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Lanikai continues Macfarlane dominance

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Allison Wallace, left, Katrina Molenda, Liz Bills, Avery Munoz and Melanie Hutchison celebrated their victory in the women's novice A race. The Macfarlane Regatta is the only wave race on the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association schedule and is the oldest outrigger canoe race in the world, getting its start in 1943 on Waikiki Beach.



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Women paddle out a quarter of a mile during the Fourth of July Outrigger Canoe Club’s annual Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Regatta. The Macfarlane Regatta is the only wave race on the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association schedule and is the oldest outrigger canoe race in the world, getting its start in 1943 on Waikiki Beach, Tuesday July 4, 2017 in Honolulu, Hi.

In continuing the tradition of what used to be known as the “Water Carnival” in the 1940s, outrigger canoe paddlers perpetuated the passion — and fun — that was rekindled throughout the 75th running of the Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta Tuesday at Waikiki Beach.

Lanikai navigated the relatively calm waters efficiently and rode occasional swells to an overall victory at the Macfarlane Regatta for the seventh time in eight years. The Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association’s traditional Fourth of July event was held in the waters fronting the iconic Moana, Outrigger and Royal Hawaiian hotels as an estimated 15,000 participants and spectators looked on from the beach and surrounding hotel balconies.

The event serves as the longest continually run outrigger canoe paddling event in the world since first being held in 1943, and according to Outrigger Canoe Club records, it was the 107th Fourth of July regatta run in Waikiki. Host Outrigger and Lanikai have combined to win the last 24 Macfarlane Regattas, with Lanikai claiming 15 victories in that span.

“This race is always a gamble, and it comes down to what Mother Nature provides,” said Karel Tresnak Jr. after helping steer Lanikai to victory in the senior men’s race along with Igor Sobreira, Manny Kulukulualani, Nick Foti, Levi-Jordan Goeas and Jack Roney.

“It’s really special to be a part of this regatta, and what it means to Outrigger and all of us,” said Tresnak Jr., who raced with Outrigger in years past. “People always say that this regatta doesn’t count for points, but everybody wants to win it. You always want that chance to win the senior race and drink champagne after. It doesn’t happen often, and when it does, you have to cherish it.”

The perpetual Walter Macfarlane Memorial Trophy and Senior Women’s Bowl were awarded to the victorious crews in the men’s (Lanikai) and women’s (Outrigger) 1 1/2-mile senior races. Both winning crews were presented with the trophies in a post-race ceremony fronting Duke’s, which now stands in the area formerly occupied by the Outrigger Canoe Club’s original site. Following tradition, winning crew members took sips of champagne from the cups topping both trophies and shared the bubbly with counterparts from the runner-up crews.

“It’s a blast — you can have a quarter-mile lead and it can be gone in a heartbeat,” said Amy Woodward, the stroker in Outrigger’s winning senior women’s canoe. “It complicates things because you never feel comfortable in the lead knowing that the advantage can be ripped out of your teeth. To be a blip in the history of this prestigious race is both intense and wonderful at the same time.”

Outrigger’s crew of Jennifer Fratzke, Shannon O’Neill, Angie Dolan Giancaterino, Traci Phillips, Billy Lawson and Woodward completed the senior race in 12 minutes and 14.95 seconds — nearly 12 seconds ahead of runner-up Lanikai (12:26.83).

“It’s very special, and I’ve been in about a million of them,” said Phillips, an Outrigger veteran who mentioned after the race that it was her final time competing with the senior women’s crew at the Macfarlane Regatta, and that

it was time for the “next generation” to continue its progress. “It’s the 75th anniversary of this race, and it’s great to be here in Hawaii paddling on the Fourth of July.”

Lanikai claimed the AAA Division (31-45 crews entered) with 187 points via 12 race wins and fended off Outrigger (171 points), while three-time defending OHCRA champion Hui Nalu (143 points) and Kailua (113 points) rounded out the large division.

Keahiakahoe (73 points) held off Healani (62 points) to claim the AA Division (14-26 crews entered), while Leeward Kai took the A Division (1-13 crews entered) with 50 points over Waikiki Surf Club (39 points).

The Macfarlane Regatta had no bearing on OHCRA’s cumulative point standings that determine state championship berths. However, it remains a favorite for paddlers as the course is set up perpendicular to the shore, allowing crews to catch ocean bumps as they race toward the finish line. Races were often won and lost based on catching the right wave at the right time and many crews used the open steering exemption, which allows experienced steersmen to paddle in as many races as necessary to help keep paddlers and canoes safe.

The surf on Tuesday was relatively calm as teams attempted to navigate the surf and finish races while avoiding the dreaded huli — the flipping of a canoe.

