

# Outrigger outraces everybody

## Rules Waikiki's waves with 112-point performance

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It's summertime, and the winning is easy for the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Host Outrigger proved as much yesterday, easily claiming the 45th Walter J. Macfarlane Canoe Regatta off Waikiki Beach.

Outrigger scored points in all 30 events it entered and finished with a whopping 112 points — a total as rare in canoe racing as it is in high school basketball.

Hui Nalu finished second with 59 points and Kailua third with 45.

Outrigger's victory was its fifth in as many Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regattas this season. This title, however, came on what usually is considered the most glamorous and demanding course on the circuit.

The course, which runs at a 45-degree angle across the surf, puts paddlers at the mercy of nature. And Outrigger figured to have trouble after drawing the two most difficult lanes — Nos. 6 and 7, which run closest to the shore — in 11 races.

"If there is any surf at all, you're at a disadvantage racing in lanes down here," said Outrigger coach Michele St. John, pointing to lanes No. 6 and 7.

Said Outrigger's Walter Guild: "It appeared at the lane drawing we'd be in a lot of trouble. That made us a little bit concerned."

But their fears were not realized yesterday as everything, it seemed, went Outrigger's way. Consider this:

● For most of the day, the surf was baby-skin smooth, negating any advantage the outside lanes might have offered.

Usually when the surf's really big, the lane you have is

what counts," Kailua's Rob Cates said. "When it's flat like this, anybody can win."

Said St. John: "The lanes were as even as I've ever seen them in the 14 years I've been involved in paddling. Course-wise, this is one of the fairest races I've ever seen."

● And the one time the surf played a factor — the men's senior race — it was Outrigger that benefited.

Outrigger and Kailua paddled bow to bow for most of the men's 2½-mile senior race, considered to be the blue-ribbon event of the regatta.

Then, with 200 yards to go, both crews tried to gain a push from a small wave. Kailua mistimed the wave, and fell about half the length of a boat behind Outrigger.

Outrigger caught the next small wave — "It was so small. I wouldn't even call it a wave," stroker Chris Kincaid said — took a 1½-length lead and paddled to victory.

"It's just a lucky thing," Kincaid said. "They could have been just a little bit ahead of us and gotten a wave in their lane and gone ahead of us. At the end, it was whoever got lucky, and we got lucky."

Said Cates: "That's the ocean. I guess."

The outcome in the men's senior race was particularly gratifying for Outrigger, which lost to Kailua last year in the event. The names of the winning paddlers are inscribed on a silver trophy, which is kept at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

"Any senior crew from Outrigger that loses this race . . . well, it's a big burden to carry," Kincaid said. "If you don't win, in a sense, you let down the club, even if the club may win the whole regatta."

Said Guild, a distant relative of Macfarlane: "There's a big hole when you don't win that

race. You have to wait a whole year to get another shot at it. We know. We walk past that trophy every day. We talked about it a lot. This was definitely one of our goals."

# OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION

Walter MacFarlane Regatta  
At Kuhio Beach  
Male

**12A:** 1. Outrigger (J.J. Riley, Bret Chuckovich, David Buck, Brian Kilcoyne, Richard Richer, Walter Guild), 1:46.11. 2. Hui Nalu, 1:54.88. 3. Waikalua, 1:57.52. **B:** 1. Waikalua (Gerald Gaudia, Keone Mahoe, Vaianoa Faitala, Averill Sgafo, Damien Freitas, Jeremie Tsukiyama), 1:56.75. 2. Outrigger, 1:56.93. 3. Kailua, 1:57.68. **13:** 1. Outrigger (J.S. Canlis, Cory Witt, Age Ellis, Nathan Wilbur, Bret Kingman, Mark Haine), 1:43.63. 2. Hui Nalu, 1:45.54. 3. Kailua, 1:55.17. **14:** 1. Healani (Neal Rapoza, Darren Reyes, Christopher Clifford, Michael Matias, Garek Maemoto, Gary Murakami, Sr.), 1:38.29. 2. Outrigger, 1:38.78. 3. Waimanalo, 1:49.60. **Novice B:** 1. Kailua (Greg Szak, Jim Abelee, Todd Hart, Hank Swan, Sam Mehta, Kamoa Kalama), 3:40.87. 2. Anuenue, 3:51.07. 3. Hui Lanakia, 3:53.34. **16:** 1. Kailua (Donovan Leandro, Josh Akeo, Greg Lee, Nate Still, Brady Churchill, Kelli Heen), 3:50.76. 2. Hui Nalu, 3:51.31. 3. Outrigger, 3:52.43. **Novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Randy Shibuya, John Anderson, Mike Wilson, Stan Markie, Jamie Beardmore, Kainoa Downing), 5:32.11. 2. Healani, 5:33.14. 3. Hui Lanakia, 5:49.42. **18:** 1. Hui Nalu (Edward Kenney, Jr., Brian Stimson, David Hsu, Lindsey McGeary, Jude Parker, Keoni Waxman), 7:36.31. 2. Kailua, 7:37.44. 3. Healani, 7:43.65. **Freshman:** 1. Outrigger (Remy Moranha, Bruce Black, Dan Kaleikini, Brian Deer, Derek Wood, Mark Haine), 7:18.49. 2. Anuenue, 7:43.36. 3. Hui Lanakia, 7:44.38. **Sophomore:** 1. Outrigger (Dana Rupey, Grady Birtliff, Aaron Kekoolani, Kala Judd, Chris Siegfried, Keoni Kino), 11:42.35. 2. Hui Lanakia, 11:53.76. 3. Healani, 12:12.16. **Senior masters:** 1. Outrigger (Chris McKensie, Tom Merrill, Jim Peterson, Ken Stehouer, Mike Town, Charles Martin), 3:40.04. 2. Healani, 4:10.14. 3. Waimanalo, 4:13.16. **Junior:** 1. Outrigger (Mike Clifford, Mark Buck, John Finney, Chris Crabb, Fred Hemmings, Karl Heyer), 14:34.28. 2. Hui Nalu, 15:18.15. 3. Hui Lanakia, 15:28.11. **Open 4:** 1. Kailua (Gary Thomas, Ben Swan, Dan Lau, Kainoa Kalama), 4:12.02. 2. Outrigger, 4:12.71. 3. Waikiki Surf, 4:13.81. **Junior masters:** 1. Outrigger (Karl Heyer, Keahi Robbins, Mark Rigg, Mike Fox, Scott Kolles, Todd Bradley), 7:32.82. 2. Hui Nalu, 7:36.61. 3. Kailua, 7:36.89. **Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Chris Kincaid, Mark Haine, Walter Guild, Steve Van Lier Ribbinck, Keone Downing, Tom Conner), 18:32.88. 2. Kailua, 18:37.83. 3. Hui Nalu, 20:10.90.

