

Outrigger surfs back into first at Macfarlane Regatta

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Outrigger Canoe Club served notice yesterday that it is ready to regain its place as the top Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association club, easily winning the 43rd annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach.

Outrigger won eight of 30 events and scored 86 points, easily outdistancing Hui Nalu (71), Kailua (48) and Healani (44).

Kailua had won the first four regattas of the season, including a 23-point smashing of Outrigger last week in the Waimanalo Regatta.

While Outrigger's victory yesterday was decisive, it came in what has been called "a surfing contest."

While most canoe races are held in the open ocean, races in the Macfarlane Regatta are held from the beach to the open ocean and back, allowing some canoes to catch waves on their way into shore.

"We're not a surfing club. I guess," said Beanie Heen, Kailua's assistant coach. "I don't think we have ever taken this race seriously. It's more of a fun race for us. We try to use everybody in this race who we

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don't use in other races so everyone gets a chance to race. We do it every year.

"On the Windward side there's no surf at all — it's just wind surf not really wave surf," he continued. "It doesn't seem like it the way Outrigger is moving, but to us it's a lucky-luck race."

Darryl Hara, Hui Nalu's coach, also didn't seem too surprised by the day's outcome.

"Actually, it doesn't really surprise me too much. There's only really two clubs out here that have steersmen that can handle the waves real well, and that to me is Outrigger and Hui Nalu.

"A couple of the other clubs have steersmen that they can use but I think Outrigger is able to spread the work among a number of steersmen... and we're able to do that, too."

Outrigger also has experience, tradition and a certain mystique. Or, as Hara calls it, magic.

"Outrigger always seems to be in the right place to catch waves in this race. It's uncanny how they're able to (be) in the

right place, even if they have a bad lane. There always seems to be a magical wave that comes through for them."

Outrigger coach Mike Fox admitted to some advantage with the type of conditions, but he had another explanation for his club's turnaround.

"Just hard work and lots of spirit," he said. "That's really it.

"We've been hungry after losing four races and I think even if there wasn't surf today we would be showing very strongly."

"Our younger kids, our 12s, 13s and 14s, did very well. We've scratched (in) a bunch of kids' races in the last few regattas. We entered every race today and that really helped us, having our depth back."

Fox wasn't aware of Kailua's poor showings in previous years in this race. He was more concerned with his team's recent 27-point loss.

"I'm not much of a historian," he said.

CANOE CANOTES: Walter Macfarlane was a Hawaiian businessman, legislator and sportsman who served as president of the Outrigger Canoe Club until his death in 1943. In 1943, the July 4th regatta was renamed in his memory... Nine boats were swamped in yesterday's action, including four in the men's senior race.



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Hundreds of beachgoers and canoe enthusiasts lined Waikiki yesterday for Macfarlane regatta.



