

Outrigger
Canoe Club
approaches
the finish line
at the Hilton
Hawaiian
Village to win
its second
straight and
16th overall
Molokai Hoe
yesterday.

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Outrigger does it again

Experience, tenacity carry club to 16th Molokai Hoe victory

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Victory 16 for the Outrigger Canoe Club couldn't have been any sweeter.

Paddling "straight up" with the top teams in the field, Outrigger knocked them all down to win the Bankoh/Hinano Molokai Hoe for a record 16th time yesterday.

It was Outrigger's second consecutive victory in the 41-mile race from Hale O Lono Harbor, Molokai, to Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Waikiki, that is considered the world championship of long-distance outrigger canoe paddling.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had," said Outrigger's Ikaika Kincaid. "Paddling right with all those guys, then catching them, then passing them... it's incredible."

Added steersman Billy Balding: "We knew we were world champs, but we went in thinking we were the underdogs. To beat all these guys straight up, no excuses, it makes it more satisfying."

A favorable tide and trade winds contributed to a relatively quick crossing. Outrigger technically crossed the finish line in 5 hours, 3 minutes, 2 seconds, which would have been the fifth fastest winning time in the 48-year history of the event. But a bizarre start prompted officials to impose a 10-minute penalty on 94 of the 102 entries.

Due to the strong tide, almost the entire field drifted ahead of the starting line before the race started. Because so many teams were ruled to be in violation, the top of the leader board was not affected in the final results, except that Outrigger's official winning time became 5:13:02.

Team New Zealand was second at 5:14:47 and Kai Opua third at 5:15:23. Lanikai was fourth

(5:24:26) and Puna fifth (5:25:17). Hawaii crews took eight of the top 10 places.

"My feeling is nobody should be penalized because it was never anybody's intention to go out and blatantly cheat," said Outrigger coach Kala Judd. "But nothing can take away from this. We paddled as good a race as we could have."

Indeed, Outrigger left little doubt over which was the best team yesterday.

For starters, all of the top contenders chose to follow a northerly course across the Kaiwi Channel. Almost immediately, four broke away from the pack: Outrigger, Kai Opua, New Zealand and Lanikai.

"That was good," said Kincaid. "Because we knew right away who the competition was going to be."

Early on, Kai Opua set the standard. In fact, the club from Kailua-Kona led for approximately 80 percent of the race.

Midway across the channel, Outrigger was in fourth, and trailed Kai Opua by over a half-mile.

"There was a carrot dangling out there for us the whole race," said Outrigger's Mark Rigg. "But about halfway across, the feeling was we better do something soon before it's too late."

Sure enough, Outrigger chased down the leaders.

"Within this sport, there's a sense of magic in every canoe," said Rigg. "The key is to find it as a group. We found our magic right around the three-hour mark (into the race). All of a sudden we were moving and we had this new energy."

Perhaps it was the water. In a replay of last year, Outrigger saved its best run for the stretch — in the ocean off East Oahu, where it often practices.

"Once we got to Maunalua Bay, I started feeling the vibe," said Balding. "I could tell our guys were ready to rock."

With Balding daringly steering the canoe on to nearly every wave that appeared, Outrigger eventual-

ly caught Kai Opua using a relentless rotation of paddlers.

"I don't think we have the fastest six (paddlers) at any given time in the canoe," said Judd. "But I'm confident we have the fastest nine that will continually work as a team."

As Kincaid put it: "It was the hardest race I've ever paddled. Every single stroke, it was go, go, go!"

The winning crew: Balding, Kincaid, Mark Rigg, Matt Rigg, Marc Haine, Walter Guild, Andrew Glatzel, Courtney Seto and David Horner. All but Mark Rigg and Seto were also on last year's championship crew.

"Last year was a combination of youth and enthusiasm," said Judd. "This year it was experience and tenacity."

"I don't think anybody had a course advantage because we were all pretty much on the same line. The credit has to go to the paddling of these guys. They just refused to give up."

