

Outrigger gets Hui Nalu's help to win regatta

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Unpredictable things happen when outriggers race in the surf. For the Outrigger Canoe Club, a 56-point winner of yesterday's Walter McFarlane regatta at Waikiki, the whims of the sea seemed tailor-made.

The first quirk which turned out to be a guised blessing for Outrigger was an unexpected surge by Hui Nalu in the early going. Hui Nalu (which ended up in second place overall with 46 points) had never finished better than fifth in previous regattas this season, but it led the pack yesterday after 14 races by ten points.

Hui Nalu's surprise wins came at the expense of Kailua, previously undefeated in regattas this season. Relying on Fred Hemmings' steering, Hui Nalu was able to grab four firsts, two seconds and a third in early events usually dominated by Kailua.

SINCE HUI NALU did not have either junior women or junior men's crews, it was not going to get enough points to win the regatta — but Hui Nalu did act as a spoiler, putting the regatta up for Outrigger or Healani.

Going into the last three races of the day, Outrigger trailed Hui Nalu 38-36 and Healani was right behind with 34. At that point the regatta could have gone either way.

"I've got to depend on my lanes (1-3)," said Baby Bell, Healani's coach. "We've got good lanes (with better, rideable waves). A lot depends on luck. Like lane seven has no waves."

At this point the junior men's race began. Healani had a lane close to the surf and Outrigger had lane seven.

"WHAT I LIKE about this regatta is that it gives a lot of crews that have never won a chance to win some medals," said Outrigger coach Brant Ackerman, while watching his junior men paddle out.

Ackerman pointed out that the junior crew had little chance of winning due to the lane and that the regatta would come down to the senior events.

At this point, however, the capricious waters provided Outrigger with two more boons. First, Outrigger's junior men picked up a freak wave about a quarter-mile out in lane seven — placing them leagues ahead of the pack.

Then, 40 yards from the finish, with Outrigger already in first, Healani swamped — resulting in no team points for Outrigger's closest rival.

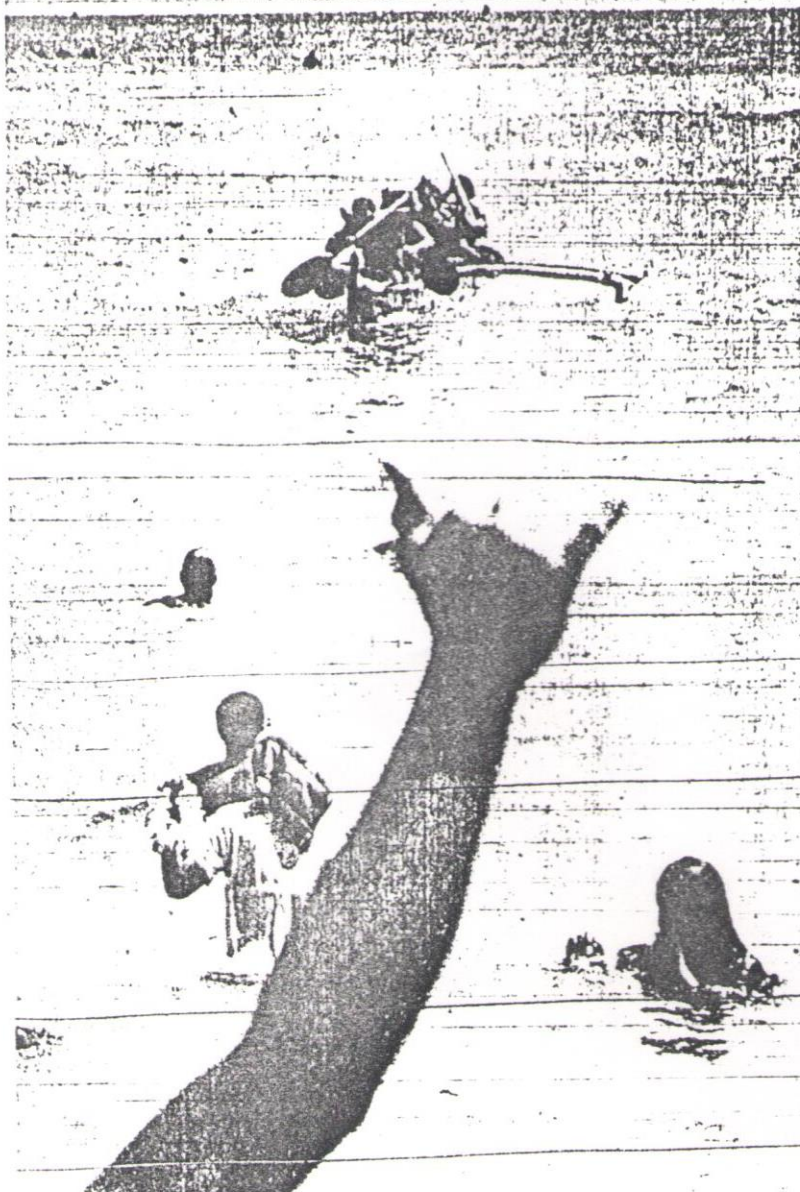
By this time Outrigger was already into its bread-and-butter senior crews. The Outrigger women won in a record time. So did the men.

THE ONLY CONSISTENT things about the McFarlane regatta are the successes of the Outrigger Club and especially the Outrigger senior men. The club won the regatta last year. The senior men have won the race for the past five years.

The senior men's race, which ended the team scoring, typified the regatta.

As in the regatta overall, Outrigger and Hui Nalu were close (both crews were in adjacent lanes and tied just after the half-way mark).

