

Hui Nalu wins as Malia returns

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The waves off Waikiki broke Malia in two last year.

But yesterday Malia, the Waikiki Surf Club's storied 43-year-old koa canoe, was the only non-fiberglass canoe to brave the surf at the Walter J. MacFarlane Regatta off Waikiki.

Hui Nalu out-pointed Outrigger 86-62 for the team title.

Clubs in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association normally race with koa canoes. It's the core of HCRA tradition.

But the host Outrigger Canoe Club made an exception for yesterday's regatta because the surf, running at 5-6 feet, increased the chance of damage to the priceless koa hulls.

Every club elected to go fiberglass. Every one, that is, except for Waikiki Surf Club.

Tradition runs deep.

"Bringing out your koa in Hawaii, that's probably the best offering you can make to the old-timers," said club president George Downing.

And WSC members would rather paddle with their bare hands than enter a race without Malia.

"For us, Malia will always be our racing boat," said club member Glenn Kaia. "We treat her like a human being. It's something that's hard to explain."

Just then the Malia was carried onto the beach. Something was wrong. Kaia turned and ran to the canoe, grabbing the equipment bag on the way.

Like anxious mothers, she and Luana Froiseth looked over the trouble. Several dowels on the gunwale had popped out. Minor. Kaia looked relieved.

"Everybody's scared," she said, "but this is a race, and when there's a race Malia comes first."

HCRA President Ward Russell said, "In the early days of canoe racing it was a perennial champion. It's a symbol of the Waikiki Surf Club. They have a very strong emotional attachment to that canoe. It's a beautiful feeling."

It wasn't beautiful at last year's MacFarlane Regatta when she and a Koolau Club canoe collided, severing Malia's bow. Two weeks and \$1,200 later she was whole again.

There are a lot of Malia clones. In the '60s she raced in California, and when she was returned some boat-

builders took a mold from her to make the first fiberglass canoes.

But to Waikiki Surf Club members there is only one Malia. "There's no money that could buy that boat," Downing said.

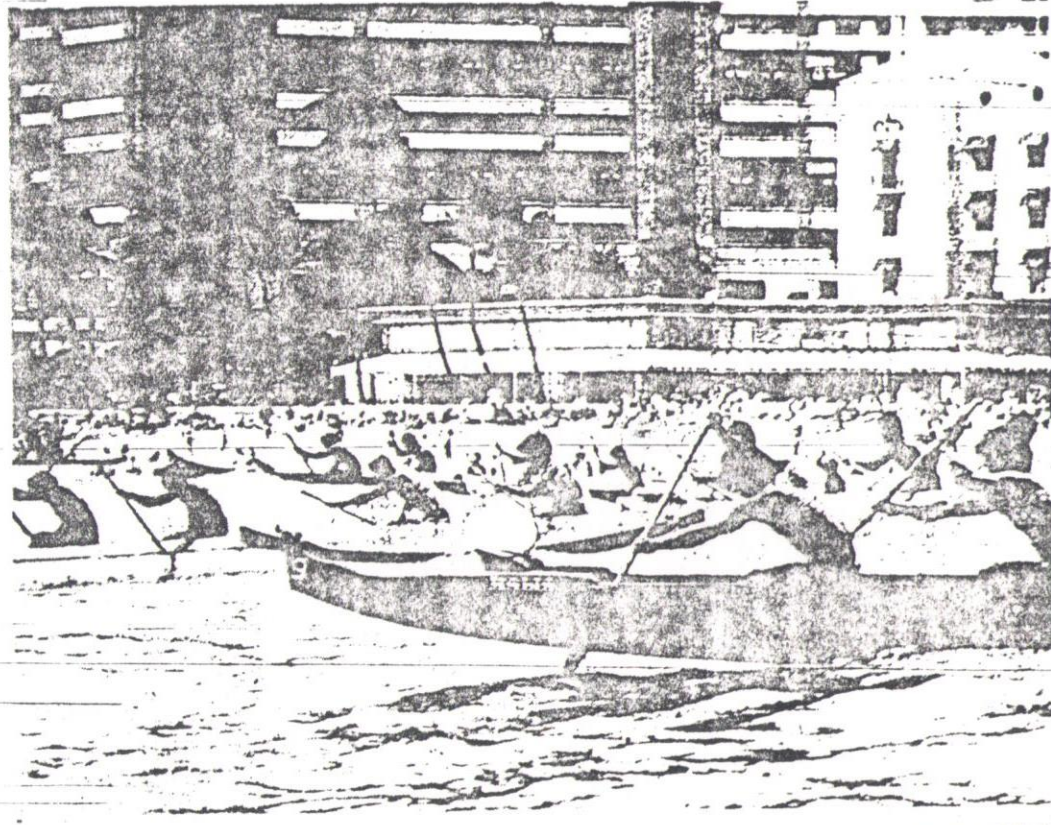
Depending on who you were, the Waikiki waves were either a boon (if you caught one to victory) or a bane (if they swamped your canoe or, worse, caused a collision).

