## Outrigger juniors alone at the top

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> Maytag repairmen.

at the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Kukea and Denise Darval par-Racing Association's Kukini ticipated in the double. Regatta at Nanakuli Beach. dled by itself again.

race in 12 minutes, 42.8 seconds | mores at the start of the season. - 80 seconds ahead of secondplace Lanikai. OCC was so far ahead that it crossed the finish line, paddled 50 yards to the club staging area and changed Lanikai finished.

And 12:42.8 was slow for them. Last week Outrigger's junior men did a 12:13.2 without competition to push them. "I think we'll go under 12," steers-

man Fred Hemmings said. More impressive than their times or margins of victory is the fact that it's an entirely new crew from the OCC juniors who won the state title last year. The stroke, Jay Pynchon, did not paddle the last two

Behind Pynchon are Karl Heyer, Henry Ayau, John Finney (Tim Guard subbed for him yesterday), Jimmy Dean and Hemmings. Ayau is the oldest at 41, Heyer the youngest at 24.

They've jelled quickly for a first-year crew. "Three of us have been paddling over 25 years," said Hemmings, who is back with OCC after six years with Hui Nalu because he moved from Aina Haina to Manoa. "I think when you get in the upper divisions, the margin is not in power or strength. but in technique and how you blend together. We're having fun, and that's the bottom line

Pynchon likes the crew's young-old mix. "If we keep happening, that's going to be a big reason why," he said. "When you've got a guy like Fred Hemmings behind you, you can't go wrong. The experience makes a big difference. No panicking.

Hui Nalu won its second consecutive regatta largely because of a "double play" by its top Pity Outrigger Canoe Club's women's crew, which scored 15 junior men's crew, six guys who of the club's 60 points by winare as lonesome as a boatload of ning the half-mile junior race and the two-mile senior race. Two Sundays ago they were Lita Blankenfeld, Lyndsey the only entrant in their event Styan, Christy Gibson, Carol

'That was kind of neat, we Yesterday, at the King won't be able to do that again," Kamehameha Regatta at drizzly Kukea said. The double was Kailua Beach, three other crews made possible by an OHCRA were entered but Outrigger pad- rule change for this year that allows junior and senior pad-Outrigger won the 11/2-mile dlers to start as low as sopho-

Outrigger did not have a senior women's crew yesterday, but Kukea expects a challenge when they do.

club staging area and changed Hui Nalu scored 60 points. crews for the next race before Lanikai, which finished a strong second to Hui Nalu in the fourmile senior men's race, edged OCC for second, 46-44.

Diff'rent strokes: HCRA takes its show to Waikiki Beach Sunday for the John Kaupiko Surf Regatta, while the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association opens its season with the Ka Mo'i Regatta at Makaha.

Ka Moʻi Regatta at Makaha.

King Kamehameha Regatta
Men

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Canoeing King Kam

Af Kailua Beach
BOYS

12-Years-Old-B: 1. Hawailan
Warriors (Jeffrey Kinimaka,
Chas Holani, Keawe Santiago, Edmond Enomoto, Jonathan Quisano, Sean Yannell) 2:19.8. 2. Ohana
O Ke Kai 2:20.6. 3. Kailua 2:21.0.
12-A: 1. Hui Nalu (Moki Akeo, Todd
Hammond, Nalu Kukea, Steven
Choroski, Brad Heinrich, Mark
Kekoa) 2:09.7. 2. Healani 2:11.0. 3.
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Gomes, James Judd, Darrell Arnold) 1:54.4. 2. Waikiki Surf Club
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8:29.6.3. Outrioger 8:44.4.
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Canoe, Kukini, Leeward and Waima-

the recreation beat -

# Paddling—a family sport

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Tusi Kekaula sat on the tailgate of his pickup and frowned as he watched Outrigger Canoe Club's junior men's crew paddle the only canoe entered in its event at a regatta at Nanakuli Beach two Sundays ago.

"Shoulda went, too," said Kekaula, Waimanalo Canoe Club's head coach, "but we didn't have enough paddlers.'

With some 1,500 paddlers of all ages and both genders making a small village out of Nanakuli Beach that day, it appeared that the least of anybody's problems would be not enough paddlers.

But most of the 16 clubs in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association and the 14 clubs in the rival Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association still need more members. Only a few clubs can field crews for all 27 regatta events.

The OHCRA is the older. more tradition-laden organization and uses only koa canoes. Most Hui Wa'a clubs use fiberglass.

Some clubs need youngsters. some need older members, all of them welcome first-time paddlers and a novice can be racing within three weeks. There are nine weeks left in the regatta season, and the long-distance season runs until Oct. 10.

The easiest way to join a club is to show up at one of the many practice sites (listed. below) on any weekday afternoon. Parents often drag their kids along - or vice versa.

"That's why I love paddling - everyone can get involved," Kekaula said as the men's 40and-over crews started their race. "It's a good sport. We try to make it fun for the kids but it's not just a young person's sport, either.

