

Hui Nalu wins HCRA Regatta

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Throughout most of the canoe season Hui Nalu, as good a canoe club as it is, sat on the sidelines and watched other clubs cheer their victory chant at the end of a regatta.

But yesterday the chant belonged to "Hoo-hoo-hoo-ee-na-loo" as it captured the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association's 1978 Oahu Championship Regatta held at Keehi Beach Park.

Hui Nalu, with Herculean performances from its junior and senior men's crew, nudged highly reputed Outrigger for the title. Hui Nalu compiled 61 points, Outrigger amassed 52, Waikiki Surf had 41 for third and Kailua had 37 for fourth.

But it was no easy task for Hui Nalu, as it fought off the late-charging Outrigger Club until the very last event of the day.

Hui Nalu, leading nearly the entire contest, led Outrigger by 53-48 entering the men's senior event, a contest which the latter club has dominated in past years. But Hui Nalu's senior crew of Nainoa Thompson, Bruce Blankenfeld, George Kessner, head coach Kala Kukea, Myron Thompson and Fred Hemmings refused to let the race and the regatta slip away from their grasp as they thrashed the field for the victory.

In that event, Hui Nalu jumped out ahead at the very start and led by 2½ canoe lengths at the one-mile turn of the grueling two-mile race. They were alone coming home and from that point on, the Hui Nalu victory chant started only to be followed by some scornful but respectful glares by a few of the Outrigger club members who are accustomed to winning.

"It's a great feeling," said Kukea who stretched his smile nearly to his ears. "But I'd give credit to the whole club. The whole club was up and many crews did better than they ever did."

Gracious in defeat, however, was Outrigger's head coach Nat Norfleet.

"They're senior crew did great for them," said Norfleet. "All the money was on it and they did it. They had everything going against them — outside lane where it's more windy — and they did it. Congratulations goes to those guys."

Outrigger, usually strong in the lower division events, failed to accumulate the points expected of them, giving Hui Nalu, Healani and Waikiki Surf an early advantage.

"They got cocky," said Norfleet of the lower division. "They gotta go out and train."

"But there's one more week," warned Norfleet in reference to Saturday's HCRA's State meet.

Outrigger got another strong performance from its senior women's crew and it should be favored no matter what women's crew decides to challenge it.

Healani, encouraged by heavy cheerleading by club president and retired fireman Clem Paaina, took an early lead but was soon surpass-

ed by Hui Nalu, Outrigger, and Waikiki Surf, another club that loves to cheer, especially in front of a television camera that happened to show up at the meet.

Probably one of the turning points in the regatta came in the junior men's event in which Hui Nalu won and Outrigger failed to corral enough manpower to enter the race.

The Hui Nalu junior crew, like its senior crew, has been quiet in the previous weeks but prefers to paddle in calmer waters rather than rely on catching waves as in the previous two "surf" regattas — the John D. Kaupiko and the Walter McFarland races.

The junior men's event was highlighted by a strong field. The six canoes in the 1½-mile event churned out to the half-mile flag, disappearing from visibility of the naked eye near the fringe of the lagoon.

At the one-mile turn, Hui Nalu, the class of the field at the beginning of the season, was third behind Hui Lanakila and Waikiki Surf. But Hui Nalu picked up steam around the final turn and won without question.

BOYS AND MEN

12 B: 1. Waikiki Surf (Aaron Napoleon, Anthony Guerrero, Adam Kaijo, Randall Lindsey, Ralph Malo, Darryn Napoleon) 2:25.9; 2. Leeward Kai 2:26.7; 3. Hui Nalu 2:28.8.

12 A: 1. Healani (Kalani Dorden, Nick Hironaka, Todd Hasuika, Kaulana Young, Nolan Lam, Jay Nishiyama) 2:13.0; 2. Waikiki Surf 2:14.8; 3. Kailua 2:17.4.

13: 1. Hui Lanakila (Keith Cabral, Vince Mshukato, Bert Kaha, Brian Ku, Pui Wong, Damien Hiaoo) 2:02.0; 2. Healani 2:06.4; 3. Hui Nalu 2:07.4.

14: 1. Hui Nalu (Kevin Olds, Brenton Block, Kurt Tomashiro, Brian Marsh, Sherrif Osman, Paul Waiten) 2:11.4; 2. Leeward Kai 2:14.8; 3. Kailua 2:18.8.

Novice B: 1. Hui Nalu (Bennett Ikhammer, Kaloo Spencer, Duke Aloia, John Carimark, Bob Rocheleau, Tom Yen) 2:56.2; 2. Koolau 4:08.8; 3. Waikiki Surf 4:10.8.

Novice A: 1. Hui Lanakila (Tia Tahauri, Ricky Taura, Craig Pascual, Rich Vierra, Guy Nishimura, James Koo) 4:00.0 (New Record); 2. Waikiki Surf 4:00.7; 3. Outrigger 4:06.5.

