

# PEARL'S FAVORITE GIRL



*OH CRA paddlers compete with Honolulu Pearl's wrecked canoe on their minds >> C3*

## WHO ARE THESE GUYS?

The perennially pathetic Pirates play in front of their fourth straight sellout crowd — for the first time in the 11 years PNC Park has been standing — and respond with a win over the Astros to move three games over .500 this late in the season for the first time in 12 years. >> C4

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# OHCRA rallies around fallen Honaunau

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You'd probably have to be a paddler to understand what Honolulu Pearl has been through recently.

Two weeks ago, "a living member" of the canoe club — Honaunau — was battered and has since been on the mend.

Honaunau isn't a person. It's Honolulu Pearl's koa canoe, although you'd think it is a woman since everyone uses "she" or "her" when referring to it.

Kim Hasegawa was part of the Honolulu Pearl women's novice A crew on June 19 at Nanakuli Beach Park, when Honaunau got caught in a wave near the end of the race and slammed into the

sand. The impact split the canoe in half near the front and left numerous pieces of koa floating in the water.

Hasegawa said the 55-year-old canoe breaking apart sounded like "bone crunching."

For her and other paddlers, the relationship between a crew and its koa canoe is spiritual.

"I was telling a friend what happened and she was like, 'You are just talking about a canoe?' I was like, 'No, maybe you have to be a paddler to understand it,'" Hasegawa said. "It's koa, which is a very sacred wood in Hawaii.

"What I've been telling people and a lot of nonpaddlers is that there is a connection with you and your

koa. It is a part of your team," she added.

With the help of other canoe clubs, Honolulu Pearl has still been able to participate in Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association regattas.

Last week at Waimanalo, Honolulu Pearl, an A division (small) club, borrowed a canoe from Kai Oni.

At Monday's Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach, Honolulu Pearl borrowed one from Anuenue.

The Macfarlane Regatta was a nonscoring event, meaning the points won't count toward qualification for the state meet.

In the AAA division, Lanikai scored 102 points, followed by Outrigger with

75 and Kailua with 65.

In AA, Leeward Kai won with 36 points, Healani was second with 30 and Keahi-akahoe third with 26.

In A, Waikiki Surf Club scored 15 points, Keola O Ke Kai finished with seven and Waimanalo six.

OHCRA's next event is the John D. Kaupiko Regatta on July 17 at Keehi Lagoon.

Honolulu Pearl's Honaunau won't be back in the water there or anytime soon, but the good news for the club is it's salvageable. Also, there has been an outpouring of support from other OHCRA clubs and various individuals.

Bobby Puakea, the head coach of Kai Oni, took on the task of reviving Honaunau.

"Uncle Bobby from Kai Oni coming over and saying that he was going to take care of Honaunau and get her up and running ... and he said that right on the beach, which gave our club a lot of hope," Hasegawa said.

But the process will take time and money. Puakea, a 35-year kahuna kalai wa'a (master canoe builder), said it'll take roughly two to 2½

years before Honaunau is fully restored, and the cost will be at least \$65,000.

"The reason for that is besides putting it back together, they also may want to add new life to it — re-designing it, maybe extend it," he said. "Hopefully, it'll make the club better."

The koa canoe, which was built on the Big Island, is currently at Heeia State Park in Kaneohe.

Immediately after the accident two weeks ago, the Honolulu Pearl paddler in seat No. 1 was taken to the hospital and had seven stitches to her left foot, while Hasegawa was treated on shore for scratches and bruises to both legs.

Honolulu Pearl president Penny Kalua said the paddlers in the women's novice A crew were more concerned about their koa canoe than their own welfare.

"They felt so bad, they almost overlooked their own shock and cuts and bruises," Kalua said.

Paddlers from other clubs helped retrieve pieces of koa from the water and because of it, "We put those

pieces back together this past Saturday, and a majority of everything is back on her," Kalua said.

Puakea, the master koa canoe builder, said the side walls and bottom of the canoe were salvageable, but other pieces will have to be added and glued on.

The "Friends of Honaunau" fund has been set up through Bank of Hawaii, according to Kalua, and donations can be made through the club's website, [honolulupearlcanoecub.org](http://honolulupearlcanoecub.org).

The website says: "According to our traditions, Honaunau is a living member of the great Hawaiian Outrigger paddling 'OHANA.' Honaunau is now in great hardship and she needs your help."