"It's a fun thing; it's not all vigorous work. It's more like an ohana, a family thing."

Kekaula, a 29-year-old carpenter, knows that as well as anytwo years has taken about as much time as his job. "I wasn't sophomore men's crew.

my family," he said, "so I got who get into the sport. Jon ogy professor. "On this beach

Lani Abaya and Kanani Bowes (left and right foreground) bend to the task in a Waimanalo Canoe Club practice on Kaelepulu Stream in Kailua.

my wife, Kehau, to paddle. And my 6-year-old, Keneala, he's a little too young to race but he's asking me to train already.'

Anyone thinking of joining a club should expect to devote about 45 minutes to workouts every weekday. Club membership fees vary from \$7 to \$50. depending on the club and your age, but after that it costs almost nothing: novices can usually borrow paddles from the club and the only equipment needed is a sturdy swim-

It's a safe, virtually injuryfree sport except for blisters on your hands and sore muscles.

Kanani Bowes, 12, got into paddling the way most kids do. via friends and family. "My friends asked me to come out and paddle, so I did," she said. Her sister, Hoku, sits behind one. Coaching the 58-member her in Waimanalo's 12-year-old Waimanalo club for the past girls' crew, and their father, John, paddles on the club's

spending too much time with But it's not just youngsters somewhat like a college sociol-

Kim, 36, got in a canoe for the first time last year and is in his second year with Hui Nalu of mix of Hawaiian society. It's a Hawaii Kai.

I always wanted to paddle, but my job in condo management used to involve a lot of night meetings," Kim said. "I like this. As you get older, paddling's a good way to stay in "It's competitive, you meet a

lot of people and you can get your family involved. My wife wants to get into this, and I'm sure one of my three daughters The family atmosphere, fes-

tive regatta scenes and pot-luck parties afterward make canoe racing more than a sport. 'For 10 weeks, we picnic,

said Gardner Brown, an oldtimer with the Hawaiian Warri-

"Paddling is a socio-cultural phenomenon," said Outrigger's Fred Hemmings, sounding

you've got trustees of Bishop Estate, you have every possible tribal phenomenon.'

For people interested in join ing a club this summer, here is a list of practice sites around Oahu and the clubs that work out there, starting from town and going clockwise:
Ala Wai Canal — Healani, Hui
Lanakila, Kamehameha, Lokahi (library)

Waikiki area - Outrigger (club mempership required), Pohai Ke Aloha (near natatorium), Waikiki Beach Boys (near

Ala Moana-Magic Island - Hawaiian Varriors, Waikiki Surf Club. Keebi Lagoon — Eleu Alulike Kai. Pearl Harbor — Honolulu.
Ewa Beach — Kukini.
Nanakuli Beach — Leeward Kai.
Pokai Bay (or Makaha when calm)

- Ka Moʻi, Makaha, Ohana O Ke Kai. Haleiwa Beach — Kai Poha. Kahana Bay - Koolauloa. Kaneohe Bay - Kaneohe (Heeja Kailua Beach (mouth of Kaneohe

Stream) — Kailua, Kai Oni, Koolau, Lanikai, Maunawili, Waimanalo, Wind Waimanalo Beach - Hawaiian Outys Hawaii Kai (Maunalua Bay) - Hui

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#### Kaupiko Regatta

### Paddlers take to the surf

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It's tricky paddling an outrigger canoe off Waikiki Beach. And with the recent Kona weather chopping up the surf, it's doubly important not to get a "bum steer.

That's why Hui Nalu Canoe Club, with the deepest group of steersmen in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, is favored in tomorrow's John Kaupiko Regatta at Waikiki. Racing starts at 9 a.m.

In most regattas, each crew from 12 year olds to the makua (old folks) has its own steersman. But because surf regattas demand a skilled hand at the stern, an "open steersman" rule was adopted to let each club's best steersmen participate in any number of races.

"Hui Nalu doesn't have all the aces like it had last year," Healani coach Gary Murakami said, "but it still has the best group of steersmen. Guys like Kala Kukea and his brother Kahele, Myron and Nainoa Thompson, plus Tommy Connor,

who came over from Outrigger."

OCC's best are Fred Hemmings, formerly of Hui Nalu, and Steve Scott. Other top steersmen include Nappy Napoleon and Babe Bell of the Hawaiian Warriors, Jacob Kaio of Waikiki Surf Club and Murakami and Sherwood Nakamura of Heala-

A good steersman, Murakami said, can help his canoe catch a wave back to shore and, more important. keep it from getting swamped or hit by another canoe.

There is a second factor. "Surf

said. "The lane you draw can make involving Hawaii, Tahiti and Caliyou or break you.

