

Hui Nalu takes Kaupiko, stops Outrigger's win streak

by Dave Pierson

"Beat Outrigger" was the banner headline in the Honolulu Advertiser sports section prior to the John D. Kaupiko Regatta held in Waikiki's surf on June 23rd. Hui Nalu, the regatta sponsor, was charged-up and ready to take on the previously unbeaten OCC crews, and the other clubs were "up" for this one too.

Races at Waikiki differ greatly from the open-ocean races, for they finish toward the shore in the surf, thus making the waves and lane selection primary factors in every race. Most paddlers enjoy these races, as they are wide open affairs with surprise winners common.

The OCC lanes were "away from the break" most of the day, which made winning seem improbable at the outset. However, our crews turned in some superlative performances, especially our Men's Masters and Open Mens four crews. The crew of four, steered by Bruce Ames, included: Tom Conner, Jim Kelly and John Finney. They "won" by twenty-five yards, but were later disqualified for a false start.

Winners, 15-Girls— $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Donna Kahakui, Lissa Guild, Tiffany Bova, Mollie Brink, Reeney Dorsey and steersman Keoni Downing.

Girls, 17- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile: Linda Lalakea, Kirsten Morrow, Kehau Kealoha, Cassie Senner, Tracy Newhart and steersman Alan Rosehill.

The Men's Masters $\frac{1}{2}$ mile pulled the greatest upset of the day as they simply out-gutted the rest of the crews despite being in a totally waveless lane. The crew: Jaren Hancock, Jim Peterson, Hank Lass,

Buddy McGuire, Norm Dunmire, and super steersman Mike Holmes. Hui Nalu scored 52 to OCCC's 43.