

OCC rules the waves in Macfarlane Regatta

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Paddling a canoe off Waikiki is always a two-edged sword. Sure, it's fun to catch a wave back to shore.

But to get out there . . . Yesterday's 43rd Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta, won handily by Outrigger Canoe Club, was a case in point.

Crews bobbed and bored, often spectacularly, through 3- to 5-foot surf on their seaward legs.

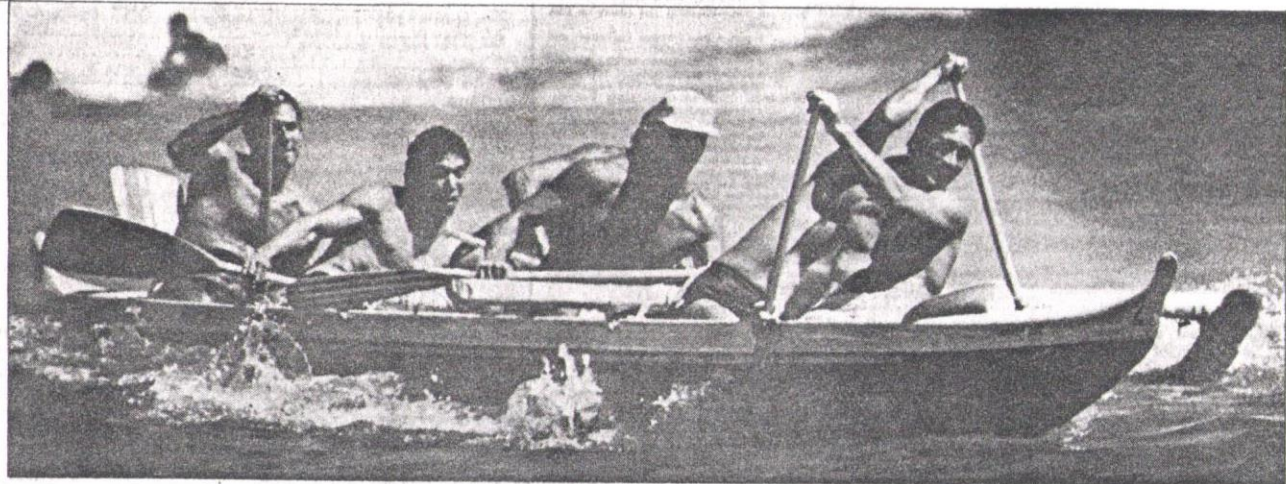
When a southbound canoe hit a northbound wave, its needle-like bow would lunge into space at a 35-degree angle, then fall hard, slapping the sea.

On one such ride, John Cortez of Waikiki Surf Club sustained what appeared to be injuries to his right ribcage area. He was treated at St. Francis Hospital and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Cortez was the stroke, or forwardmost paddler, on Surf Club's sophomore men's crew.

"When the first wave hit, he fell back on me and I pushed him back up," said crewmate Phillip Garcia, who had a small cut on the bridge of his nose. "Then a second wave. The third time, we all got thrown out of the canoe."

Crewmates speculated that



Crew members strain as they make a tight turn during the two-mile junior men's event.

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Cortez hit the canoe's gunwale on his side when the bow of the canoe came down. An ambulance took him to St. Francis.

Other crews averted disaster with seemingly unorthodox methods.

Fred Hemmings, Outrigger's veteran steersman, yelled at his 18-year-old boys crew to jump out just before they hit a big wave. The canoe, suddenly some 1,000 pounds lighter without its six-man crew, eased over the wave. The boys

scrambled back in and won the race.

"This is a race against the ocean more than a race against others," said Hemmings, 39, a former champion surfer and state representative who is outspoken on shoreline recreation

issues. "It's a steersman's race. If something's going to beat you, it's probably going to be the ocean."

It could also be said that if something was going to beat Outrigger this season, it was going to have to be the ocean.

And yesterday, the ocean lost. OCC, always strong, is lapping the field this year. In a sport in which scoring 80 points in a regatta is considered exceptional, OCC has scored

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Outrigger triumphs with ease

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more than 100 in winning all Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association meets this year.

Yesterday, Outrigger scored 104 points. It won 17 of the 30 races, and finished first in two other races before being disqualified.

