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Frustration at Waimanalo

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On Sunday, July 14, Outrigger paddlers in the Pop Waialeale Memorial Canoe Regatta at Waimanalo ended up 3rd overall.

This regatta proved frustrating in every way and saw many crews upset, particularly in the later races. Kailua upset the Waikiki Surf Club's dominating Senior Women, and Waikiki Surf's Senior Men snapped the Outrigger's 9-race win streak.

Outrigger's steersman Mike Lemes was ill, and Brant Ackerman, who usually strokes the canoe, went back to the steersman's position while Tim Guard came out and stroked. The changes coming too quickly proved too much, and the senior six came in second. This regatta had one happy note: it established again four Outrigger crews as "powers:" the Boys 14, Girls 15 and 17, and Boys 18's.