Diff'rent strokes: The Hui Wa'a the new International Polynesian and Surfing Association opens its Canoe Federation, says OHCRA eight-week regatta season tomorrow race chairman Mel Kalahiki. The at the Ka Mo'i Regatta at Makaha IPCF, based in Tahiti, last week Beach. . . . Like major-league ballplayers, several paddlers have be in the (1984) Olympics as a umped to new clubs. Most notable demonstration event," Kalahiki said. is the "trade" that saw steersman Fred Hemmings go from Hui Nalu to Outrigger for OCC's top naviga- turned-paddler, says the new fourtor, Tommy Connor. Also, Nappy mile senior men's race is an event Napoleon switched from Surf Club only a masochist could love: "They to the Hawaiian Warriors and half took a nice Sunday event and turnof Hui Nalu's junior men are now ed it into an awesome event," he paddling for Lanikai's seniors.

races involve more luck," Murakami A "Triple Crown" of canoe racing, fornia? That's a possibility under "got confirmation that paddling will

Walt Guild, Outrigger's coach-

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correction

Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club holds its practices on Kaelepulu Stream near Kailua Beach Park, not at Waimanalo Beach Park as reported in Wednesday's Advertiser. The Adver-

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#### Kaupiko Spirit Continues On

Although Lukela "John D." Kaupiko, charter member and long time Hui Nalu Canoe Club coach, died 20 years ago his spirit lives on and is expected to be felt this Sunday on Waikiki Beach when his former beloved club hosts the season's first surf regatta in his

honor.

The 27-event regatta, the third race of the OHCRA's long schedule, begins at 9 a.m. fronting the Moana-Surfrider Hotel. "If the surf is up we'll see some exciting racing," promised regatta chairman Mel Kalahiki. Koa or fiberglass canoes are permitted.

Hui Nalu won this season's first two Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regattas.

Kaupiko, who for 27 years as the club's head coach, guided the fledging canoe club with inspiration and dedication for paddling.

"Kaupiko was the sparkplug who kept Hui Nalu going through the lean years before associations," said a veteran club paddler. Since the club was founded nearly 75 years ago, Hui Nalu has moved from Waikiki Beach to Hawaii Kai, with several stops in between.

Compared to many OHCRA canoe clubs, Hui Nalu is one of the rich clubs in the league, blessed with ample canoes and paddlers to fill them.

"So far we've managed to fill crews in all the other stops in the league, blessed with managed to fill crews in all the said to the second stops in the league, blessed with managed to fill crews in all the said the said to the said to

dlers to fill them. "So far we've managed to fill crews in all

but two events and in some crews, paddlers are fighting for seats," said Carol Kukea, wife of Hui Nalu's head coach, Kala Kukea.

In the Kukini Regatta at Nanakuli earlier this month, Hui Nalu scored 65 points, toping its nearest competitor by a comfortable. ping its nearest competitor by a comfortable 12 points. And if that wasn't enough, in last Sunday's King Kamehameha Regatta at Kailua, the Hawaii Kai club won by 14 points.

After two regattas, Hui Nalu's powerful sensity men's paddlers remain unbeater.

ior men's paddlers remain unbeaten. The winning crew consists of Bruce Blankenfeld, Tommy Connor, Kala Kukea, George Kissner and brothers, Nainoa and Myron Thompson. In Sunday's surf regatta, Hui Nalu's closest

competition is expected from Healani, Kailua, Lanikai and Outrigger Canoe clubs, plus Waikiki Surf club. Approximately 12 OHCRA clubs are scheduled to participate.

Also on Sunday, Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association opens its regette.

ation, opens its regatta season with a full schedule of canoe races at Makaha Beach.

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#### 'Deserve more credit'

Hawaii recently won 3 out of 5 national volleyball titles and no one seems to care. Maybe sports fans don't care because two of those three titles, the Senior and Golden Master's men's titles, were won by Outrigger Canoe Club teams. Seldom has the media or anyone given the OCC (and I don't mean the Oahu Country Club) the recognition it deserves.

Some critics think the Outrigger "buys" these championships by "importing" players to participate for the club. Quite the contrary. The only recruiting the Outrigger does is from its own membership, unlike many Mainland teams who recruit from everywhere.

Few of those teams, if any, have restrictions about who plays for them. All the players on the Outrigger teams are Outrigger Canoe Club mem-

Winning for the Outrigger comes from attitude and hard work. The club has always had a winning attitude and its participants work hard for the results. Our teams deserve a lot more credit than most people are willing to give

ROBERT L. MOORE President, Outrigger Canoe Club

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Hui Nalu Wins HCA

Hui Nalu captured the senior men's race and went on the win the Kam Regatta canoe race yesterday at Kailua Beach Park.

Bruce Blankenfeld, Tommy Connor, Kala Kukea, George Kissner, Naina Thompson and Myron Thompson made up the senior men's team that defeated Lanikai with a clocking of 33 minutes. 4.6 seconds. 33 minutes, 4.6 seconds.

Hui Nalu compiled 60 points with Lanikai runnerup with 46. Outrigger was third with 44 and Healani fourth with 39 points.