

Outrigger ties with Lanikai for Fourth at Makaha

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One of the most beautiful beaches in all Hawaii is Makaha, and it was here that the second regatta of the canoe racing season was held on June 8th.

The Kailua team, victor of the previous week's races on their home course, made it two straight by amassing 57 points to Healani's 45. Hui Nalu was third with 35, while the OCC and Lanikai tied for fourth with 27 points.

Outrigger, a perennial slow starter, is, nonetheless, showing signs of improvement in just a week's time. The Junior Men jumped from 8th to 3rd place. The Junior Women remained 3rd but nearly overtook favored Healani who snapped Kailua's two-year-old winning streak.

There was only one "huli" of the day, but it occurred when our great Boys 18 crew was well on its way to victory. A small swell caught the "ama", and it was all over.

This regatta, only the second of seven outings, was important in establishing four OCC crews as "powers." First place for the second straight week went to the Boys 14, the Girls 15, the Girls 17 (who blistered the one-half mile course in 4:59.2, a record sure to stand for a long time) and the mighty Senior Men who demoralized their opposition with a solid three lengths victory.