New Zealand also passed Kai Opua late in the race to finish second. Six of its paddlers were from New Zealand and three from Hawaii, including former Outrigger steersman Todd Bradley.

Kai Opua, which was steered by veteran Tommy Conner, still had the best finish ever by a Big Island club. Lanikai fell to a distant fourth after its top canvas ripped, allowing water to fill the canoe.

Mooloolaba of Australia won the masters (ages 35-over) division for the second consecutive year and placed an impressive ninth overall at 5:34:43. Newport Aquatic Center of California was the top senior masters (45-over) crew at 6:00:09.

Hui Lanakila won the koa-canoe division with a time of 5:53:51.

There's nothing like victory

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Andrew Glatzel waves his paddle in elation yesterday after he and fellow Outrigger Canoe Club members crossed the finish line about 90 seconds ahead of the New Zealand team to take first place in the Bankoh/Hinano Molokai Hoe 1999. The race concluded at Duke Kahanamoku Beach. **See story, Page D7.**

Final Results

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Overall

- 1, Outrigger-1 (Billy Balding, Andrew Glatzel, Walter Guild, Marc Haine, David Horner, Ikaika Kincaid, Mark Rigg, Matt Rigg, Courtney Seto), 5:13:02. 2, New Zealand, 5:14:47. 3, Kai Opua, 5:15:23. 4, Lanikai-1, 5:24:26. 5, Puna, 5:25:17. 6, Waikiki Surf Club-1, 5:31:47. 7, Hawaii Canoe & Kayak, 5:33:32. 8, Malama Ula-2, 5:33:44. 9, Mooloolaba, 5:34:43. 10, Lanikai-2, 5:35:53. 11, Hui Lanakila-1, 5:39:20. 12, Anuenue-2, 5:41:57. 13, Team Hawaii, 5:42:58. 14, Kailua-1, 5:43:48. 15, Outrigger-2, 5:49:46. 16, Waikiki Surf Club-2, 5:50:32. 17, Waikiki Yacht Club-1, 5:50:39. 18, Hui Lanakila-4, 5:52:06. 19, Jericho, 5:52:38. 20, Lokahi-1, 5:53:03. 21, Nuku A Hoe, 5:53:33. 22, Hui Lanakila-2, 5:53:51. 23, He'e Nalu, 5:55:57. 24, Manuiwa-1, 5:57:20. 25, Kawaihae-1, 5:57:43. 26, Kailua-4, 5:58:55. 27, Lanikai-3, 5:59:38. 28, Newport Aquatic Center, 6:00:09. 29, Bend Oregon Outrigger, 6:00:35. 30, Hanalei, 6:02:27. 31, Koa Kai-1, 6:02:36. 32, Tui Tonga/Kauai, 6:02:44. 33, Tamalpais, 6:03:17. 34, Manuiwa-2, 6:04:02. 35, Kanu Connection, 6:04:34. 36, Kona Athletic, 6:04:56. 37, Outrigger-Japan, 6:06:23. 38, Napili, 6:06:56. 39, Sydney Outrigger, 6:07:14. 40, North Shore-1, 6:07:26. 41, Cronulla, 6:08:32. 42, Hui Nalu-1, 6:08:58. 43, Napili-2, 6:11:04. 44, Koa Kai-4, 6:11:17. 45, Malama Ula, 6:12:31. 46, Waikoloa-2, 6:12:37. 47, Hawaiian-1, 6:12:47. 48, Anuenue-1, 6:14:59. 49, Outrigger-3, 6:15:34. 50, Waikiki Beach Boys-2, 6:15:56. 51, Puuwai, 6:16:45. 52, Leeward Kai, 6:17:08. 53, Hanalei-2, 6:19:26. 54, Kahana, 6:19:37. 55, Kamehameha-Oahu, 6:19:42. 56, Keoua, 6:19:42. 57, Waikiki Surf Club-3, 6:21:02. 58, Lae Ula O Kai, 6:21:34. 59, Kawaihae-2, 6:22:08. 60, Kaiola-1, 6:22:53. 61, Koa Kai-3, 6:24:54. 62, Kaneohe, 6:25:47. 63, Lami Kai Wai, 6:26:06. 64, Lokahi-2, 6:26:09. 65, Hui Nalu-2, 6:27:31. 66, Kawaihae-Laka, 6:29:14. 67, Waikiki Yacht Club-2, 6:30:11. 68, Hawaiian-2, 6:31:38. 69, Makaha, 6:32:12. 70, Lahaina, 6:32:22. 71, Keauhou, 6:32:59. 72, Hui Lanakila-3, 6:33:11. 73, Na Keiki O Ka Moi, 6:34:25. 74, Kihei-2, 6:35:52. 75, San Francisco Outrigger-2, 6:35:53. 76, Keaukaha-1, 6:35:58. 77, North Shore-2, 6:36:43. 78, Hawaiian-3, 6:37:14. 79, San Francisco Outrigger-1, 6:37:57. 80, Port Stephens, 6:38:04. 81, Kailua-2, 6:38:56. 82, Na Kai Ewalu-2, 6:44:03. 83, Imua, 6:44:25. 84, Koa Kai-2, 6:44:49. 85, Hui O Ho'okainalu, 6:46:35. 86, Kaiola, 6:47:04. 87, Keaukaha-2, 6:48:23. 88, Healani, 6:52:39. 89, Kailua-3, 6:53:45. 90, Kalihi Kai, 6:53:32. 91, Taniwaha Grizzlies, 6:54:55. 92, Kai Poha, 6:56:36. 93, Waimanalo, 6:58:12. 94, New Hope, 6:59:20. 95, Lanikai-4, 7:00:45. 96, Kihei-1, 7:02:40. 97, Waikoloa, 7:06:52. 98, Na Kai Ewalu, 7:09:11. 99, Alapa Hoe, 7:12:07.