Hasegawa brought up a display of generosity from another paddler and her children at last week's regatta.

"At the Waimanalo race, an Outrigger (Canoe Club) paddler came up to us and told us her three children ... they're young, like 5, 6 and 7, or something ... they were going to sell cookies at that race and give us all their profits and proceeds," Hasegawa said. "I think they made \$50 or \$100 or something. That's one of the many stories of how the paddling community has been."

## PADDLING

### OHORA WALTER J. MACFARLANE REGATTA

#### At Waikiki Beach

##### Team results

**AAA:** 1. Lanikai 102; 2. Outrigger 75; 3. Kailua 65; 4. Hui Nalu 52.

**AA:** 1. Leeward Kai 36; 2. Healani 30; 3. Keahiakahoe 26; 4. Hui Lanakila 25.

**A:** 1. Waikiki Surf Club 15; 2. Keola O Ke Kai 7; 3. Waimanalo 6; 4. New Hope 5; 5. Anuenue 4; 6. Kai Oni 2; 7. Honolulu Pearl 0; 8. Pu'uloa Outrigger 0.

**Special Event:** 1. Leeward Kai (Ashley Van Gieson, Kamau Van Gieson, Daniel Rzonca, Kainoa Philpotts) 1:45.69; 2. Keola O Ke Kai 1:46.80; 3. Hui Nalu 1:49.16.

**Girls 12:** 1. Keahiakahoe (Maraiiah Miner, Shaïenne Estepa, Keati Rodrigues, Harlee Jay-Pedro, Kristi-Ashley Wongham, Kamu Lau) 2:08.71; 2. Outrigger 2:13.67; 3. Hui Nalu 2:16.93.

**Boys 12:** 1. Outrigger (Hunter Pflueger, Peter Cross, Aukai Manson, Nathaniel Yee, Cole Pelayo, Marc Haine) 2:04.12; 2. Kailua 2:05.72; 3. Lanikai 2:06.02.

**Mixed boys and girls 12:** 1. Outrigger (Mapuhola Sekona, Tainoa Thompson, Lyla Wunderlich, Ethan Lewis, Sophia Krivatsky, Karel Tresnak) 1:57.28; 2. Hui Nalu 2:03.03; 3. Leeward Kai 2:06.00.

**Girls 13:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Lehua Kamealoha-Tanna, Jadelyn Okamoto, Brooklyn-Bailey Mahiah, JJ Torres, Cheri-Ann Montero, Adam Treinen-Aea) 1:58.25; 2. Outrigger 2:01.40; 3. Leeward Kai 2:01.72.

**Boys 13:** 1. Outrigger (Trevor Blake, Mason Comerford, Jonathan Chae, Noah Sandvold, Hunter Johnson, Karel Tresnak) 1:51.28; 2. Keahiakahoe 1:54.80; 3. Hui Nalu 1:56.34.

**Girls 14:** 1. Hui Nalu (Carolyn Yee, Jaz Graham, Keani Taketa, Summer Lundquist, Miranda Tafuya, Keao Meyer) 1:42.59; 2. Keola O Ke Kai 1:43.78; 3. Leeward Kai 1:53.90.

**Boys 14:** 1. Kailua (Yash Abraham, Boas Diestel, Wailea Iaukea, Josh Vanskika, Aaron Wilson, Brad Wong) 1:48.29; 2. Keola O Ke Kai 1:55.13; 3. Leeward Kai 1:56.08.

**Open keiki:** 1. Outrigger (Sarah Worrall, Emma Humphreys, Chloe Saracco, Kailee Graf, Lauren Bloom, Jim Beaton) 1:41.98; 2. Pu'uloa Outrigger 1:49.08; 3. New Hope 1:55.82.

**Women novice B:** 1. Lanikai (Daya Akina, Ingrid Seiple, Amanda Sidor, Ruth Sorensen, Amy Campbell, Kahaku Aspelund) 1:46.54; 2. Hui Nalu 2:04.13; 3. Healani 2:04.39.

**Mixed novice B:** 1. Healani (Kuuleialoha McGea, Aaron Hee, Koa Beasley, Erin Yenny, Claire Goldberg, Brian Magenis) 1:43.21; 2. Waikiki Surf Club 1:45.58; 3. Kai Oni 1:48.92.

bin, Ally Sokei, Judy Decorte, Lori Nakamura) 7:42.38; 2. Lanikai 7:44.79; 3. Hui Nalu 8:03.09.

