I suppose that it does take us a little longer get started than for most clubs," Hui Nalu's Coach Kala Kukea explained.

"To get everyone paddling and to find the best crew combination, we tend to do a lot of people shuffling. This could be one reason why we lost the first three HCRA regattas before winning five straight.

"OUR SENIOR MEN'S crew has had three or four different steersmen, plus a couple different stroke," he added. "It's comfort-

ing to know that in certain crews you have depth."

Although Hui Nalu and Outrigger canoe clubs were yesterday's big winners, the loudest cheers went to the underdog crews—particularly those from the Neighbor Islands.

"We worked our tails off to win this race," sighed Hanalei (Kauai) Canoe Club's Nick Beck, who was the winning steersman in the Junior Men's race.

"To hold off the other clubs quick turns were necessary, plus our sprints had to be fast. I'm happy with Hanalei's performance. We qualified four crews in this All-State meet and we scored three firsts."

Hawaii's Kai Opu'a Canoe Club also drew raves when its women crews topped the regatta's freshmen and sophomore heats.

BUT CHEERS OR jeers, when Hui Nalu won three of the final four events of the 19 heat competition, the championship was theirs. "If you say anything about our winning senior men's crew, be sure to single out 'Stretch' (Joe Spielman)," asked Brant Ackerman, Hui Nalu's steersman.

"Stretch filled in the stoker's seat for his first time and he did an outstanding job. We led Outrigger by only a few feet at the first turn and by the finish, we had them by several boat lengths," Hui Nalu's senior women, led by steersman Lita Blankenfeld, paddled through HCRA's regatta season undefeated.

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# Outrigger, Hui Nalu state canoe favorites

isle sports file

The old strongholds — Outrigger and Hui Nalu canoe clubs and the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association — are expected to hold forth tomorrow and Sunday when more than 2,200 paddlers jam the shores of Kaneohe Bay for the biggest weekend of the Hawaiian canoe racing season.

OCC, the defending state and all-state champion, and Oahu titlist Hui Nalu are the favorites in tomorrow's HCRA state championships.

And the cream of the HCRA crop is favored over their Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association counterparts when they get together Sunday for the combined state championships.

Both events begin at 9 a.m. off Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Spectators should enter through the main gate, where they will directed to the beach.

Twenty-six clubs, including 328 crews, from five islands will be at tomorrow's HCRA championships. All 12 Oahu clubs will be joined by Molokai, Hanalei of Kauai, five from the Big Island and seven from Maui.

Big Island clubs are Kai Opu'a, Liliuokalani, Wailani, Keoa and Kamehameha. Maui clubs are Lahaina, Kahana, Hana, Kihai, Na Ka'ewalu, Napili and Hawaiian.

The top four crews advance to Sunday's all-state regatta.

Hui Wa'a champ Kaneohe, plus the Waikiki Beach Boys and Lo'a, are outside shots to challenge OCC and Hui Nalu for the combine title. But some Hui Wa'a people think they can score victories in the younger crews.

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# OCC to host Paddleboards

The second annual Waikiki Ocean Paddleboard Race, sponsored by the Outrigger Canoe Club, will be held tomorrow starting at 11 a.m. at the beach fronting the OCC.

Contestants must check in at 10 a.m. for the 10,000-meter (6.24-mile) race.

Competition will be held in men's, women's, boys under 16 and girls under 16 and wards will be presented to the top three finishers in each class.

The winner of each class will have his or her name added to the perpetual trophy and each contestant will receive a T-shirt.

Entry forms are available at the OCC reception desk and must be received at OCC by 9:30 a.m. on race day.

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# Roughwater Swim Deadline Aug. 22

Application forms for the city Department of Parks and Recreation's 11th annual Waikiki Roughwater Swim Sept. 1, will be accepted until midnight Aug. 22.

Forms are available at city swimming pools, Satellite City Halls and the permit section of the department on the 1st or 10th floors of the Honolulu Municipal Building, or by writing to Waikiki Roughwater Swim Coordinator, Department of Parks and Recreation, 650 S. King St., Honolulu 96813.

The 3.8-kilometer (2.3-mile) course begins at San Souci Beach on the diamond head side of the old Natatorium and ends 30 yards up the beach that fronts the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.

Men and women of all ages may participate. The swim begins at 11:30 a.m. for adult division entrants. Senior division swimmers begin at noon. Check-in time the day of the swim is 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Only senior division entrants must have an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) number. To obtain one, write to Hawaiian AAU, P.O. Box 25994, Honolulu, 96825 for an AAU registration form.