Said Lawson, the Outrigger senior women’s open steersman and brother of Woodward: “Today’s surf was definitely on the smaller side, but there were plenty of waves out there to keep things fun. It was great to steer the canoe with my sister up front.”

One of the day’s exhibition events featured members of the armed forces competing in the Macfarlane Invitational Military Race for bragging rights and the opportunity to hoist the perpetual USS Arizona Award. Various clubs sponsored military crews that in turn used that club’s canoe and an experienced steersperson. The quarter-mile sprint featured eight canoes and the squad from the U.S. Pacific Command paddling in Healani Canoe Club’s vessel netted the gold.

OHCRA clubs return to action July 16 at Kaneohe Bay on Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the annual John D. Kaupiko Regatta. The Na ‘Ohana O Na Hui Wa’a organization will hold its Na Keiki O Ka Mo’i Regatta on Saturday at Ma’ili Beach.

OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION Walter J. Macfarlane

Regatta

At Waikiki

Tuesday

Team

AAA Division

1, Lanikai 187. 2, Outrigger 171. 3, Hui Nalu 143. 4, Kailua 113.

AA Division

1, Keahiakahoe 73. 2, Healani 62. 3, Hui Lanakila 45.

A Division

1, Leeward Kai 50. 2, Waikiki Surf Club 39. 3 (tie), Waimanalo 19, Anuenue 19. 5, New Hope 17. 6, Koa Kai 5. 7, Kai Oni 4. 8 (tie), Keola O Ke Kai 3, Makaha Canoe Club 3. 10, Ewa Pu'uloa Outrigger 1.

1/4 mile

Male

Boys 12: 1, Lanikai (Stryker Scales, Logan Lefforge, Bronson Birdsall, Brennan Redican, Gabriel Munoz, Matthew Mench) 1:41.15. 2, Kailua 1:41.69. 3, Outrigger 1:42.56.

Boys 13: 1, Healani (Jayden Villanueva, Koen Evangelista-Segovia, Kaikane Thatcher-West, Lopes, Bailey Rodriguez, Antoni Valenti) 1:57.80. 2, Lanikai 1:58.68. 3, Hui Nalu 1:59.30.

Boys 14: 1, Hui Nalu (Hobey Moss, Kua'ana Watson, Max Pflueger, Evan Lee, Ka'ohu Kamakawiwo'ole, Ethan Siegfried) 1:49.29. 2, Waikiki Surf Club 1:49.81. 3, Waimanalo 1:50.26.

Female

Girls 12: 1, Hui Nalu (Sophia Galaida, Malia Felix, Sydnie Miller, Mariyah Mossman, 'Ale'a Aweau, Alike Winter) 1:36.35. 2, Keahiakahoe 1:49.10. 3, Lanikai 1:49.34.

Girls 13: 1, Kailua (Scarlet Higgins, Carmela Nole, Kaitlyn Weiss, Kiana McEwen, Tanya Sprague, Jordan Wong) 1:48.53. 2, Outrigger 1:49.84. 3, Lanikai 1:50.13.

Girls 14: 1, Outrigger (Marianna Fong, Kiana Yost, Christina Hlcks, Eliza Lewis, Malia Sandvold, Andrew Glatzel) 2:00.93. 2, Lanikai 2:05.79. 3, Keahiakahoe 2:06.49.

Women Novice B: 1, Leeward Kai (Jen Van Gieson, Allie Kaaloo, Ulu Ana, Keala Patterson, Kehau Wong, Alfred Van Gieson) 1:50.64. 2, Lanikai 1:54.71. 3, Outrigger 1:56.27.

Mixed

12: 1, Leeward Kai (Kalina Silva, Kalena Malama-Pa, Jasmine Raposa, Zayne Kaaihue, Pierce Kaeo, Alfred Van Gieson) 1:42.23. 2, Lanikai 1:44.74. 3, Hui Lanakila 1:45.70.

Open Keiki: 1, New Hope (Jazmine Akamu, Chloe Matthews, Ah Fah Akamu, Arileigh Kaapana, Kruise Kaapana, Ah Fah Akamu) 2:00.70. 2, Keahiakahoe 2:04.01. 3, Leeward Kai 2:04.35.

Novice B: 1, Outrigger (Amy Lawson, Andrew Richardson, Mary Margaret Peterson, Brian Boltwood, Jessica Rose, Joshua Stinson) 1:47.10. 2, Koa Kai 1:50.79. 3, Waikiki Surf Club 1:53.10. Military Race: 1, Pacom 1.50.00. 2, Army 1.54.41. 3, Air Force 1.57.51.

1/2 mile

Male

Boys 15: 1, Hui Nalu (Johann Olander, Aukina Hunt, Parker Murray, Adam Sandvold, James Morris, Ethan Siegfried) 3:36.14. 2, Leeward Kai 3:52.21. 3, Outrigger 3:54.21.