As in the regatta, Outrigger was able to pull away from Hui Nalu at the end. And as in the regatta Hui Nalu surprised the other contenders — Kailua and Healani — and kept them out of the big points.



It was definitely a "shaka" day for Outrigger Canoe Club at yesterday's Walter McFarlane regatta in Waikiki. Here, the club's senior men cruise in after clinching both their race and the 56-point team win for the club.

- Boys B 12, 1/2 mile-1, Healani (Dr. smand Rayator, Ken Kronging, Ronald Kai, Kanae Keone, Richard Ben, Eric McClint) 2:43.2, 2, Hui Nalu, 3, Outrigger.
- Boys A 12, 1/2 mile-1, Waikiki Surf (Michael Lum, Blaine Ho, David Matsushita, Clarence Mota, Jarosh Chan, Naomasa Hasegawa) 2:58.8, 2, Healani, 3, Kailua.
- Women B novice, 1/2 mile-1, Healani (Tara Hironaka, Betsy Beaman, Kelly Shevness, Corbin Jacques, Robin Davis, P. Bell) 2:58.2, 2, Outrigger, 3, Waikiki Surf.
- Boys 13, 1/2 mile-1, Hui Nalu (Dai Robins, Rex Peters, Bender Aach, Don Grande, Tom Kapa, Fred Hemmings) 1:42 (record), 2, Lohikal, 3, Kailua.
- Women A novice, 1/2 mile-1, Outrigger (Loren Jones, Lydie Martin, Paty Williams, Akiha Hironaka, Shirley Stolensberg, Brant Ackerman) 2:51.1, 2, Healani, 3, Hui Nalu.
- Boys 14, 1/2 mile-1, Lohikal (Charles Santiago, Mike Overhol, Joe Adams, Primo Lombardi, Paul Green, Alan Luer) 1:50.2, 2, Hui Nalu, 3, Outrigger.
- Girls 15, 1/2 mile-1, Healani (Paula Makia, Swartz Wright, Judith Ann Kapa, Jackie Dament, Michelle Martin, Richard Bell) 1:58.8, 2, Waikiki Surf, 3, Outrigger.
- Men B novice, 1/2 mile-1, Hui Nalu (Paul Puaahi, Bill Alameda, Aron Grayard, Alan Nishimura, Robert Price, Billy Mitchell) 4:58.8, 2, Healani, 3, Kailua.
- Men A novice, 1/2 mile-1, Kailua (Dave Anderson, Dudley Kapa, Tony Tuen, Mark Tuen, Barbara Lee, Richard Wolf) 3:38.4, 2, Hui Nalu, 3, Lohikal.
- Boys 16, 1/2 mile-1, Outrigger (win team Graham, Aron Kabanem, Grass Graham, Dana Rueter, Todd Bradley, Keone Downing) 3:43.8 (record), 2, Hui Nalu, 3, Waikiki Surf.
- Girls 17, 1/2 mile-1, Hui Nalu (Elium Fukunaga, Olan Daval, Maureen McManis, Pam Johnson, Brenda Anna Sara, Fred Hemmings) 4:19.1 (record), 2, Outrigger, 3, Kailua.
- Boys 18, 1/2 mile-1, Lohikal (Terry Phuaun, LUC Medeiros, John Pastana, Carl Sheenman, Paul Green, Rooney Kaula) 4:19.3, 2, Kailua, 3, Healani.
- Women freshmen, 1/2 mile-1, Hui Nalu (Patsy Hoogy, Laris Rasmussen, Jojo Linton, Marj Linton, Carl Kapa, Fred Hemmings) 4:09.1 (record), 2, Lohikal, 3, Kailua.
- Men freshmen, 1/2 mile-1, Kailua (Robert Burns, Pat Erwin, Larry Amador, Tim Dougherty, Dave Boudeau, Duke Weis) 4:14 (record), 2, Waikiki Surf, 3, Healani.
- Women sophomore, 1/2 mile-1, Kailua (Gunn Kapu, Christa Kaye Sharp, Beulah, Keahi Green, Sam Hooper) 4:15.2, 2, Healani, 3, Hui Nalu.
- Men sophomore, 1/2 mile-1, Waikiki Surf (Olan Daval, Aron Kabanem, Chuck Frisbee, Larry Lauer, Dwight Yabumoto, Nana, Naomasa) 4:15.8 (record), 2, Outrigger, 3, Kailua.
- Women junior, 1/2 mile-1, Outrigger (Christy Wilson, Tracey Heavens, Susan Smith, Stephanie Sells, Heidi DeLeon, Maie Moutere) 4:28.1 (record), 2, Healani, 3, Lohikal.
- Men junior, 2 1/2 miles-1, Kailua (Christopher Hander, Mark Motes, John Torres, Tom Mee, Kevin Young, Sam Hooper) 14:18.2, 2, Outrigger, 3, Lohikal.
- Women senior, 1/2 mile-1, Outrigger (Eve Buck, Michele St. John, Heidi Scott, Mike Mames, Anne Mullen, Connie Maguire) 4:08 (record), 2, Healani, 3, Hui Nalu.
- Men senior, 2 1/2 miles-1, Outrigger (Tom Guard, Mark Buck, Marjorie Bass, Brant Ackerman, Bill Heavens, Mike Lerner) 30:58 (record), 2, Hui Nalu, 3, Kailua.
- Team standings-1, Outrigger 56, 2, Hui Nalu 46, 3, Healani 34, 4, Lohikal 28, 5, Waikiki Surf 26, 6, Lohikal 25, 7, Kailua 18, 8, Lohikal 18.