All finishing swimmers will receive certificates. Awards will be presented to the first three place winners in each male and female age group. The name of the overall first place winner will be engraved on the Alexander Hume Ford trophy. The awards ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. on the day of the swim.

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It's a photo finish with Terri Ako and Linda Brown in the Kai Opu'a canoe (foreground) paddling hard to help edge Healani in the sophomore women's event.

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**BIG WATER WEEKEND**—Australia's Challenge, a 46-foot Sloop, is participating in the ongoing Pan Am Clipper Cup Yacht series, and Mahi Riley, a novice paddler with Outrigger Canoe Club, will be busy in the HCRA's State Championship this weekend on Kaneohe Bay.

# Paddlers, Anglers Are Busy

As Hawaii's outrigger canoe paddlers are taking their strokes in this weekend's State and All-State championships on Kaneohe Bay, 71 teams representing 20 countries will be busy polishing their lures in anticipation for Monday's beginning of the 22nd annual Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament at Kailua-Kona.

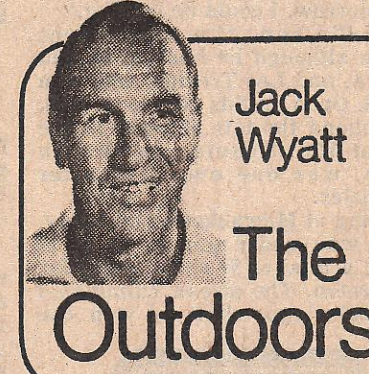
"For Saturday's Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association's State Championship," explained Race Director Mel Kalahiki, "we expect 328 crews (six paddlers to a crew) representing 26 clubs from five islands.

"This is our biggest meet of the regatta season. We've scheduled 27 events over 14 fast lanes. Hui Nalu and Outrigger canoe clubs appear to be the clubs to beat for the team title. However, in winning individual events, the competition is wide open."

ENTERED IN Saturday's HCRA State meet are seven clubs from Maui; five from Hawaii; one each from Kauai and Molokai, plus 12 from Oahu.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, also on Kaneohe Bay, the 13-club Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association joins the HCRA clubs for Hawaii's All-State canoe racing championship.

"For the All-State meet, we've scheduled 19 events over eight lanes," explained Hui Wa'a's president Terry Reed. "Although the Waikiki Beach Boys and Kaneohe canoe clubs have the depth and power in our association, don't discount Lo'a and other Hui Wa'a clubs. Our crews



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The Outdoors

have been pointing toward Sunday's regatta all season."

Both regattas will be held at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station starting each day at 9 a.m. Spectators are welcomed and are advised to enter through the air station's main gate.

MEANWHILE, AT Kailua-Kona, the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament anglers are reporting "Fishing was just great, that is until four days ago when our Hawaiian Billfish Tournament (a smaller 30-team competition which began last Sunday and ended yesterday) began," said Jim Sutherland, the HIBT's executive secretary. "But we tournament officials live on optimism. I expect great fishing at Kona beginning with Monday's HIBT. We've got the world's top anglers

fishing in the world's finest Pacific Blue Marlin grounds. Now it's simply a matter of getting the fish to bite."

HIBT's opening parade and ceremonies begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, with the first five days of tournament fishing starting at 8 a.m. on Monday.

In addition to Hawaii's 23 teams (four anglers to a team), 14 teams are from the Mainland, and 34 are from foreign countries.

"THIS HAS TO BE the world series of big game fishing," boasted Sutherland. "We'll have anglers from such interesting places as Morocco, Turkey, Bermuda, Hong Kong, Brazil and France.

"You can bet that each tournament charter boat captain won't leave the dock without a 'lucky' Ti-leaf tucked away somewhere on his boat. That 1,000-pound marlin is still swimming around Kona waters after 2 1/2 years of HIBT fishing."

In addition to Nevada Gamefish Club's four-member McMillan family—last year's HIBT winner—the tournament lineup includes several foreign world record holders, plus Hawaii's own fishing experts—Rufus Spaulding of Maui's Heela Bay Fishing Club, and Richard Sakimolo of the Kona Game Fishing Club.

CURRENT HIBT RECORDS: Largest billfish—916-pound marlin caught by Eric Tixier of the Haura Club de Tahiti on 80-pound test line in 1973.

Most marlin caught in one day—29, Aug. 8, 1978; Most marlin caught in a single tournament—108, in 1975; Most total billfish weight one day—6,011 pounds, Aug. 8, 1975; most total billfish weight in one tournament—22,046 pounds in 1978.