Boys 16: 1, Kailua (Kaleo Leonhardt, Tucker Erickson, Benjamin Weiss, Brad Wong, Ty Williams, Logan Moonen) 3:48.73. 2, Lanikai 3:49.27. 3, Outrigger 3:50.07.

Men Novice B: 1, Outrigger (Evan Johnson, Bryan Mcguinness, Vincent McCormack, David Boston, Simeon Ke-Paloma, Antonia Miranda) 3:31.22. 2, Lanikai 3:43.47. 3, Hui Nalu 3:44.59.

Men Open Four: 1, Leeward Kai (Stanton Ching, Albert Kawaiaea, Dwayne Kaaihue, Alfred Van Gieson) 3:51.79. 2, Keahiakahoe 3:54.09. 3, Kailua 3:54.50.

Senior Men Masters 50: 1, Outrigger (Kalei Miyachi, Brad Totherow, Matthew Esecson, Douglas Rowitch, Johathan Claucherty, Billy Lawson) 3:37.12. 2, Lanikai 3:52.85. 3, Kailua 3:53.46.

Men Golden Masters 55: 1, Lanikai (Jeff Cummings, Gio Camuso, Peter Roney, Keith Cutler, Richard Ulmer, Scott Freitas) 3:44.54. 2, Outrigger 3:48.32. 3, Keahiakahoe 3:54.85.

Men Masters 60: 1, Kailua (Freddie Delos Santos, Walter Hamasaki, Paul Hewlett, Kamoa Kalama, Pat Erwin, Rob Cates) 3:43.03. 2, Outrigger 3:57.26. 3, Keahiakahoe 3:57.64.

Men Masters 65: 1, Hui Nalu (Robert Rocheleau, Glen Fujihara, Harold Akeo, Chris Smith, Jerry Yoshida, Dennis Fern) 4:05.21. 2, Outrigger 4:08.87. 3, Waimanalo 4:19.28.

Men Masters 70: 1, Lanikai (Rob Milne, Steve Kux, Ron Seiple, Mike Groza, Jeff Hunt, Scott Freitas) 4:21.58. 2, New Hope 4:25.64. 3, Outrigger 4:26.91.

Female

Girls 15: 1, Outrigger (Yael Van Delden, Mimi Moody, Andrew Glatzel, Makana Shipman, Dillyn Lietzke, Caroline Oyster) 4:08.84. 2, Hui Nalu 4:24.60. 3, Waikiki Surf Club 4:25.40.

Girls 16: 1, Keahiakahoe (Leeshel Bastatas, Kainoa Kawainui, Kaya Whaley, Sheila Levinthol, Kekonapiliahi Dias, Ty Fu) 4:28.31. 2, Lanikai 4:28.61. 3, Hui Nalu 4:30.83.

Girls 18: 1, Keahiakahoe (Keaka Rodrigues, Kauai Kaleleiki, Shaienne Estepa, Tate Keliroomalu, Katelyn Kong, Kalei Kahookele) 4:10.56. 2, Waikiki Surf Club 4:21.94. 3, Healani 4:23.76.

Women Novice A: 1 Lanikai (Allison Wallace, Avery Munoz, Katrina Molenda, Melani Hutchinson, Liz Bills, Manny Kulukulualani) 4:08.36. 2, Hui Lanakila 4:09.19. 3, Hui Nalu 4:10.13.

Women Open Four: 1, Outrigger (Karin Del Rey, Kaitlin Allen, Hilary Denison, Travis Grant) 4:32.75. 2, Hui Nalu 4:43.72. 3, Lanikai 4:46.95.

Senior Women Masters 50: 1, Kailua (Jamie Grimm, Heidi Hansen-Smith, Lois Hewlett, Carleen Ornellas, Jennifer Fisher, Kamoa Kalama) 4:13.78. 2, Lanikai 4:14.44. 3, Outrigger 4:21.40.

Women Golden Masters 55: 1, Outrigger (Deborah Deshais, Kimberley Heyer, Mary Quinn, Lisa Livingston, Jill Masunaga, Heinere Itchner) 4:12.95. 2, Kailua 4:21.09. 3, Lanikai 4:22.32.

Women Masters 60: 1, Outrigger (Tana Feeley, Genie Kincaid, Laurie Lawson, Kaiulu Downing, Alice Lunt, Billy Lawson) 4:11.76. 2, Lanikai 4:19.78. 3, Hui Nalu 4:32.35.

Women Masters 65: 1, Keahiakahoe (Iolani Kassebeer, Yvonne Keahi, Mary Martin, Gayenell Kalama, Kathie Taitano, Ty Fu) 4:33.66. 2, Hui Nalu 4:45.12. 3, Waikiki Surf Club 4:53.22.

