



THEY WENT THATAWAY—Waikiki Surf crew (above) appears to have commanding lead over Outrigger Canoe Club paddlers after making final turn in senior men's 2½-mile test, but OCC managed to overtake leaders and win event.—Photo by Bob Young.

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Outrigger Club Prevails in Macfarlane Regatta

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Over the years — 33, to be exact — the Outrigger Canoe Club has been especially miserly when it came to handing over the first-place trophy at the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta to any other club. Yesterday proved no exception.

Taking advantage of good wave lanes, Outrigger registered its first Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regatta win of the year (and its second consecutive Macfarlane win) by outdueling a strong Waikiki Surf Club, 47-44.

Healani finished third with 44 points and Kailua was fourth with 29.

"WE WERE A strong club today," said Outrigger Coach Mark Buck, whose team, it seemed, was destined to be the proverbial bridesmaid and never the bride. Through the first four HCRA regattas, Outrigger had consistently finished among the top three or four but had never won.

"You only read about Healani and Kailua in the

papers," said Buck. "Everyone failed to realize we were here."

Not anymore. But the win was not an easy one. It was, instead, the most tightly fought battle of the HCRA season so far.

In edging out Waikiki Surf, Outrigger was forced to place all of its chips on its crew of senior men — not at all a bad bet, it seemed, considering the fact that Outrigger had not been defeated all year when it came to the blue ribbon 2½-mile event, the last race in every regatta.

TRAILING Waikiki Surf through the first 14 events, Outrigger steadily accumulated points to take the lead, 34-31, going into the next-to-last race, the senior women's 1-mile.

But Waikiki Surf's crew — Evie Black, Casina Waterman, Anona Napolean, Chris Morishige, Rosy Lum and substitute steersman Rabbit Kekai — tied it at 39-39, beating Outrigger to the finish line by five seconds.

The following race saw outriggers from both clubs running away from

the rest of the field, deadlocked in a furious battle for first place through the first two miles.

Then, Outrigger — manned by Brant Ackerman, Tom Connor, Marshall Rosa, Paul MacLaughlin, Buck and steersman Mike Lemes — latched onto an incoming swell and pulled away from Waikiki Surf for the win.

BUCK CALLED the Macfarlane win part of his plan to "gear for the State championships." The plan, which seems to be working so far (Outrigger was third at the Windward Regatta, fourth at Makaha and second in its last two outings), calls for his club to become increasingly tough as the year goes by, hopefully culminating in a peak performance in the championships.

The win, Buck said, "provides us with a great uplift."

The final team standings and race results of the 33rd Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta:

Team Standings: Outrigger (47 pts.), Waikiki Surf (44 pts.), Healani (41 pts.), Kailua (29 pts.), Hui Nalu (22 pts.), Lanikai (21 pts.), Leeward Kai and Makaha (16 pts.)

- Boys "B" ½-mile (13 years) — 1. Healani (T-1:57.8); 2. Lanikai; 3. Leeward Kai; 4. Waikiki Surf.
- Boys "A" ½-mile (13 years) — 1. Makaha (T-2:02.1); 2. Waikiki Surf; 3. Kailua; 4. Hui Nalu.
- Women Novice "B" ½-mile — 1. Hui Nalu (T-1:49.4); 2. Waikiki Surf; 3. Lanikai; 4. Kailua.
- Boys ½-mile (13 years) — 1. Leeward Kai (T-2:16.6); 2. Outrigger; 3. Hui Nalu; 4. Healani.
- Women Novice "A" ½-mile — 1. Outrigger (T-2:05.5); 2. Healani; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Leeward Kai.
- Boys ½-mile (14 years) — 1. Waikiki Surf (T-1:41.0); 2. Lanikai; 3. Outrigger; 4. Leeward Kai.
- Girls ½-mile (14 years) — 1. Healani (T-1:46.8); 2. Outrigger; 3. Kailua; 4. Healani.
- Men Novice "B" ½-mile — 1. Waikiki Surf (T-1:56.1); 2. Outrigger; 3. Healani; 4. Lanikai.
- Men Novice "A" ½-mile — 1. Healani (T-1:54.2); 2. Lanikai; 3. Makaha; 4. Outrigger.
- Boys ½-mile (14 years) — 1. Makaha (T-2:02.3); 2. Kailua; 3. Leeward Kai; 4. Outrigger.
- Girls ½-mile (12 years) — 1. Makaha (T-2:25.3); 2. Waikiki Surf; 3. Outrigger; 4. Healani.
- Boys 1-mile (18 years) — 1. Lanikai (T-4:12.1); 2. Healani; 3. Leeward Kai; 4. Kailua.
- Freshmen Women ½-mile — 1. Hui Nalu (T-4:54.9); 2. Healani; 3. Leeward Kai; 4. Makaha.
- Freshmen Men 1-mile — 1. Outrigger (T-4:18.3); 2. Kailua; 3. Lanikai; 4. Hui Nalu.
- Sophomore Women ½-mile — 1. Healani (T-4:19.1); 2. Kailua; 3. Outrigger; 4. Hui Nalu.
- Sophomore Men ½-mile — 1. Kailua (T-1:04.3); 2. Outrigger; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Makaha.
- Junior Women ½-mile — 1. Kailua (T-4:39.1); 2. Outrigger; 3. Healani; 4. Leeward Kai.
- Junior Men 1-mile — 1. Healani (T-16:47.0); 2. Kailua; 3. Waikiki Surf; 4. Lanikai.
- Senior Women 1-mile — 1. Waikiki Surf (T-9:32.8); 2. Outrigger; 3. Healani; 4. Kailua.
- Senior Men 2½-mile — 1. Outrigger (T-20:11.8); 2. Healani; 3. Hui Nalu; 4. Lanikai.
- Open 4:01 mile special event — 1. Waikiki Surf; 2. Lanikai; 3. Outrigger; 4. Makaha.