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Outrigger wins first regatta of the year

*The canoe club rallies
to beat Hui Lanakila
at the Macfarlane*

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The Fourth of July always means one very special thing to the clubs of the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association: the chance to surf against each other in the waves off Waikiki.

They gathered again yesterday for the 62nd annual Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Regatta at Waikiki Beach — the longest-running and only surf regatta in OH CRA competition.

And while Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate by providing good waves, she came through again this time. Wave faces ranged from 2 to 5 feet throughout the 37-race event.

"We look at this race as a very unique race; it's very special to us," said Anthony Hunt, the head coach of Outrigger Canoe Club, the host of the event. "There's a lot of emotion that gets involved in these races. And I think you'll find that for a lot of the paddlers in our club, this race means as much as, or more, than (the state championships)."

As proof, Outrigger's paddlers — who had last won this event in 2002 — rallied together to win the 2004 Macfarlane for their first regatta victory this year.

Boosted by a strong performance in the second half of the regatta from its adults, the Ala Wai-based club emerged from a tight points race during the first half and won convincingly, registering totals of 86 points and seven race victories.

"Last year, we had a stronger kids program, and the adults supported. This year it's more or less the reverse," Hunt said. "The main thing for us this year has been: Can we be in contention when the kids races are done?"

Hui Lanakila finished in second place with 66 points and shared regatta-high honors with eight race victories. Lanikai — last year's winner — took third with 63 points and eight wins, while Kailua placed fourth with 58.

With 23 points, Healani won a tight battle in the A division for the smaller clubs; Anuenue and

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Keahiakahoe tied for second with 22 each.

Hui Lanakila won the prestigious senior men's race and got to taste champagne out of the silver memorial trophy cup for the first time since joining OHCRA in 1977.

The crew of Manny Kulukululalani, Raven Aipa, Leighton Look, Andrew Penny, Thomas Schlotman and Mel Puu finished the 1½-mile course in 10 minutes, 39.95 seconds, just ahead of second-place Outrigger (10:41.33). The two clubs battled on the same 4-foot set during the last quarter-mile of the race, but Hui Lanakila was able to keep a straighter line on the ride and nose out the win.

"It was just head down and pull," said Aipa of the home-stretch. "We finally had a shot this year and we just got lucky. For a paddler in regattas, this is the ultimate goal — to sip from that cup."

Rounding out a dominating performance from its open female paddlers, Outrigger's women also tasted champagne from a silver trophy after winning the prestigious 1½-mile senior women's race.

The crew of Mahea Batlik, Mary Smolenski, Tracy Phillips, Jen Horner, Malia Kamisugi and steersman Walter Guild (crews could use any paddler — man



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The Hui Lanakila Canoe Club's, from left, Leighton Look, Sammy Alama, Steve Holbrook, Tomas Scholtman, Jim Hewitt and Fred Delos Santos passed the Kailua Canoe Club en route to victory in the 1-mile Men's 40 race yesterday.

or woman — to steer because of the surf) turned a two-boat-length advantage at the 1-mile turn into almost a half-minute victory (12:01.63 to 12:26.56) over runner-up Hui Lanakila.

"It really involves a lot of luck; we pulled good lanes (where the waves were breaking) for the conditions," Smolenski said. "But I think

when one team does well, that builds on the excitement, and then you want to hopefully continue that little streak."

Same three dominate again: Another week of racing in Na Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a produced the same results as the previous five weeks with Kaneohe (AAA), Koa Kai (AA) and Waikiki Beachboys (A) dominating their divi-

sions again yesterday.

Host Koa Kai totaled 45 points to win the AA division and broke course records in the men's novice A and mix masters races.

Three other records fell as Lokahi (men's novice B), Kaneohe (girls 15) and Manu O Ke Kai (men's sophomore) set new times at Keehi Lagoon.

SCOREBOARD B3

DLING

Beall, Raymon Orange), 4:04.84; 2. Koa Kai, 4:13.36; 3. Alapa Hoe, 4:19.80; 4. Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i, 4:21.21.