Koa Canoe

- 1, Hui Lanakila-2 (Lindsey Todd, Mike Mazzone, Gordon Flaherty, Thomas Waters, John DeMarco, Leighton Look, Chris Bettis, Darren Omoto, Derek Leek), 5:53:51. 2, Lanikai-3, 5:59:38. 3, Keoua, 6:19:42. 4, Kalihi Kai, 6:53:32.

Masters (35-over)

- 1, Mooloolaba (Danny Sheard, Ron Grabbe, Adrian Blandford, Steve West, Mick Smith, Guy Wilding, Chris Maynard, Geoff Webb, Grant Kenny), 5:34:43. 2, Team Hawaii, 5:42:58. 3, Hui Lanakila-4, 5:52:06. 4, Kailua-4, 5:58:55. 5, Napili-2, 6:11:04. 6, Malama Ula, 6:12:31. 7, Koa Kai-3, 6:24:54. 8, Kaneohe, 6:25:47. 9, Kihei-2, 6:35:52. 10, San Francisco Outrigger-2, 6:35:53. 11, Na Kai Ewalu, 7:09:11.

Senior Masters (45-over)

- 1, Newport Aquatic Center (Jiri Batlik, Dennis Campbell, Dave Johnson, Rodger Malm, Mark Buck, Glen Whitehurst, John Edwards, Ray Shipman, Barry Francis), 6:00:09. 2, Manuiwa-2, 6:04:02. 3, Kona Athletics, 6:04:56. 4, Koa Kai-4, 6:11:17. 5, Anuenue-1, 6:14:59. 6, Outrigger-3, 6:15:34. 7, Hanalei-2, 6:19:26. 8, Kawaihae-2, 6:22:08. 9, Keaukaha-1, 6:33:58. 10, Hawaiian-3, 6:37:14. 11, Kaiola, 6:47:04. 12, Taniwaha Grizzlies, 6:54:55. 13, Lanikai-4, 7:00:45. 14, Waikoloa, 7:06:52.