

Hui Nalu uncorks a McFarlane victory

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Toots Minvielle, who says he's been involved in canoe racing since 1917, peacefully watched the surf off Waikiki Beach at the Walter J. MacFarlane Regatta yesterday.

"This particular race is the same as it always was — wonderful," Minvielle said. "There's a big crowd here and the day is just about ideal."

Despite the tourist-sized prices for sandwiches, sodas and tofu ice cream, yesterday's canoe regatta contained the traditional elements: surf, koa boats and champagne for the winners of the men's senior race.

The Hui Nalu Canoe Club did not earn the right to sip the bubbly, but it amassed enough points to win its second Oahu Iwawana Canoe Racing Association regatta in a row.

Hui Nalu finished with 79 points, followed by Outrigger (67), Healani (67); Healani Canoe Club (46); Lanikai (29); Anuenue (24); and Kailua (21).

Hui Lanakila won the "A" division with 25 points. Waikiki Surf finished second with 15 points and Kai Oni was third with 11.

There were only seven lanes in this regatta. Best times from the three previous MCRA races this season determined which team qualified for each event. Lots were drawn for lane assignments.

No boats capsized yesterday, but the Kailua Canoe Club and the Hawaiian Warriors sustained cracks in their canoes and were forced to withdraw from the regatta.

Hui Nalu placed first in 10 of the 29 events. But for the fourth consecutive weekend, Hui Nalu finished second to Outrigger in the high-scoring senior races.

Hui Nalu actually clinched the regatta title one event prior to the senior races. Hui Nalu led OCC, 65-49, with three events left. Hui Nalu improved its lead to 69-51 after placing second in the men's junior race. OCC finished third in that event, which was scored on a 7-4-2-1 system.

With the two senior events scored on an 8-5-3-1 system, Hui Nalu was ensured the victory.

Outrigger edged Hui Nalu in the 1½-mile women's senior event, finishing in 13:23.5, its fastest time this season.

Then OCC's senior men's team withstood the surf and paddle fatigue to win its event in a season-best 19:36.2.

Walt Guild, a paddler on the OCC senior team and a descendant of Walter MacFarlane, said his crew was at a disadvantage because of the surf condition in OCC's lane.

He said the waves were breaking big in the first through third lanes, not in his

team's lane (No. 5).

"We knew that at any time they (crews in lanes one, two and three) could catch a wave and pass us," said Guild, a former University of Hawaii football player. "We were running scared the whole time."

Despite placing second in the final two races, the Hui Nalu rosters maintained their high spirits, chanting, "Hu, Hu, Hu" after each race.

"It's a strong club, a family club," Kissner said of Hui Nalu. "We try to get everybody involved and I think that shows. We try to back each other up, even if we aren't paddling that week."

Then Kissner, who paddled on the Hui Nalu men's senior crew, paused, and said, "It would be nice to drink the champagne, but not this week. I'd rather have the club win."

Boys

120. 1. Hawaii (Hanson Lum John Makuaolo Kelly CoCo) Troy Inoué Brian Souza David Kelama) 149.1. Outrigger (149.4 Lanikai 151.1 17A. 1. Hui Nalu (Nalu Kueka Justin Thom, Nolan Rawlins Eric Piroche Kahu Jones) Kahu Kueka) 142.2. 2. Waikiki Surf (144.0) 3. Outrigger (156.6) 3. Anuenue (Kailua Keahana, Nolan Perry, Rangi Anga, Rumi Keane, Aho Stewart Kawakami, Robert Ah Chai) 148.8 2. Healani Warriors (150.7) 3. Hui Nalu (158.8) 14. Hui Nalu (John Nagamine, Keanu Jones, Raj Menta, Tony Lau, Max Madrick, Kahu Kueka) 137.2 2. Hui Lanakila (137.1) 3. Kailua (140.1) Novice B 1. Waikiki Surf (Jim Custer, Hussel Chung, Huang Kuroda, William Meyer, Jeff Parades, Jarmo Kaku) 352.5 2. Hui Lanakila (344.1) 3. Hui Nalu (402.5) 16. Outrigger (Mark Sandrow, Alan Prueger, Todd Sandrow, Michael Cunniff, Mark Taitel, Fred Hemmings) 338.6 2. Anuenue 402.3, 3. Waikiki (403.0) Senior Masters 1. Outrigger (Norm Dunne, Jack Muller, Kim Workman, Lincoln Scott, John Beaumont, Alan Hietala) 345.4 2. Lanikai (401.0) 3. Healani (407.9) Open 4 1. Hui Lanakila (Lillian Field, Leo Gray, Mel Kinney, Leighton Lox) 411.3 2. Healani (419.3) 3. Hui Nalu (429.9) Novice A 1. Hui Nalu (John Kueka, John Kueka, Eugene Jaka, Otsuro, Don Castle, Kevin O'Keefe, K. Kueka) 132.2 2. Hui Lanakila (616.5) 3. Healani (627.3) 18. 1. Hui Nalu (Martin Kelly, Matt Hozuka, Neal Raphael, David Smith, Mike Dunne, Myron Thompson) 7:23.0 2. Waikiki Surf (8:10.6) 3. Healani (8:18.9) Freshmen 1. Healani (Mike Higgins, Courtney Seto, Kelly Bauron, Mike Harding, Steven Hobbs, Arvin Kadani) 7:56.0 2. Outrigger (7:52.0) 3. Hui Lanakila (7:57.8) Masters 1. Outrigger (George Perry, 74) 2. Healani (7:57.8) 3. Hui Lanakila (7:57.8) 149. 1. Anuenue (1:28.5) 2. Healani (1:29.4) 3. Lanikai (8:01.2) Sophomore 1. Hui Nalu (Duffy Hale, Wesley Luke, John Hammond, Paul Aho, Kevin Ohi, Myron Thompson) 12:01.9 2. Outrigger (12:02.9) 3. Hui Lanakila (12:37.6) Junior 1. Lanikai (Chaunacy Cumara, Nelson Makua, Jim Blum, Gus Grand, Jim Adams, Frank Ioli) 15:32.0 2. Hui Nalu (15:49.1) 3. Outrigger (15:49.9) Senior Outrigger (Ed Pickering, Marc Hale, Bob Hily, Bob Bright, Walter Guild, Brent Ackerman) 19:36.2 2. Hui Nalu (20:06.7) 3. Lanikai (21:01.8)