In one race Healan's canoe struck the rear of Outrigger's canoe, causing minor damage. In another, Kailua's canoe pearly under, cracking the bow and causing the canoe to almost sink before club members swam out to bring it in.

At Kahana Bay, meanwhile, the Waikiki Beach Boys won six events, including senior men and senior women, to win the Hui O Koolauloa Regatta and register its second consecutive Hui Wa'a and Surfing regatta victory.

The Beach Boys scored 50 points to outdistance defending association champion Loa'a, with 30. Windward Kai edged Kaneohe 24-23 for third place.

Results of both regattas on page C-2



Waikiki Surf Club paddlers (foreground), in their koa canoe, head out to the buoy along with the rest of the fleet during yesterday's Walter MacFarlane Regatta in waters off Waikiki.

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OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION
Walter J. MacFarlane Regatta off Waikiki Beach
Males

Senior — 1. Hui Nalu 17:36.8, 2. Warriors 16:30.8, 3. Waikiki Surf 16:32.8, 4. Senior Masters — 1. Lanikai 3:30.3, 2. Waikiki 4:07.8, 3. Outrigger 4:31.8, Junior — 1. Outrigger 13:01.2, 2. Healan 13:21.8, 3. Hui Nalu 21:16.7, Freshman — 1. Outrigger 7:36.8, 2. Hui Nalu 7:36.8, 3. Waikiki 8:06.7, Masters — 1. Hui Nalu 4:28.2, 2. Makaha 5:22.8, 3. Kailua 5:37.8, Open — 1. Hui Nalu 4:21.8, 2. Lanikai 4:41.8, 3. Kailua 4:53.1, Novice A — 1. Hui Nalu 4:04.8, 2. Makaha 4:22.8, 3. Hui Lanikai 4:23.7, Novice B — 1. Lanikai 4:07.8, 2. Hui Nalu 4:08.8, 3. Hawaiian Warriors 4:09.8, 16-under — 1. Outrigger 7:48.7, 2. Kailua 8:26.7, 3. Waikiki Surf 9:32.1, 16-over — 1. Lanikai 4:08.4, 2. Hui Nalu 4:13.2, 3. Lanikai 4:15.8, 16-under — 1. Lanikai 4:15.8, 1:54.4, 2. Honolulu 1:54.3, 3. Hui Nalu 1:56.3, 15-under — 1. Outrigger 1:41.3, 2. Makaha 1:42.7, 3. Waikiki Surf 1:44.2, 15A — 1. Healan 7:08.3, 2. Lanikai 7:09.7, 3. Makaha 7:16.8, 15B — 1. Hui Nalu 1:56.1, 2. Outrigger 1:56.4, 3. Kailua 2:06.4

WOMEN

Senior — 1. Hui Nalu 9:22.8, 2. Outrigger 10:05.3, 3. Healan 10:34.8, Junior — 1. Hui Nalu 4:16.8, 2. Outrigger 4:19.8, 3. Healan 4:44.8, 16-under — 1. Hui Nalu 4:33.8, 2. Outrigger 4:34.3, 3. Warriors 4:07.8, Freshman — 1. Healan 4:34.8, 2. Kailua 4:35.3, 3. Hui Nalu 4:39.8, 17-under — 1. Outrigger 4:37.8, 2. Waikiki 4:38.8, 3. Kailua 4:39.8, Masters — 1. Outrigger 1:47.1, 2. Lanikai 1:51.3, 3. Hui Nalu 1:55.8, 15-under — 1. Outrigger 7:02.7, 2. Lanikai 7:02.3, 3. Waikiki Surf 7:04.3, Novice A — 1. Kailua 1:40.3, 2. Hui Nalu 1:40.8, 3. Warriors 1:39.8, 15-over — 1. Kailua 1:40.4, 2. Hui Nalu 1:40.1, 3. Outrigger 1:40.7, 2. Lanikai 1:40.1, 3. Healan 1:39.2, 3. Healan 1:38.1, 3. Hui Nalu 1:38.4

MISSED

Non-entrant — 1. Honolulu 4:35.2, 2. Hui Nalu 4:36.8, 3. Waikiki Surf 4:09.8, 4. Honolulu — 1. Hui Nalu 1:49.3, 2. Honolulu 2:01.8, 3. Lanikai 2:08.8

TEAM SCORE 189

AAA Division — 1. Hui Nalu 88, 2. Outrigger 82, 3. Healan 77, 4. Waikiki Surf 77, 5. Lanikai 36, 6. Kailua 11, 4. Division — 1. Lanikai 17, 2. Makaha 14, 3. Healan, Hawaiian Warriors and Kailua, both 13, 4. Honolulu 11, 4. Hui Lanikai.