Kailua was second with 62 points and Hui Nalu third with 50. Hui Lanakila won the small-clubs' division with 31 points.

The unusually large surf that hit Oahu's south shore during the week was gone by yesterday, but OCC, the host club, still allowed clubs to use fiberglass canoes instead of the traditional koa canoes.

The reason: a koa canoe costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000. A suitable koa log alone costs about \$12,000.

Anuenue was the only club to use its koa canoe yesterday. In all, there were numerous swampings but no serious collisions.

Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta At Waikiki Beach Men

1. Hui Nalu (Chris Hochuli, Jesse Tom, Lee Digouin, Evan Stewart, Colin Ah Yat, Kukea) 1:45.7. 2. Waikiki Surf 1:49.0. 3. Outrigger 1:49.9. **12A:** 1. Kailua (Kapono Souza, Pono Lealao, Keiki Watson, Chris Sheeder, Michael Hikalea, Kamoa Kalama) 1:47.4. 2. Healani 1:49.2. 3. Hui Nalu 1:58.7. **13:** 1. Waikiki Surf (James Limahai, Randy Kalauli, Jeffrey Matsuki, John Cortez Jr., Wayson Waniya, Jake Kai) 1:26.1. 2. Kailua 1:28.7. 3. Outrigger 1:29.0. **14:** 1. Outrigger (Jonathan Glaser, Hunter Eggers, John Kilpatrick, Craig Campbell, Wyatt Jones, Fred Hemmings) 1:40.1. 2. Waimanalo 1:51.4. 3. Hui Nalu 1:58.8. **Novice B:** 1. Outrigger (Robert Moranha, Mike Town, James Stahl, Robert Ostrem, Robert Lex, Marc Haine) 3:53.7. 2. Hui Lanakila 4:02.3. 3. Healani 4:13.5. **16:** 1. Outrigger (Wesley Goodwin, Cory Beall, Robert Campbell, Alex Honeycutt, Walter Guild) 3:40.2. 2. Kai Oni 3:57.8. 3. Kailua 4:08.4. **Senior masters:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Dennis Hirayama, Peter Oliveira, William Lyman, William Soares, John Davis, Sam Kaaua) 3:48.9. 2. Healani 4:02.5. 3. Outrigger 4:02.9. **Open Four:** 1. Outrigger (Kendall Bintliff, Levi Stanley, Dana Rupey, Aka Hemmings) 3:58.8. 2. Waikiki Surf 4:11.1. 3. Anuenue 4:12.1. **Novice A:** 1. Healani (Reny Pili, Mike Rojas, Andrew Van Bourg, Craig Tillman, Russell Akamine, Sherwood Nakamura) 5:43.9. 2. Hui Nalu 5:51.0. 3. Outrigger 5:57.6. **18:** 1. Outrigger (Mark Sandvold, Alan Pflueger, Todd Sandvold, Howie Kiemmer, Loch Eggers, Fred Hemmings) 7:37.5. 2. Healani 7:40.7. 3. Hui Lanakila 7:44.0. **Freshman:** 1. Hui Nalu (Darren Seto, David Fudge, Jack Di Tullio, Koa Canarid, Monte Tillbrook, Bruce Blankenfeld) 7:40.1. 2. Healani 7:41.8. 3. Kailua 8:12.3. **Masters:** 1. Kailua (Bob Bruce, Rocky Cashman, Ed Voeller, Bob Cates, Randy Caviara, Gary Murakami) 7:55.5. 2. Hui Nalu 8:28.4. 3. Hawaiian Warriors 8:49.9. **Sophomore:** 1. Outrigger (Billy Foytich, Keahi Farden, Tommy Damon, Chris Kincaid, Mike Turner, Aka Hemmings) 11:53.2. 2. Kailua 12:07.6. 3. Healani 12:51.0. **Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Michael Fox, Henry

Ayau, Karl Heyer, John Finney, Kevin Olds, Todd Bradley) 15:14.6. 2. Hui Lanakila 15:55.2. 3. Waikiki Surf 16:06.1. **Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Bob Riley, Bill Bright, Ed Pickering, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, Brant Ackerman) 17:46.4. 2. Kailua 19:00.6. 3. Hui Nalu 19:46.9.