Women

12. 1. Hawaiian Warriors (Nicom Tanner, Nicole Lunns, Donnellie Gail, Jaci Chung, Holly Quatano, Sam Steamboat) 2:09.7 2. Healani (2:13.3) 3. Kailua (2:15.6) 13. 1. Hui Nalu (Shanley Spencer, Dana Culliva, Marie Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Keena Lee, Kara Kueka) 2:02.5 2. Outrigger (2:09.9) 3. Healani (2:14.3) 14. 1. Healani (Tanya Yamaguchi, Jennifer Kueka, Raynelle Heales, Lisa Fontana, Janine Shinamoto, Gary Muraoka) 1:34.0 2. Kai Oni (2:05.8) 3. Outrigger (2:09.7) Novice B 1. Hui Nalu (Lynn Lohy, Lori Kelly, Terry Steffery, Ann Nobriga, Maria Crosson, Leighton Lox) 1:42.8 2. Hui Nalu (1:46.1) 3. Healani (1:47.0) Masters 1. Lanikai (Sue Awana, Jane Lipp, Betty June, Yip Bernice, Gay, Kamala Cushman, Paul Gay) 4:28.5 2. Outrigger (4:26.3) 3. Healani (4:35.1) 16. 1. Hui Nalu (Andrea Stouffer, Keli Madrick, Tali Hui, Lani, Gwynethana, Karen Maser, Myron Thompson) 3:13.3 17. 1. Healani (3:15.6) 2. Outrigger (3:15.6) 18. 1. Outrigger (Chris Bertram, Heidi Ernie, Melissa Stephens, Cathy Low, Wendy Gilis, Mari Hietala) 4:23.6 2. Lanikai (4:24.3) 3. Hui Nalu (4:32.0) Novice A 1. Kailua (Cathy, Berni, Mary Ann, Wexley, Linda Isenberg, Elizabeth Smith, Louise Kaku, Kailua Keahana) 4:37.2 2. Anuenue (4:38.8) 3. Hui Nalu (4:42.2) Open 4 1. 3. Hui Nalu (Shelley Hale, Marie Makua, Lou Jane, Leni, K. Kueka) 4:32.6 2. Kailua (4:36.7) 3. Outrigger (4:40.1) Freshmen 1. Kailua (Debra Jacobs, Vivian Jo, Andye Kincaid, Lori Curtis, Beth Matilda, Kahu Kueka) 7:00.7 2. Healani (7:01.9) 3. Outrigger (7:17.1) Sophomore 1. Healani (Patsy Vasquez, Nurma Kueka, Elizabeth Loh, Rini, Mary Datta, Pamela Larson, Sherwood Nakamura) 9:24.4 2. Lanikai (9:27.1) 3. Outrigger (9:36.1) Junior 1. Hui Nalu (10:55.9) 2. Outrigger (11:26.7) 3. Anuenue (12:30) Senior 1. Outrigger (15:49.9) 2. Hui Nalu (15:49.9) 3. Anuenue (15:49.9) 19. 1. Outrigger (15:49.9) 2. Hui Nalu (15:49.9) 3. Anuenue (15:49.9)

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1. Hui Nalu (Breton Black, Shannon O'Brien, Pam Hoffman, Sandra Hammond, Mela Soley, Myron Thompson) 4:13.6 2. Hui Lanakila 4:17.0 3. Anuenue 4:18.0