SPECIALS

1. North Shore (Mariah Murdock, Kayla Uyeshiro, Mark Fernandez, Joshua Ho), 2:30.17; 2. Hawaiian Outrigger, 2:46.28; 3. Kamehameha, 2:50.64.

OHCRA

WALTER J. MACFARLANE MEMORIAL REGATTA At Waikiki Beach Park

Team standings

Division AA—1. Outrigger, 86; 2. Hui Lanakila, 66; 3. Lanikai, 63; 4. Kailua, 58; 5. Hui Nalu, 36.

Division A—1. Keahiakahoe, Healani, 23; 3. Anuenue, 22; 4. Leeward Kai, 11; 5. Waimanalo, 10; 6. Makaha, 5; 7. Waikiki Surf, 2; 8. New Hope, Kai Oni, 1; t10. Honolulu, Puuloa, 0.0

BOYS

12-and-under—1. Makaha (Isaiah Toetu'u-Aipa, Clayton Dickens, Timothy Toetu'u-Aipa, Lono Willis, Leo Dalbert, Walter Ana), 1:47.79; 2. Kailua, 1:52.94; 3. Lanikai, 1:54.19; 4. Outrigger, 1:59.63.

13—1. Anuenue (Laakea Awong, Kainoa Keanaana, Jubei Sefronio, Kamaki Sherman, Kula Tolentino, Nappy Napoleon), 1:32.67; 2. Kailua, 1:32.92; 3. Outrigger, 1:34.98; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:48.94.

14—1. Hui Nalu (Kai Kahanamoku, Kory Kahanamoku, Denver Kaawa, James Saffery, Taylor Kau, David Loui), 1:34.27; 2. Outrigger, 1:35.00; 3. Hui Lanakila, 1:49.14; 4. New Hope, 1:49.77.

15—1. Lanikai (Christopher Beuret, Damien Casken, Justin Faulkner, Puna Kauai, Jason Keyes, Jim Foti), 4:11.50; 2. Outrigger, 4:15.62; 3. Healani, 4:17.17; 4. Waikiki Surf, 4:28.08.

16—1. Kailua (Joshua Medeiros, Joshua Chase, Lance Kaanoi, Lorin McRae, Kaiola Yuen, Nahira Leoley), 3:37.02; 2. Lanikai, 3:58.26; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:14.60; 4. Healani, 4:15.36.

18—1. Kailua (Julian Wicker, Ahana Kalama, Shawn Bright, Kalani Kaanaana, John-Justin Day, Pat Von), 7:29.97; 2. Healani, 7:31.78; 3. Outrigger, 7:32.00; 4. Lanikai, 7:35.60.

GIRLS

12-and-under—1. Keahiakahoe (April Nakayama, Amber Almeida, Moani Heimuli, Amanda Duran, Ashley Almeida, Kamu Lau), 1:31.86; 2. Kailua, 1:50.09; 3. Outrigger, 1:51.05; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:59.20.

13—1. Anuenue (Kaaloa Kelly, Shaena Kuehu, Shawna Kuehu, Nalani Napoleon, Anela Ontai, Nappy Napoleon), 1:33.58; 2. Leeward Kai, 1:34.13; 3. Hui Lanakila, 1:35.31; 4. Lanikai, 1:48.27.

14—1. Lanikai (Keala Ashton, Zoe Tomar, Elizabeth Hawkins-Mahaulu, Meghann Lau, Brandie Ota, Scott Freitas), 1:31.81; 2. Kailua, 1:34.03; 3. Outrigger, 1:35.57; 4. Leeward Kai, 1:55.50.

15—1. Keahiakahoe (Teresa Kahookele, Kekama Akana, Sarrah Kelihoomalu, Uli Heimuli, Tyleen Teixeira, Chevy Au-Stein), 4:13.07; 2. Outrigger, 4:19.59; 3. Kailua, 4:44.93; 4. Kai Oni, 4:46.60.