**Sophomore men:** 1. Lanikai (Matt Crowley, Kekoa Bruhn, Aaron Creps, Kahaku Aspelund, Justin Akana, Carlton Helm) 7:02.23; 2. Hui Lanakila 7:03.25; 3. Healani 7:04.93.

**Women junior:** 1. Lanikai (Jamie Grimm, Hillary Radovich, Ann Dewey, Constance Johnston, Heidi Hansen-Smith, Jim Foti) 7:43.71; 2. Healani 7:53.35; 3. Leeward Kai 7:53.60.

**Men junior:** 1. Lanikai (Keanu Kuna, Keone Joao, Carlton Helm, Andreas Gaeta, Chauncey Cody, Michael Beyer) 7:16.60; 2. Healani 7:21.54; 3. Leeward Kai 7:24.61.

**Women senior:** 1. Lanikai (Kelly Smith, Heidi Hansen-Smith, Cindi Chess, Ann Dewey, John Foti, Jenna Strapple) 12:02.83; 2. Hui Nalu 12:03.34; 3. Outrigger 12:06.07.

**Men senior:** 1. Lanikai (Ryan Dolan, Patrick Dolan, Matt Crowley, Michael Beyer, Aaron Creps, Jim Foti) 10:32.08; 2. Kailua 11:03.19; 3. Leeward Kai 11:04.43.

**Women masters 65:** 1. Kailua (Yvonne Keahi, Billie Kekuewa, Rozalind Murphy, Susie Thain, Adrienne Wilson-Yamasaki, Thomas Conner) 4:33.55; 2. Anuenue 4:53.71; 3. Lanikai 5:09.67.

**Men masters 65:** 1. Outrigger (Tay Perry, Henry Richmond, John Finney, Glenn Perry, Ronald Hochuli, Jim Beaton) 4:02.20; 2. Lanikai 4:08.95; 3. New Hope 4:10.73.

**Women masters 60:** 1. Outrigger (Ann Buck, Babara Giles, Barbara Bryan, Michele St. John, Tiare Richert-Finney, Marc Haine) 4:17.18; 2. Lanikai 4:25.38; 3. Kailua 4:31.53.

**Men masters 60:** 1. Outrigger (Kenny Bailey, Jimmy Kincaid, Thomas Arnett, Mark Buck, Bill Bright, Chris Crabb) 3:53.10; 2. Keahiakahoe 3:53.70; 3. Waimanalo 4:02.20.

**Women golden masters 55:** 1. Lanikai (Roz Rapozo, Terry Zelko, Kathy McGovern-Hopkins, Renee Conner, Lani Twomey, Jim Foti); 2. Kailua; 3. Hui Nalu. (times unavailable).

**Men golden masters 55:** 1. Kailua (Fredie Delos Santos, Pat Erwin, Nyle Wariner, Mike McCue, Kamo Kalama, Walter Hamasaki) 3:43.05; 2. Lanikai 3:49.44; 3. Healani 3:52.29.

**Senior women masters 50:** 1. Hui Nalu (Patsy Vasquez, Katy Bourne, Jonna Wickesser, Catherine Kam-Ho, Celeste Aoyama, Nalu Kukea) 4:04.28; 2. Outrigger 4:17.83; 3. Lanikai 4:18.76.

**Senior men masters 50:** 1. Outrigger (Craig Neher, Bruce Black, Chris Kincaid, Karl Heyer, Marc Haine, Karel Tresnak) 3:41.10; 2. Lanikai 3:49.76; 3. Kailua 3:51.40.

**Men novice B:** 1. Kailua (Tony Laglia, Big Mike Langley, Rich Taylor, Jorge Martinez, Kawai Mahoe, Jason Whitcomb) 3:48.70; 2. Outrigger 3:51.08; 3. Hui Nalu 3:52.30.

**Girls 15:** 1. Lanikai (Sami Thompson, Tori Rooks, Sierra Smith, Sawyer Henshaw, Emily Hamoon, John Foti) 4:07.77; 2. Hui Nalu 4:28.50; 3. Keahiakahoe 4:29.81.