16: 1. Hui Nalu (Brandon Block, Didi Harry Robello, Doms Gonda, Nish Scully, Peter Higashino, Chris Olds) 4:06.9; 2. Kailua 4:17.1; 3. Koolau 4:17.4.

18: 1. Outrigger (Fred Noa, Nelson Richardson, Gib Bentliff, Dana Rubev, Mark Haine, Peter Baiding) 8:20.5; 2. Hui Lanakila 8:27.3; 3. Waikiki Surf 8:28.5.

Freshmen: 1. Outrigger (Jay West, Willie Hawthorne, Jay Pynchon, Kenny Morrow, Mike Fox, Alan Rosehill) 8:13.3; 2. Hui Nalu 8:15.0; 3. Koolau 8:36.2.

Seahumers: 1. Hui Nalu (Joe Seitelman, David Darval, Pete Simpson, John Gibauer, Jimmy Naniolo, Sonny Bradley) 8:07.4; 2. Koolau 8:19.2; 3. Outrigger 8:29.4; Leeward Kai 8:15.2 (disc.).

Open Four: 1. Waikiki Surf (Randy Chun, Robert Moncrief, Kim Hollinger, Blue Makua Jr.) 3:21.9; 2. Hui Lanakila 3:29.8; 3. Lanikai 3:37.4.

Junior: 1. Hui Nalu (Steven Wood, Barry McKeown, Dickie Freeman, Ray Lum, George Hara, James Kodama) 12:54.5; 2. Waikiki Surf 13:01.7; 3. Hui Lanakila 13:03.0.

Masters: 1. Outrigger (Jaren Hancock, Jim Peterson, Bill Eggers, Hugh Foster, Kim Austin, Charles Martin) 4:08.0; 2. Kailua 4:11.0; 3. Lanikai 4:11.4.

Senior: 1. Hui Nalu (Nainoa Thompson, Bruce Blankenfeld, George Kessner, Kala Kukea, Myron Thompson, Fred Hemmings) 14:25.2; 2. Kailua 14:35.8; 3. Outrigger 17:01.0.

GIRLS AND WOMEN

Novice B: 1. Healani (Joni Sunio, Kathi Reed, Lou Jane Lee, Pamela Naki, Winnie Goo, Lesley Iltzky) 2:07.5 (New Record); 2. Outrigger 2:08.3; 3. Hui Nalu 2:13.8.

Novice A: 1. Healani (Dyanne Mitsuda, Jonna Wickesser, Pattie Cineilli, Vanessa DeMello, Beverly yao, Dede Reipinger) 2:16.7; 2. Outrigger 2:20.0; 3. Hui Lanakila 2:21.8.

15: 1. Lanikai (Allison Morris, Kauli Dymond, Pamela Crews, Sheryl Kuhns, Mary Donohue, Jill Beyer) 2:33.0; 2. Hui Nalu 2:39.7; 3. Kailua 2:40.5.

17: 1. Hui Nalu (Mary Franco, Malie Scully, Ruth Fukunaga, Kelly Davis, Malie Van Orden, Denise Darval) 4:44.7; 2. Healani 5:05.3; 3. Outrigger 5:06.4; Lanikai 5:05.1 (disc.).

Freshmen: 1. Lanikai (Mary McDermott, Sandy Weise, Kari Dunlap, Shelley Cadiz, Trudy Moncrief, Kelly Hutchinson) 4:52.9; 2. Waikiki Surf 4:59.5; 3. Outrigger 5:00.6.

Seahumers: 1. Kailua (Sandy Scafe, Kathy Seymour, Donna Meyer, Jody Scafe, Jeannie Morse, Lynn Kaita) 4:45.9; 2. Healani 4:57.8; 3. Hui Nalu 5:03.7.

Junior: 1. Kailua (Gwen Kau, Sharon Bourke, Chrystal Keys, Janis Betts, Lina Young, Chu Silve) 4:43.9; 2. Healani 4:55.4; 3. Outrigger 5:01.2.

Masters: 1. Outrigger (Marilyn Hainee, Hillary Eggers, Sue Oldt, Geri Pedesky, Jerry Senner, Billie Boird) 2:42.8; 2. Hui Nalu 2:44.5; 3. Kailua 2:49.8.

Senior: 1. Outrigger (Evie Black, Connie Maguire, Michelle St. Joh, Anne Nicole Sharon Bintliff, Anne Hogan) 9:55.1; 2. Waikiki Surf 10:04.3; 3. Hui Nalu 10:07.6.

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Open: 1. Waikiki Surf (Chris Abedor, Ernie Banks, Sam Davis, Charles Thurston, Puanani Kuhns, Eva Wallwork) 4:35.4; 2. Koolau 4:38.1; 3. Kailua 4:43.0. Leeward Kai 4:430.4 (disc.).

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Hui Nalu 61; 2. Outrigger 52; 3. Waikiki Surf 41; 4. Kailua 37; 5. Healani 30; 6. Hui Lanakila 21; 7. Lanikai 16; 8. Koolau 15; 9. Leeward Kai 9.