## Female

**12A:** 1. Outrigger (Bridget Ferris, Eina Wilcox, Megan Hemmings, Kauai Hemmings, Moni Lee, Mark Haine), 1:50.27. 2. Healani, 1:54.54. 3. Lanikai, 1:56.38. **13:** 1. Hui Nalu (Jennifer Fine, Willene Klein, Nancy "Lahela" Geiger, Pualani Ayau, Mehana McCracken, Bruce Blankenfeld), 1:48.89. 2. Lanikai, 1:50.40. 3. Outrigger, 1:52.51. **14:** 1. Outrigger (Malia Kamisugi, Kaleo Blaisdell, Christine Greenwell, Malia Buck, Renee Apuna, Walter Guild), 1:55.70. 2. Anuenue, 2:01.29. 3. Leeward Kai, 2:02.60. **Novice B:** 1. Outrigger (Gayla Munds, Hilary Lambert, Pam Zak, Lee Conroy, Drudi Johnson, Fred Hemmings), 1:47.39. 2. Hui Nalu, 1:59.85. 3. Hawaiian Warriors, 2:00.02. **16:** 1. Hui Lanakia (Jill Oliveira, Kanani Mookini, Michelle Saraos, Keali Loo, Cheryl Rutkowski, Kalama Heine), 4:09.02. 2. Outrigger, 4:12.88. 3. Kailua, 4:33.07. **18:** 1. Waikiki Surf (Marcy Crowley, Malissa Tongg, Kathy Lum, Maly Alvarez, Aimee Chung, Michael Tongg), 4:38.07. 2. Outrigger, 4:41.35. 3. Hui Lanakia, 4:41.50. **Novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Norelle Shulits, Robin Markie, Jenie Kincaid, Peg Danford, Joanie

Shibuya, Fred Hemmings), 4:02.95. 2. Hui Lanakia, 4:06.23. 3. Kailua, 4:17.18. **Freshman:** 1. Hui Nalu (Kelly Marfil, Malia Kamaka, Johann Humme, "Loa" Wilson, Lorraine Miller, Kala Kukea), 5:59.89. 2. Healani, 6:15.33. 3. Outrigger, 6:30.95. **Sophomore:** 1. Hui Nalu (Richline Fong, Sharon Bourke, Sandy Combis, Diane Darval, Barbara Jensen, Kala Kukea), 7:56.30. 2. Outrigger, 8:19.14. 3. Healani, 8:19.49. **Open 4:** 1. Healani (Margaret Chigi, Valene Furuta, Ann "Lelewhai" Malama, Kapala Novikoff), 4:28.09. 2. Hui Nalu, 4:28.53. 3. Outrigger, 4:28.93. **Senior masters:** 1. Outrigger (Gern Pedesky, Ulu Davis, Val Davis, Ruby Sifersen, Diane Stowell, Fred Hemmings), 4:05.60. 2. Kailua, 4:26.85. 3. Lanikai, 4:28.17. **Junior:** 1. Hui Nalu (Cheryl Grimm, Tanya Williams, Sue Erickson, Debbie Wilson, Lindsey Styan, Denise Darval), 10:03.92. 2. Outrigger, 10:31.46. 3. Healani, 10:40.23. **Junior masters:** 1. Outrigger (Ronnie Kilpatrick, Connie Young, Suzy Hemming, Chris Smith, Carol Wilbur, Grady Hemmings), 8:57.37. 2. Kailua, 8:57.72. 3. Hui Nalu, 8:59.27. **Senior:** 1. Outrigger (Tiane Richert-Finney, Nina Fox, Muffler Scully, Norma Santiago, Paula Carbone, Todd Bradley), 12:15.44. 2. Anuenue, 15:08.82.

## Mixed

**12:** 1. Leeward Kai (Ilima Avila, Shannon Robbins, Chasidy Naki, Samuel Miller, Shane Canonio, Myron Van Geison), 2:08.54. 2. Waimanalo, 2:10.40. 3. Hui Nalu, 2:18.27. **Women-men:** 1. Healani (Paul Pladera, Malia May, Susan May, William Loa, Jacques Amo, Robin Nonaka), 3:52.50. 2. Hui Nalu, 3:56.44. 3. Kailua, 3:57.00.

**Overall point standings—AA division:** 1. Outrigger, 112. 2. Hui Nalu, 59. 3. Kailua, 45. 4. Healani, 37. 5. Hui Lanakia, 26. **A division:** 1. Anuenue, 13. 2. Leeward Kai, 9. 3. Lanikai/Waikailua, Waimanalo, 8. 4. Hawaiian Warriors, 2. 5. Surf Sport/Honolulu.