There is, however, one record that most anglers would like to avoid, that is Chuck Foster's record for the longest time to land a billfish on 50-pound test line—11 hours and 57 minutes for a 213-pound marlin in 1980.

Final standings of the Hawaiian Billfish Tournament which began last Sunday and ended yesterday at Kona.

Marlin division—1. San Francisco Golden Gaters 1,325 points; 2. Orange Crest Angling Club of Calif. 642 points; 3. Pacific Strikers (Idaho) 538 points; 4. Nevada Gamefish Club 431 points; 5. San Diego Marlin Club, Team 1, 382 points.

Ahi (Tuna) division—1. Nevada Gamefish Club 551 points; 2. San Diego Marlin Club, Team 1, 330 points; 3. Pacific Anglers (Calif.) 288 points.

Largest fish—Robert Smith of the San Francisco Golden Gaters, a 380-pound marlin. Total fish for the four days of fishing—30, 22 marlin and eight ahi.

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# obituaries

HOWE — James D. Howe, 51, of Honolulu, died Thursday. He was born in California and was a pilot with United Airlines for 24 years. Memorial services Tuesday 6:30 a.m. at the Outrigger Canoe Club. Ashes to be scattered at sea. No flowers. Aloha attire. Contributions to the Hawaii Tennis Patrons in his memory for junior development. Survived by wife, Marjorie; sons, James D. Jr. and Michael W., both of California, Grady and Peter; stepdaughter, Tracy Phillips; sister, Josephine Wagner of California.

# Healani's upset bid falls short

# Hui Nalu paddles back

By Andy Yamaguchi  
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Healani Canoe Club found life in the fast lane yesterday, but it wasn't enough to stop Hui Nalu from powering its way to the team title at the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association state championship regatta at Kaneohe Bay.

Hui Nalu, which earlier won the Oahu HCRA crown, came from 13 points back with just four events left to snuff Healani's hopes for an upset.

Hui Nalu is now an enormous favorite to complete the hat trick — Oahu, state and all-state titles — at today's combined state championships with the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association.

Today's regatta is at the same time, same place — 9 a.m. off the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. Spectators should enter through the main gate and follow directions to the beach.

Hui Nalu had to put on a furious kick to overtake Healani and score 55 points. Healani, which went scoreless through the last four events, finished second with 52 points while defending champion Outrigger was a surprisingly out-of-it third with 37 points.

Big Island champ Kai Opu'a scored 26 points to edge Hanalei and Lanikai, both with 25, for fourth place. Kailua followed in seventh place with 19 points and Waikiki Surf Club was next with 11.

Healani is a solid club but, during the regular season, was by no means in the same league as Hui Nalu and Outrigger. It's like comparing the Chicago Bears to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

So more than a few eyebrows were raised when Healani won three straight races and took leads of 20-9 and 34-22 over Hui Nalu early in the regatta. Even more astonishing was that Outrigger had all but disappeared, scoring but five points in the first 10 events.

Then a clue. People started to notice that, in the first 14 events, the winning canoe always was in lanes one through six (there were 12 lanes). In nine of those 14 events, the winner was assigned either lane one or two. Indeed, Healani piled up four victories while paddling in lanes one, three, one and one.

Race director Mel Kalahiki called an early lunch break while the quarter-mile lanes were re-measured.

Lane one, it was found, was just "six to eight feet" shorter than lane 12, Kalahiki said. "That's within our tolerance," he said.

So the games went on, but not without the suspicion that something was odd.

"Guys that won Oahu (HCRA title) weren't even qualifying today, that's what got me thinking," said Hui Nalu coach Kala Kukea. "What was surprising was that Outrigger wasn't winning, and they had a lot of these lanes," he said, pointing to the area around lane nine.

Healani coach Gary "Sword" Murakami thought lane one was a better lane, but not because of its alleged shortness. "I think it's deader on this side (next to the pier) so it's easier paddling. When you're out in the bay you've got to fight the currents."

Whether it was a short course, currents or just an "on" day for Healani, Murakami's club led Hui Nalu 52-39 with just four events left.

Then Healani dried up while Hui Nalu placed second in the junior men's event, won senior women, placed second in the boys' 18 (delayed because of a false start) and, for insurance, finished fourth in senior men.

The senior women's victory — by Lanakila and Nalani Spencer, Christie Gibson, Ann Schumaker, Carol Kukea and Lita Blankenfeld — was the big win for Hui Nalu.