

Outrigger wo

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HONAUNAU, Hawaii — Outrigger Canoe Club of Honolulu defended its crown yesterday in the women's 14-mile Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race down the Kona coast.

The Oahu women covered the 14-mile test from Keauhou Bay to City of Refuge National Historical Park in one hour, 48 minutes and 27 seconds, well off the record of 1:34:12 the Outrigger set in 1976.

Despite the lack of a record, the champions had the distinction of winning the biggest canoe race in history in terms of entries, topping 40 other crews from throughout Hawaii and the Mainland.

Today, 53 men's crews are scheduled to race 26 miles up the Kona coast from Honaunau to Kailua Bay. It represents another all-time Hawaii entry, according to Hawaii Canoe Racing Association spokesman Jim Castro of Honolulu.

Members of the title crew yesterday were Sharon Bintliff, Kiss Haine, Connie Maquire, Ann Nicol, Evie Nicol, Darcy Imas, Traci Phillips, Michele St. John and Tiare Richert.

They topped runner-up Waikiki

Surf of Oahu by more than three minutes. The first two canoes were both koa wood boats. The first fiberglass crew was the Lanikai Canoe Club of Oahu, which took third.

The first seven places went to Oahu entries. First among the Neighbor Island entries from the Big Island, Maui, Molokai and Kauai was the host Kai Opua Canoe Club of Kailua, which finished eighth.

Balboa of California, ninth, was the highest finisher among the Mainland crews.

The finish:

1. Outrigger (O), koa 1:48:27, 2. Waikiki Surf (O), koa 1:51:33, 3. Lanikai (O), glass 1:52:46, 4. Hui Nalu (O), glass 1:53:19, 5. Kailua (O), koa 1:53:25, 6. Kailua (O), glass 1:54:32, 7. Healani (O), koa 1:56:10, 8. Kai Opua (BI), glass 1:57:23, 9. Balboa (C), glass 1:58:15, 10. Outrigger (O), glass 1:58:35.

11. Hana (M), glass 1:59:30, 12. Kaumullii (K), glass 1:59:34, 13. Kihei (M), glass 1:59:45, 14. Hui Lanakila (O), koa 1:59:46, 15. Lahaina (M), glass 2:01:25, 16. O'Waalee (O), glass 2:01:40, 17. Kahala (M), glass 2:02:00, 18. Lanakila (C), glass 2:03:33, 19. Healani (O), glass 2:05:53, 20. Hui O Kaiko'o (O), glass 2:04:20.

21. Waikiki Beach Boys (O), glass 2:05:11, 22. Hui Lanakila (O), glass 2:06:35, 23. Lo'a (O), glass 2:06:38, 24. Kaloni (O), koa 2:06:57, 25. Moana Kai (O), glass 2:07:10, 26. Waimanalo (O), glass 2:07:15, 27. Keoua (BI), glass 2:07:45, 28. Lanikai (O), koa 2:08:22, 29. Waikiki Surf (O), glass 2:08:32, 30. Hanalei (K), glass 2:08:37.

31. Kamehameha (BI), glass 2:10:38, 32. Kai Malia (BI), glass 2:11:10, 33. Keaukaha (BI), glass 2:11:50, 34. Na Kai Ewlu (M), glass 2:12:15, 35. Kaneohe (O), glass 2:12:56, 36. Ku Make Ula (BI), glass 2:14:13, 37. Hui Waa O Halwa (O), glass 2:18:50, 38. Imua (C), glass 2:22:30, 39. Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club (O), glass 2:22:42, 40. Hawaiian Canoe Club (M), glass 2:27:51, 41. Molokai, glass 2:28:30.

(O) — Oahu; (BI) — Big Island; (C) — California; (M) — Maui; (K) — Kauai.

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