Women

12: 1. Hui Nalu (Andrea Cediles, Nicole Kauhi, Stephanie Newman, Michelle Anyat, Michelle Luis, K. Kukea) 1:52.3. 2. Lanikai 1:56.5. 3. Kailua 2:09.4. **13:** 1. Hui Nalu (Dian Parker, Dendy Freeland, Kristi Mossman, Moana Shizuni, Rosalyn Dias, K. Kukea) 1:51.7. 2. Leeward Kai 1:53.7. 3. Outrigger 1:54.6. **14:** 1. Outrigger (Heidi Brissette, Farely Bischoff, Alexis Brinck, Tammy Pattison, Natalie Buckman, Walter Guild) 1:43.7. 2. Hui Lanakila 1:44.3. 3. Hui Nalu 1:44.6. **Novice B:** 1. Outrigger (Terri Pynchon, Diorah Sheffield, Jill Cheever, Kym McKeade, Janis McPheeters, Fred Hemmings) 1:40.5. 2. Hawaiian Warriors 1:53.0. 3. Anuenue 1:53.6. **Senior masters:** 1. Kailua (Casey Beck, Dotty Nakea, Bev Ailen, Mary Moore, Sara Dougherty, Gary Murakami) 1:41.5. 2. Outrigger 1:41.8. 3. Hui Nalu 1:42.6. **Masters:** 1. Outrigger (Paddy Dunn, Kathy Clifford, Ann Cundall, Marilyn Thompson, Hilary Eggers, Walter Guild) 4:19.6. 2. Hui Lanakila 4:22.9. 3. Kailua 4:25.3. **16:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Kelly Joy, Kathy Nakano, Aulu Heine, Shanlynn Souza, Blythe Gascon, Leighton Look) 4:07.9. 2. Hui Nalu 4:08.5. 3. Outrigger 4:11.8. **18:** 1. Outrigger (Mia Kresser, Sheila Stehauer, Sara Ackerman, Katie McCrary, Shannon Boyd, Tom Connor) 4:29.2. 2. Kailua

4:34.2. 3. Hui Nalu 4:35.1. **Novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Gail Vincent, Sharon Kilpatrick, Susan Barron, Bonnie Louise Judd, Carolyn Lass, Fred Hemmings) 4:22.7. 2. Healani 4:25.0. 3. Kailua 4:47.7. **Open Four:** 1. Kailua (Kelly Sylva, Gay Sousa, Molly Cates, John Puakea) 4:39.0. 2. Anuenue 4:42.6. 3. Outrigger 4:43.8. **Freshman:** Outrigger (Malia Snyder, Cathleen Ho, Colleen Quinn (Keane), Jill Anderson, Colleen Kelley, Aka Hemmings) 5:33.2. 2. Hui Nalu 6:04.5. 3. Anuenue 6:06.7. **Sophomore:** 1. Kailua (Jedmae Handley, Lorev Bode, Ardythe Kincaid, Chrystal Hogue, Cheryl Mau, Gary Murakami) 8:24.7. 2. Hui Nalu 8:39.2. 3. Healani 8:50.0. **Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Kisi Haine, Jeanne Jenkins, Norma Santiago, Suzy Hemmings, Paula Carbone, Tom Connor) 10:39.2. 2. Kailua 10:54.2. 3. Hui Nalu 11:48.7. **Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Lesline Connor, Muffery Scully, Traci Phillips, Tiare Richert-Finney, Mary Franco, Tom Connor) 11:59.3. 2. Kailua 13:15.4. 3. Hui Nalu 13:24.5.

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1. Outrigger (Jay Pynchon, Gilbert Vaughn, Pat Dray, Steve Van Lier Ribbink, Debbie Peck, Kisi Haine) 3:58.3. 2. Kailua 4:01.0. 3. Waikiki Surf 4:02.6.

Team scoring

AA Division: 1. Outrigger 104 points. 2. Kailua 62. 3. Hui Nalu 50. 4. Healani 24. **A Division:** 1. Hui Lanakila 31. 2. Waikiki Surf Club 21. 3. Anuenue 10. 4. Hawaiian Warriors 7. 5. (tie), Lanikai, Kai Oni, Leeward Kai and Waimanalo 3 each. 9. Makaha 2. 10. Honolulu 1.