

10,000 See Canoe Race Thriller

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A colorful crowd of more than 10,000 witnessed the peacetime revival of the Kamehameha Day canoe racing championship held yesterday at the Ala Wai canal.

Sponsored by the Kamaaina Beachcombers Hui, the 11 event program, which included men's and women's races, was run off in highly efficient fashion.

Outrigger Canoe club's fine crew copped the blue ribbon one mile senior six paddle men's race by one length over Hui Nalu in 7 minutes 45.5 seconds, leading all the way to the finish line.

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In the most thrilling race of the day, Joe Davis and Robert Kekai stroked their Hui Nalu pride, Malolo, to a two foot victory over the natatorium entry in the one half mile senior two paddle event. The two canoes were never more than a yard apart throughout the sprint.

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Hui Nalu made a clean sweep of the women's events by taking the one half mile senior and junior six paddle races in 5 minutes 16.2 seconds and 5 minutes 11 seconds, respectively.

Kona's famed racing canoe, Honaunau, victor in many prewar regattas, failed to seat a crew capable of challenging the leaders in any of her races.

Gene Smith and George Selser of the Outrigger Canoe club were easy winners in their specialties. Smith won the one mile senior surfboard (hollow board) event in 10 minutes 22.4 seconds, while Selser garnered the one mile senior surfboard (solid board) championship in 13 minutes 42.9 seconds.

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Half mile 6 paddle, boys under 17—(1) Hui Nalu. Time, 4 minutes, 2.5 seconds.

Half mile junior 6 paddle, women—(1) Hui Nalu, (2) Uluniu, (3) Junior Hawaiian Civic club. Time, 5 minutes, 11 seconds.

One mile senior 4 paddle, men—(1) Outrigger Canoe club, (2) Natatorium, (3) Kona, (4) Hui Nalu. Time, 8 minutes, 11 seconds.

Half mile junior 2 paddle, men—(1) Hui Nalu, (2) Outrigger Canoe club, (3) Kona, (4) Natatorium. Time, 5 minutes, 40.5 seconds.

1 mile senior surfboard, men (solid board)—(1) G. Selser, Outrigger; (2) J. Cross, Outrigger; (3) J. Kalama, Natatorium. Time, 13 minutes, 42.9 seconds.

Half mile senior 2 paddle, men—(1) Hui Nalu, (2) Natatorium, (3) Outrigger Canoe club, (4) Kona. Time, 4 minutes 34.1 seconds.

One mile junior 6 paddle, men—(1) Outrigger Canoe club, (2) Hui Nalu, (3) Natatorium, (4) Kona. Time, 8 minutes, 45.9 seconds.

One mile senior 6 paddle, men—(1) Outrigger Canoe club, (2) Hui Nalu, (3) Natatorium, (4) Kona. Time, 7 minutes, 45.5 seconds.

Half mile senior 6 paddle, women—(1) Hui Nalu, (2) Junior Hawaiian Civic club. Time, 5 minutes, 16.2 seconds.

One mile junior 4 paddle, men—(1) Outrigger Canoe club, (2) Natatorium, (3) Kona, (4) Hui Nalu. Time, 8 minutes, 11.3 seconds.

One mile senior surfboard, men (hollow board)—(1) G. Smith, Outrigger; (2) G. Downing, Natatorium; (3) J. Cross, Outrigger; (4) J. Kalama, Natatorium; (5) M. Medeiros, Natatorium. Time, 10 minutes, 22.4 seconds.