Women Masters 70: 1, Keahiakahoe (Mauliola Aspelund, Sarah Jane Watson, Mimi Frank, Susie Oakland, Joy Schoenecker, Kamu Lau) 4:31.95. 2, Hui Nalu 4:44.67. 3, Anuenue 5:28.27.

Mixed

18: 1, Waikiki Surf Club (Jacob Mamiya, Makana Andrade, Kaysie Ho, Isley Cachero, Ka'iulani Kamalu, Luana Froiseth) 3:57.89. 2, Hui Nalu 4:00.22. 3, Kailua 4:21.47.

Men and Women: 1, Lanikai (Kealohi Aweau, Bruce Lukas, Joey Foti, Jay Rea, Amber Kuhlmann, Manny Kulukulualani) 4:07.36. 2, Outrigger 4:08.03. 3, Anuenue 4:12.99.

Masters 40: 1, Outrigger (Tina Larson, Robert Carlson, Pamela Davis, Malia Hirschmann, Rodolfo Byrne, Travis Grant) 4:07.58. 2, Waikiki Surf Club 4:22.97. 3, Hui Nalu 4:23.49.

Masters 55: 1, Hui Lanakila (Ron Gridley, Alice Woods, Squeeze Kamana III, Leona Porter, Russ Miller, Sally Moses) 4:15.61. 2, Outrigger 4:17.11. 3, Lanikai 4:17.59.

1 mile

Male

Boys 18: 1, Hui Nalu (Hunter Pflueger, Kala Diaz, Noa Kerner, Francesco Forti, Harrison Deisroth, Ethan Siegfried) 7:29.37. 2, Kailua 8:06.43. 3, Keahiakahoe 8:06.75.

Men Novice A: 1, Leeward Kai (Glenn Crissman, Mana Davis, Kelii Adams, Makai Motas, Caizan Nauka, Alfred Van Gieson) 8:06.93. 2, Hui Nalu 8:21.91. 3, Kailua 8:25.88.

Men Freshmen: 1, Lanikai (Nick Foti, Levi-Jordan Goeas, Alakai Freitas, Aaron Norris, Kenny Esquivel, Karel Tresnak Jr.) 7:33.67. 2, Outrigger 7:40.42. 3, Healani 7:53.61.

Sophomore Men: 1, Lanikai (Justin Soares, Jesse Hampton, Andreas Gaeta, Jack Roney, Aaron Norris, Cheyne Mench) 7:02.59. 2, Outrigger 7:23.25. 3, Healani 7:25.23.

Men Junior: 1, Lanikai (Matthew Mench, Igor Sobreira, Keea Lum, Chauncey Cody, Matt Crowley, Alakai Freitas) 7:38.01. 2, Hui Nalu 7:52.37. 3, Leeward Kai 7:56.19.

Men Masters 40: 1, Lanikai (Alexsandro Arasawa, Kekoa Bruhn, Skozilla Pecora, Manny Kulukulualani, Tapa Worthington, Scott Freitas) 7:31.96. 2, Kailua 7:39.78. 3, Healani 7:57.84.

Female

Women Freshmen: 1, Lanikai (Laura Ediger, Mele Coelho-Beter, Aulani Hall, Monica Esquivel, Maia Graham, Manny Kulukulualani) 8:11.51. 2, Healani 8:12.53. 3, Keahiakahoe 9:19.60.

Sophomore Women: 1, Outrigger (Angie Dolan Giancaterino, Hoku Keala, Jennifer Fratzke, Billy Lawson, Traci Phillips, Amy Lawson) 7:55.03. 2, Hui Lanakila 8:25.74. 3, Hui Nalu 8:41.18.

Women Junior: 1, Hui Nalu (Kaulu Luuwai, Jenna Quinn, Andreia Monteiro Queima, Lianne Cameron, Tia Brown, Ethan Siegfried) 8:27.65. 2, Outrigger 8:42.14. 3, Healani 9:02.12.

Women Masters 40: 1, Lanikai (Janice Smith, Heidi Berengue, Ingrid Seiple, Kate Dennis, Michelle Campillo-Peters, Manny Kulukulualani) 8:44.29. 2, Healani 8:52.23. 3, Hui Nalu 9:01.70.

1 1/2 mile

Male

Men Senior: 1, Lanikai (Igor Sobreira, Manny Kulukulualani, Nick Foti, Levi-Jordan Goeas, Jack Roney, Karel Tresnak Jr.) 11:07.75. 2, Outrigger

11:31.46. 3, Keahiakahoe 11:40.43.

Female

Women Senior: 1, Outrigger (Jennifer Fratzke, Shannon O'Neill, Angie Dolan Giancaterino, Amy Lawson, Traci Phillips, Billy Lawson) 12:14.95. 2, Lanikai 12:26.83. 3, Healani 13:04.83.