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Waikiki brings out the best in Outrigger

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This time, it was a case of No. 1 having to try harder. The guys in Lane 1, that is.

For the past four years, host Outrigger Canoe Club has drawn Lane 1 in the senior men's event of the prestigious Walter Macfarlane Regatta off Waikiki Beach.

Until yesterday, Outrigger had not won that event from that starting post.

Yesterday, Outrigger captured the senior men's title for the first time since 1985 and won 11 other events on the way to its first Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association victory of the season.

Outrigger scored 90 points to second-place Hui Nalu's 65 and third-place Healani's 54. Hui Lanakila scored 15 points to win the A Division title (for clubs with 15 crews or less).

Outrigger coach John Finney

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credited victory to the club's largest turnout of the season.

"The club really gets up for this every Fourth of July," he said. "We realize it's an honor for us to host it. We've been struggling all season, so it's gratifying to see the club come out."

Finney said he juggled crews quite a bit, working new combinations. He said the rule allowing the same steersmen to be used in several races helped, too.

And, especially when you're working from that infamous Lane 1, steering was critical.

Todd Bradley, Outrigger senior men's steersman, said Lane 1 is no fun on out-and-back races at Waikiki.

"It's tough," he said. "Going out (from the beach) you can

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Aerial photo by Warren Bolster

This is not just another day at the beach. A holiday crowd covers Waikiki and in the middle of it all is the Walter Macfarlane Regatta.

Outrigger wins at Waikiki

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get swamped even when the waves are small. The surf break is right next to the first lane. That's what hurt us other years."

Winning the Macfarlane senior men's race is considered a canoe paddling jewel matched in prestige only by victory in the Molokai-to-Oahu race.

"Back just a few years ago, this was considered even bigger," Bradley said between sips of champagne from a silver bowl.

The rest of Outrigger's crew was Kainoa and Keone Downing, Bill Bright, Walter Guild and Bruce Black. Their winning time was 18:40.89. Healani was second in 19:23.96 and Hui Nalu third in 19:24.94.

But time yesterday was measured less by stopwatches than imagination and memory as tradition filled the air thicker than the scent of suntan lotion.

Tourists at the recently renovated Moana — the granddaddy of Waikiki hotels — got a unique Fourth of July treat from their lanais or the pool-side bar: real Hawaiian canoe races. Folks who walked the few feet to the beach saw trophies with inscriptions going back to a time when Duke Kahanamoku competed.

"This was a good regatta for spectators," Finney said. "There were so many photo finishes."

The close finishes were made more exciting by the fact that the races ended at the beach.

One of the closest was Healani edging Lanikai in the makule race for competitors

50-and-over. It was just an exhibition, but it completed the day's events on a high note — this was the first time Healani has won the event.

"And we're one of the oldest and largest clubs," said Charlie Arizumi of the winning crew. "We've got some trophies that go back to 1901."

Of course, Arizumi himself doesn't go back that far. He is a 52-year-old Honolulu dentist who has been paddling canoes since 1983. That was when he gave up golf.

"Golf was too time consuming," he said. "And this is more family oriented."

The rest of Healani's makule crew was Richard Abbey, Charles May, Clem Paiana, Earl Santimer and Gary "Sword" Murakami.