**Boys 15:** 1. Leeward Kai (Alika Philpotts, William Avilla-Pangorang, Lanson Kawai-aye, Isaiiah Bacos, Travis Manabat Jr., Dayne Van Gieson) 3:46.92; 2. Waikiki Surf Club 3:49.14; 3. Lanikai 3:54.47.

**Girls 16 & under:** 1. Outrigger (Allie Whiting, Kanoe Wong, Rachel Suppa, Sophia Varady, Helena Schaefer, Billy Balding) 4:10.68; 2. Leeward Kai 4:19.92; 3. Waikiki Surf Club 4:20.36.

**Boys 16 & under:** 1. Lanikai (Aaron Madden, Jake Kennedy, Cole Caster, Zachary Vollert, Stavros Bessonoff, Kahaku Aspelund) 3:39.28; 2. Kailua 4:01.30; 3. Waikiki Surf Club 4:06.86.

**Girls 18 & under:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Keo Cullen, Waiana Ho, Kalei Naauao, Keakealani Kaluhiokalani, Adam Treinen-Aea, Maluhia Moses) 2. Waikiki Surf Club; 3. Kailua. (times unavailable).

**Boys 18 & under:** 1. Leeward Kai (Kalani Kaaa, Kekoa Kau, Kainoa Philpotts, Daniel Rzonca, Jared Ku, Dayne Van Gieson). 2. Lanikai; 3. Kailua.

**Women novice A:** 1. Outrigger (Maggie Parks, Annie Hiller, Katherine Richardson, Stephanie Dewese, Billy Balding, Nancy Gandy) 4:14.26; 2. Healani 4:18.26; 3. Hui Nalu 4:19.77. (times unavailable).

**Men novice A:** 1. Kailua (Kenneth Bussell, Cromwell Day, Conrad Martin, Ryszard May, Ken McGuire, Kawai Mahoe) 7:04.31; 2. Lanikai 7:06.73; 3. Hui Lanakila 7:08.05.

**Women freshmen:** 1. Healani (Kea Paiaina, Catia Garell, Carolyn Sato-Mook, Heidi Salvador, Tini Kekaula-Van Gieson, Christy Lucas) 7:57.30; 2. Outrigger 8:03.13; 3. Hui Nalu 8:09.41.

**Men freshmen:** 1. Kailua (Shawn Lepine, Brudda Poole, Makana Denton, Jordan Wong, Alex Epling, Julz Wicker) 7:17.92; 2. Lanikai 7:19.98; 3. Outrigger 7:25.59.

**Sophomore women:** 1. Hui Lanakila (Pauahi loane, Ariene Holzman, Dara Hu-

men masters 40: 1. Lanikai (Barb VanDerKamp, Heather Wallenstrom, Madeline Murphy-Lopez, Woreen Hamoon, Malia Maldonado, Jim Foti) 8:16.91; 2. Kailua 8:53.98; 3. New Hope 9:00.93.

**Men masters 40:** 1. Outrigger (Byron Ho, Ruben Cabaniero, John Wacker, Todd Sandvold, Mike Nakano, Stewart Kawakami) 7:37.72; 2. Lanikai 7:37.94; 3. Waimanalo 7:38.88.

**Women open four:** 1. Hui Nalu (Ana Yarawamai, Mikiala Ramler, Leslie Fabish, David Loui) 4:28.01; 2. Leeward Kai 4:28.63; 3. Lanikai 4:29.11.

**Men open four:** 1. Keahiakahoe (Ty Fu, Jace Faufata, Kamu Lau, Tyson Rodrigues) 3:53.00; 2. Kailua 3:54.08; 3. Healani 4:05.75.

**Mixed masters 55:** 1. Kailua (Pat Erwin, Chrystal Hogue, Ernest Gong, Cookie Baudrau, Michael Willett, Suzi Mechler); 2. Lanikai; 3. Keahiakahoe. (times unavailable).

**Mixed masters 40:** 1. Hui Nalu (Krista Galaidd, Miles Sakai, Melissa Toherow, Danny De Fries, Boz Beals, Denise Darval-Chang); 2. Lanikai; 3. Waikiki Surf Club. (times unavailable).

**Mixed men and women:** 1. Leeward Kai (Erica Pobre, Kekoa Lopez, Jasalyn Baniaga, Kaika Smith, Jennifer Apela, Dayne Van Gieson); 2. Keahiakahoe; 3. Healani. (times unavailable).