16—1. Leeward Kai (Halina Bumanglag, Frances Epstein, Rachel Gradle, Ashley Hewlen, Tamra Broad, Dustin Barrett), 4:00.15; 2. Lanikai, 4:08.96; 3. Kailua, 4:13.88; 4. Outrigger, 4:16.01.

18—1. Hui Lanakila (Kaiti Martinez, Kaipo Martinez, Kelsi Campos, Leahy Frias, Kanoe Naauao-Kipapa, Kalama Heine), 3:55.45; 2. Healani, 4:12.43; 3. Keahiakahoe, 4:19.99; 4. Kailua, 4:20.60.

MEN

Novice A—1. Anuenue (Anthony Smith, Jesse Cracknell, Tim Mobley, Mike Rohlf, Sy Shim, David Napoleon), 7:05.63; 2. Outrigger, 7:20.35; 3. Healani, 7:20.85; 4. Lanikai, 7:54.73.

Novice B—1. Hui Lanakila (Scot Miranda, Chris Simpson, Chino Colburn, Marc Titcomb, Austin Easley, Butch Ukishima), 3:37.12; 2. Lanikai, 3:38.73; 3. Healani, 3:39.83; 4. Kailua, 3:54.01.

Freshmen—1. Keahiakahoe (Kekama Akana, Lyle Nicely, Kalai Miller, Paul Kalama, Kapena Anakalea, Kamu Lau), 6:50.69; 2. Kailua, 7:04.93; 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:06.82; 4. Outrigger, 7:07.30.

Sophomore—1. Lanikai (Kekoa Bruhn, James Bustamante, Jeff Cummings, David Daniels, John Foti, Jim Foti), 6:51.13; 2. Hui Lanakila, 6:51.97; 3. Kailua, 6:52.31; 4. Outrigger, 6:54.73.

Junior—1. Lanikai (Peter Binney, Jim Foti, Scott Freitas, Kalani Irvine, George Leslie,

Michael Peterson), 6:53.67; 2. Outrigger, 6:54.35; 3. Hui Lanakila, 7:19.18; 4. Hui Nalu, 7:35.53.

Senior—1. Hui Lanakila (Manny Kukukualani, Raven Aipa, Leighton Look, Andrew Penny, Thomas Schlotman, Mel Puu), 10:39.95; 2. Outrigger, 10:41.33; 3. Hui Nalu, 11:13.15; 4. Keahiakahoe, 11:31.86.

Masters 40—1. Hui Lanakila (Leighton Look, Sam Alama, Tomas Schlotman, Stephen Holbrook, Jim Hewitt, Fred Delos Santos), 7:10.85; 2. Outrigger, 7:12.05; 3. Lanikai, 7:21.26; 4. Kailua, 7:21.50.

Masters 50—1. Hui Nalu (Daniel Gagick, Gerald Yoshida, Gregory Moore, Mike Standridge, Grant Bishop, Lance Hayashi), 3:33.45; 2. Hui Lanakila, 3:33.70; 3. Waimanalo, 3:33.90; 4. Outrigger, 3:35.13.

Masters 55—1. Lanikai (Jerome Cox, John Foti, Michael Gibson, William Watson, George Medeiros, Carl Woehrlie), 3:51.40; 2. Outrigger, 3:56.56; 3. Kailua, 3:57.40; 4. Anuenue, 3:58.16.

Open 4—1. Hui Lanakila (Maui Kjeldsen, Billy Pratt, Keanu Kuna, Kalama Heine), 3:57.58; 2. Outrigger, 4:00.12; 3. Anuenue, 4:05.88; 4. Kailua, 4:06.50.

WOMEN

Novice A—1. Outrigger (Julie Hendricks, Keala Kilcoyne, Jane Stevens, Marina Ho, Baima Philpotts, Scott Hendricks), 4:08.83; 2. Healani, 4:11.19; 3. Waimanalo, 4:43.05; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:59.08.

Novice B—1. Waimanalo (Abigail Vasconcellos, Tasha Kumai, Ursula Kanea'aiakala, Sophia Tynanes-Nakasone, Theresa Cookie Sumner, Raymond Li'i), 1:54.62; 2. Hui Nalu, 1:54.85; 3. Healani, 1:55.42; 4. Lanikai, 1:59.08.