FOR THE RECORD

CANOES

OHCRA Walter Macfarlane Regatta At Waikiki Beach

Girls 12: Outrigger (Heather Masaki, Sarah Parker, Mele Thomas, Janine Myers, Ericka Spoozak, Kala Kukea) 1:52.98. **Boys 12:** Kailua (Kamuella Cobb-Adams, Kapa Francisco, Leon Mosher, Kahele Nakaahika, Mike Smith, Robert Cates III) 2:04.79. **Mixed 12:** Makaha (Newton Kuresa, Jason Noland, Hewetta Lockhart, Shadyde Stone, Joslyn Asuncion, Bruce DeSoto Sr.) 2:05.29. **Girls 13:** Outrigger (Jane Stevens, Aulii Ellis, Lise Vaughn, Kelly Quinn, Stacey Stapleton, Walter Guild) 1:56.36. **Boys 13:** Hui Lanakila (Michael Shizuni, Rusty Alama, Jason Caldeira, Rodney Alama, Jake Galves, Richard Vierra) 1:35.53. **Girls 14:** Hui Nalu (Andrea Dias, Dana Cargill, Brandi Jim On, Nicole Paltier, Amber Tyndzik, Kala Kukea) 1:56.49. **Boys 14:** Healani (Craig Souza, Kai Ah Sam, Ryan Hoke, Kealii Paiana, Nelson Sai, Clement Paiana Jr.) 1:33.16. **Women Novice B:** Lanikai (Judith Snagiuliano, Victoria Hyatt, Tekia Webber, Sabrina Kulick, Carol Hedemark, John Foti) 1:52.36. **Men Novice B:** Outrigger (Gary Clark, Steve Brown, Jim Cavanaugh, Brad Thiesan, Scott Bradley, Walter Guild) 3:36.45. **Girls 16:** Hui Nalu (Julie Vares, Ceci Spielman, Lorren Loo, Lahela Geiger, Polly Cossah, Kala Kukea) 4:16.26. **Boys 16:** Outrigger (J. P. Canlis, Danny Golfcamp, Adam Cobeen, Matt Corboy, Nathan Wilbur, Keone Downing) 4:04.13. **Girls 18:** Outrigger (Nikki Lee, Missy Mowat, Pam Clifford, Jessy Town, Megan Clark, Marc Haine) 4:22.18. **Women Novice A:** Healani (Alexandra Manding, Tracey Hewitt, Shantel Fernandez, Suzanne Kahookela, Leslie Ann Murakami, Gary Murakami) 4:11.66. **Women Novice A:** Hui Nalu (Evan Rhodes, Keola Makaiau, Bill Namba, Dave Malafronte, Nestor Alterado, John Mailolo) 5:46.55.

Freshmen Women: Outrigger (Tia Payes, Genie Kincaid, Mary Smolenski, Linda Peacock, Stephanie Smart, Marc Haines) 6:19.78. **Boys 18:** Outrigger (John Glaser, Puna Kekai, Craig Campbell, Alike Winter, Hunter Eggers, Heath Hemmings) 7:26.39. **Freshmen Men:** Anuenue (Aaron Napoleon, Raven Aipa, Wally Rezentes, David Napoleon, Joey Napoleon, Darryn Napoleon) 7:22.01. **Sophomore Women:** Healani (Patricia Vasquez-Fasi, Kelly Fay, Carolyn Jean McKinnie, Laurie Seto, Jonna Wickesser, James Kincaid) 8:23.12. **Sophomore Men:** Healani (David Horner, Adrian Ho, John Horner, Dennis Salas, Vicente Olds, Alfred Horner) 11:29.28. **Junior Women:** Kailua (Elizabeth Gilliland, Debra Jacobs, Vivian Fo, Edmae Handley, Stephanie Doi, Robert Cates) 10:49.16. **Junior Men:** Outrigger (Grady Bintliff, Tom McTigue, Dana Rupey, Greg Rudin, Jeff Graf, Kala Judd) 15:01.66. **Senior Women:** Healani (Laurie Seto, Kelly Fay, Patricia Vasquez-Fasi, Mitzi Hayes, Ricci Keltz, Gary Murakami) 12:11.59. **Senior Men:** Outrigger (Kainoa Downing, Bill Bright, Walter Guild, Bruce Black, Keone Downing, Todd Bradley) 18:40.89.

Women Senior Masters: Outrigger (Diane Stowell, Ruby Iverson, Carol Wilcox, Marilyn Haine, Peggy Danford, Fred Hemmings) 3:53.87. **Men Senior Masters:** Outrigger (Chris McKenzie, Tom Merrill, Norman Ho, Ken Stehouer, Mike Town, Bruce Ames) 3:43.00. **Women Open 4:** Surfsports (Erin Fitzgerald, Valerie Gibson, Loretta Carollo, John Puakea) 4:28.74. **Men Open 4:** Outrigger (Gib Bintliff, Mark Rigg, Steve Vander Ribbnik, Marc Haine) 3:40.46. **Mix Men and Women:** Hui Nalu (Kiki Hughoh, Wes Companion, Steve Gillyat, Ann Shumaker, Katie Scott, Denise Darual) 3:52.09. **Women Masters:** Healani (Eva Lapham, Judith Struyk, Wendy Obrock, Carla Pimentel, Christine Abedor, Alfred Horner) 8:51.94. **Men Masters:** Hui Nalu 7:33.15. **Makule:** Healani (Richard Abbey, Charles May, Charles Arizumi, Clem Paiana, Earl Santimer, Gary Murakami) time not available.

Team Scores

AA Division: 1. Outrigger 90 points 2. Hui Nalu 65. 3. Healani 54 4. Kailua 40. 5. Lanikai 22. **A Division:** 1. Hui Lanakila 15. 2. Surfsports 12. 3. Waimanalo 10. 4. Makaha 9. 5. Leeward Kai 7. 6. Anuenue 7. Honolulu/Waikiki Surf Club 1.