Honolulu Club Tallies 18 Points

Surfers Triumph In Men, Women Blue Ribbon Events

KAILUA, Kona, Hawaii, July 25—The Waikiki Surf Club won the Julian Yates Hawaiian Canoe Racing championship regatta here today.

The Surfers scored 18 points as against 17 by the Outrigger Canoe Club, the defending champions. Hui Nalu registered 10 points and Hui Kalia and Kai Opua nine each. Healani tallied five points, Honauanu four. Koolaupoko failed to score.

A large crowd of 9,000 witnessed the colorful regatta and ceremonies which were highlighted by a parade from the Kona Inn to the pier. At the head of the parade were Lorrin P. Thurston, grand marshal for the day, and John Lind, president of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association.

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The Hawaii County Band also participated in the parade, with baton twirling girls giving a fine performance. Then came the officials of the canoe association and the paddlers themselves.

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Just before the races got under way, Grand Marshal Thurston reviewed the history of canoe racing in Kona.

Tonight officials and paddlers were guests at a luau.

In dislodging the Outrigger Canoe Club as champions of the championship regatta, the Waikiki Surf Club won the men's senior six, women's senior six, novice six, and boys 17 and under.

In the blue ribbon senior men's six race, Waikiki won about 5 lengths over Hui Nalu. Their time for the three mile grind was 26 minutes 29.6 seconds. The Nalus were timed at 26 minutes 55.6. Honaunau was third.

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Showing great improvement over their past races in Honolulu, Hui Nalu led at the first turn. But Waikiki rallied to move slightly ahead on the second turn. The Surf Club crew, although challenged by Hui Nalu, managed to pull away steadily. They were ahead by two lengths at the third turn. They had increased their advantage to another half a length at the fourth turn. Three lengths in the lead on the final turn, they continued to pull away.

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The winning crew, which has won 11 straight races in the last two years and took its sixth straight event for 1953, was made up of George Downing, Moses Perkins, B. Makaena, H. Freitas, D. Kino and Blue Makua.

The Outrigger Club canoe swamped at the three-quarter mile mark and could not finish.

In the senior women's six event, Waikiki Surf Club edged out a fighting Hui Nalu crew to win its sixth straight race of the year. The victors were timed at 10 minutes 28 seconds for the one mile race.

Hui Nalu led up to the three-quarter mile mark where the WSC paddlers moved ahead and finished a third of a boat length ahead of their Honolulu rivals who were timed at 10:31. J. Kalama, L. Clark, T. Wong, V. Makua, J. Clark, and K. Kekai were members of the WSC crew.

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The Waikiki Surf Club's crew for boys 17 and under set a new record for the only standard-smashing performance of the day when they won in 7 minutes 50.6 second over Hui Kalia. It was a close race and WSC won by one length. Members of the crew were J. Meyer, G. Kauhi, F. Merino, M. Vincens, B. Meyer, and A. Gomes. Outrigger was third.

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WSC took the women's novice six race over Honaunau in 5 minutes 25 seconds. Only two crews were entered.

Outrigger won the senior men

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