Freshmen—1. Lanikai (April Delsol, Christine Kamai, Amber Kuhlmann, Nicole Radford, Kelly Ryan, Michael Smith), 8:38.45; 2. Kailua, 8:51.62; 3. Hui Nalu, 8:54.85; 4. Healani, 8:55.66.

Sophomore—1. Outrigger (Jennifer Thayer, Kelly Allen, Megan Clarke, Jennifer Raams, Malia Kmisugu, Walter Guild), 8:19.82; 2. Kailua, 8:21.23; 3. Hui Lanakila, 8:32.32; 4. Healani, 8:34.35.

Junior—1. Outrigger (Linda Fernandez, Ine Miller, Lisa Livingston, Kristen Lee, Pam Jenkins, Todd Bradley), 8:12.17; 2. Hui Lanakila, 8:27.81; 3. Kailua, 8:28.79; 4. Lanikai, 9:07.42.

Senior—1. Outrigger (Mahea Batlik, Mary Smolenski, Tracy Phillips, Jen Horner, Mailia Kamisugu, Walter Guild), 12:01.63; 2. Hui Lanakila, 12:26.56; 3. Healani, 13:01.30; 4. Hui Nalu, 13:11.26.

Masters 40—1. Outrigger (Jen Horner, Laurie Seto, Genie Kincaid, Jen Bossert, Tiare Richert-Finney, Jimmy Austin), 7:44.87; 2. Hui Nalu, 8:24.77; 3. Kailua, 8:24.97; 4. Lanikai, 8:50.12.

Masters 50—1. Hui Nalu (Nani Akeo, Lurline McGregor, Lindsay Syan, KT Scott, Marilyn Kiner, Bruce Blankenfeld), 4:27.61; 2. Outrigger, 4:28.12; 3. Waikiki Surf, 4:28.77; 4. Lanikai, 4:48.59.

Masters 55—1. Outrigger (Susan Heitzman, Ann Bowen, Maureen Kilcoyne, Barbara Bryan, Sandra Simons, Marc Haine), 4:26.87; 2. Lanikai, 4:48.78; 3. Hui Nalu, 5:11.49.

Open 4—1. Lanikai (Heidi Berengue, Dani Gay, Lisa Sauer, Jim Foti), 3:52.62; 2. Kailua, 4:07.75; 3. Outrigger, 4:22.39; 4. Hui Lanakila, 4:24.13.

MIXED

12-and-under—1. Hui Lanakila (Pomai Grube-Hose, Anueha Corden, Rustin Hee, Ikaika Thompson, Maui Kjeldsen, Lydia Linogon), 1:44.18; 2. Keahiakahoe, 1:51.08; 3. Leeward Kai, 1:53.11; 4. Waimanalo, 1:57.57.

Open—1. Hui Lanakila (Kekoa Lopez, Dee Ruzicka, Louie Shepherd, Nikki Thompson, Christy Werner, Laurie Takahashi), 3:50.25; 2. Kailua, 3:50.51; 3. Outrigger, 3:51.70; 4. Healani, 3:52.64.

Novice B—1. Outrigger (David Fan, Frank Uhr, Mark Santi, Shannon Larsen, Carrie Nakano, Kisi Haine), 1:39.43; 2. Hui Lanakila, 1:42.31; 3. Healani, 1:48.77; 4. Hui Nalu, 1:55.91.

Masters 40—1. Hui Lanakila (Bob Ehelar, Herman Hose, Mike Lum, Vi Coito, Sally Moses, Colleen McCormick), 3:44.77; 2. Outrigger, 3:56.62; 3. Kailua, 3:57.27; 4. Lanikai, 3:58.24.

Masters 55—1. Lanikai (Judy Allen, Lori Auhll, Joy Schoenecker, Kimo Jadnick, Robert Milne, Jim Foti), 4:18.34; 2. Kailua, 4:23.67; 3. Outrigger, 4:25.08; 4. Hui Nalu, 4:45.39.