Canoes

WALTER MACFARLANE REGATTA

Off Kuhio Beach, Waikiki

Winners

Female

12 (1/4-mile race): Outrigger (Annika Ferris, Gigi Diller, Lowry Ellis, Tiffany Sutherland, Meaghan Hemmings, Walter Guild) 1:52.64. 12 Mixed: Waimanalo (Leona Maggay, Johnathan Kamoi, Samlyn Wideman, Chad Kauhi, Kimberly Kauhi, Paul Kahele) 1:42.28. 13: Healani (Candelaria Reyes, Carina Tagupa, Traci Wong-Leong, Elena Savarinaea, Malia O'Hara, Gary Murakami) 1:42.16. 14: Kailua (Mia Kaina, Kathy Colin, Caitlin Lundberg, Kahikina Lidstone, Melissa Hamocon, Kamoa Kalama) 1:48.91. **Novice B:** Outrigger (Debra Zabriske, Paula Jenkins, Kaiu Chun, Michelle Moranha, Andrea Lehman, Walt Guild) 1:45.1. 16 (1/2-mile race): Outrigger (Ceecee Sheehan, Malia Kamisugi, Dione Wilbur, Tara Osborne, Malia Buck, Keone Downing) 4:11.31. 18: Hui Nalu (Moana Shizuru, Kehau Kali, Tana Germonte, Margaret Jenna, Malle Levins, Nainoa Thompson) 4:20.51. **Women Senior Masters:** Outrigger (Gerri Pedesky, Ululani Davis, Diane Stowell, Ruby Iverson, Keanuenu Rochlen, Brant Ackerman) 4:28.85. **Women Open 4:** Hui Nalu (Malia Scully, Diane Daruai, Kehau Chong, Kala Kukea) 4:16.56. **Men/Women Mix:** Outrigger (Vic Watumull, John Fay, Cathy Ho, John Basdavanos, Susan Rudia, Mary Lemes) 3:50.50. **Freshmen (3/4-mile race):** Outrigger (Gene Kincaid, Tia Paige, Katy McCrary, Terri Pynchon, Mary Smolenski, Todd Bradley) 5:45.90. **Sophomore (1-mile race):** Outrigger (Muffer Scully, Sandra Haine, Diana Clifford, Karen Jones, Mary Lemes, Tom Conner) 8:34.76. **Women Masters:** Kailua (Bernie Gay, Yuki Aluli, Peni Bechert, Mary Mershon, Allene Richardson, Kalai Handley) 9:30. **Women Junior (1 1/4-mile race):** Hui Nalu (Sandy Combis, Becky Hara, Sharon Bourke, Susan Erickson, Lindsey Styan, Kala Kukea) 10:01.20. **Senior (1 1/2-mile race):** Outrigger (Muffer Scully, Sandra Haine, Piilani Schneider, Katy Bourne, Riare Richert-Finney, Marc Haine) 12:56.48.

Male

12 (1/4-mile race): Hui Lanakila (Michael Shizuru, Paisley "Parea" Kamahoahoa, Dominic Quiacusan, Rodney Alama, Jason Calderia, Richard Vierra) 1:29.43. 13: Hui Nalu (Kanoa Parker, Ivan Gabe, Chris Henderson, Nathan Stapleton, Shan Gregory, Kala Kekoa) 1:33.10. 14: Healani (Jesse Alverio, Dwayne Bautista, Keoni Brash, Kosngog Kluver, Neal Rapoza, Ronald Dickson) 1:38.88. **Novice B (1/2-mile race):** Hui Nalu (Peter Newton, Nester Alterado, Rnady Jaurequi, Wes Trias, David Malafrente, Nainoa Thompson) 3:45.33. 16: Outrigger (Greg Wood, Punna Kekai, Grant Senner, Easton Manson, Danny Goldcamp, Todd Bradley) 3:39.98. **Senior Master:** Kailua (Allen Wooddell, Rocky Cashmar, Bob Moncrief, Bob Nakea, Howard Keller, Rob Cates) 4:00.14. **Open 4:** Outrigger (Chris Kincaid, Walter Guild, Tom McLigue, Marc Haine) 3:53.77. **Novice A (3/4-mile race):** Hui Nalu (David Wee, Kurt Fey, Bill Namba, Steve Gillyatt, Casey Kono, Nainoa Thompson) 5:10.24. 18 (1-mile race): Outrigger (Wyatt Jones, Hunter Eggers, John Glaser, Alike Winter, Guy Hicks, Heath Hemmings) 6:41.51. **Freshmen:** Anuenu (Aaron Napoleon, Raven Aipa, Boy laea Jr., Tim Custer, Wallace Rezentes, Jos. "Nappy" Napoleon) 7:48.88. **Master:** Healani (William Awa, Fassie Wills, Paul Shaner, Keith Kaleo, Ed Voeller, Gary Murakami) 7:45. **Sophomore (1 1/2-mile race):** Outrigger (Keone Downing, Marc Haine, Scott Rolles, Kala Judd, Greg Rudin, Keoni Kino) 10:48.62. **Junior (2-mile race):** Outrigger (Mike Fox, Dana Rupey, Bruce Black, Mark Rigg, Grady Bintliff, Todd Bradley) 15:39.93.

Team Totals — AA Division (16 or more crews): 1, Outrigger 86 points. 2, Hui Nalu 71. 3, Kailua 48. 4, Healani 44. **A Division (15 or fewer crews):** 1, Hui Lanakila 21. 2, Anuenu 12. 3, Leeward Kai 9. 4, Waikalua/Waimanalo 8. 5, Lanikai 6. 6, Waikiki Surf 5. 7, Haleakala 3. 8, Makaha/Surfsports 1.