



## Waikiki second in Macfarlane Regatta

# Seniors win it for Outrigger

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The throng at one of the roped-off hunks of Waikiki Beach began to roar, "Out-rigger," over and over as the senior men's crew stroked its way through the final 100 yards of surf.

It was the culmination of nearly seven hours of koa canoe racing for the coveted Walter Macfarlane Memorial Regatta trophy, a competition that went down to the final race of 24 for a decision and the Outrigger Canoe Club partisans knew they had a champion.

By finishing second to surprier Kailua in the closing two-mile senior men's feature,

Outrigger had finished with five vital points, 60 for the day and a seven-point edge over Waikiki Surf Club (53) which had led most of the day.

Hui Nalu was next with 50.

The Outrigger senior men were a group that had not won a race this season, finishing third at Waimanalo a week ago for their best previous finish.

"The seniors did it; they're fabulous," said a surf-soaked Outrigger coach Nat Norfleet after that 24th and final race was completed. "This is our race (regatta, more exactly). The spirit is here; this is the biggie for us."

But he admitted as nice as it was to win,

he'd have been much more at ease with a wider margin earlier. Despite the margin, though, this win had to be among the most satisfying. Outrigger has had a virtual stranglehold on this competition in recent years.

Racing on its home waters, OCC has won every Macfarlane since 1964 except for a two-year lapse in 1970 and 1971.

"This one was awfully tight," he said. "The Waikiki Surf Club was tremendously strong all day and Hui Nalu came on strong."

Looking for other keys to the triumph, Norfleet pointed to the sophomore men's race: "The sophomore men beat Hui Nalu

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