

Hui Nalu victorious at Waialeale festival

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Singer Jerry Santos gazed upon the thousand-plus people basking in front of the portable stage at Waimanalo Beach Park yesterday. "We hope, at this time, our brothers are here in the wind with us to share our aloha," he said.

Most in the crowd knew what he was talking about. Those who did not probably caught on when Santos, Henry Kaponu Kaaihue and Brother Nolan started to sing: "Has anybody here seen my old friend Kui? Can you tell me where he's gone? . . ."

It was their tribute to deceased colleagues Kui Lee, Billy Kauai and Robert Beaumont. And it was one of the special, "chicken-skin" moments of the Pop Waialeale Regatta, Waimanalo's annual canoe race, music festival and traffic jam.

An estimated 20,000 people attended the free, all-day activities.

Those who could tear themselves away from the stage, the shave-ice wagon and the chili-rice booth would have found, on the beach, another cause for goose pimples: a delightfully close regatta eventually won by Hui Nalu Canoe Club of Hawaii Kai.

Hui Nalu outpointed Outrigger, 65-61. Healani and Kaihua tied for third with 47 points each, and Lanikai was fifth with 36.

"Isn't this regatta season crazy?" Hui Nalu paddler Wayne Fujihara said. Indeed, Hui Nalu is the third regatta winner in as many weeks, and four clubs were within 10 points of each other with four of the 29 events to go.

Hui Nalu's triumph hinged on a victory by its junior men's crew, which had not won in two previous regattas. Last week, Outrigger outkicked Hui Nalu in the last

100 yards. Yesterday, Hui Nalu won by kicking early.

After Outrigger took the early lead, Hui Nalu shifted gears at the half-mile mark of the two-mile race to take a lead it never lost.

"We use a Tahitian phrase, 'Hoe huti,' when we want to do our power change," said crew member Rocky Higgins, a former Punahou and Willamette tight end. "Instead of a stride, it's a burst. Like in running.

"Once you get in front, you can relax, settle into your stroke. When you're behind, you tend to spin your wheels trying to catch up."

The Pop Waialeale Regatta — named after a former coach of the sponsoring Waimanalo Canoe Club — has become one of Hawaii's major summer events, an acoustic-guitar Woodstock.

As many as 5,000 to 10,000 people were in the park at any one time, and there was a steady flow.

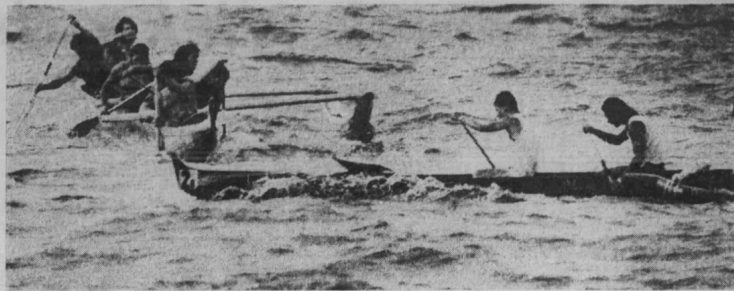
"Last year we estimated 20,000 people — and there's way more this year," said Tusi Kekaula, a Waimanalo Canoe Club member. "It's a great event. People can come out and see what Waimanalo, and paddling, is all about."

In the Hui Wa'a and Surfing Association's Hui O Koolauloa Regatta at Kahana Bay, Ka Mo'i and Loa'a tied for first place with 59 points each.

Lokahi (51) was third, Kamehameha (32) fourth and Kaneohe (30) fifth.

All four clubs entered in the senior men's 2½-mile event finished with times better than the previous HWSA record.

Lokahi won with a time of 22:37.84. The record had been 24:39.20, set by Lokahi in 1982.



Ahoy there! Outrigger Canoe Club's senior women's crew (left) and Hui Nalu appear to be on a collision course, but Outrigger actually is completing a counter-clockwise turn around a flag. Hui Nalu is heading toward its turnaround flag. The distance between canoes is compressed by a telephoto lens used by Advertiser photographer Greg Yamamoto.

OAHU HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION Pop Waialeale Regatta At Waimanalo Beach

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Club scoring

AA division-1. Hui Nalu 55 points 2. Outrigger 51 3. Healani Healan and Kaihua 47 each 5. Lanikai 36 6. Anuenue 35 **A division**-1. Kai Oni 32 2. Hui Lanikaia 14 3. Waikei Surf Club 6 4. Hawaiian Warriors 3 5. Oiaf Kukui Makahanalo Waimanalo 2 each

HUI WA'A AND SURFING ASSOCIATION Hui O Koolauloa Regatta At Kahana Bay Men

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Club Scoring

1. Hui Nalu 55 and 12:04 59 points 2. Lokahi 51 4. Kamehameha 32 5. Kaneohe 30 5. Waikei Beach Boys 25 7. Kai Mo'i 23 8. Hui Lanikaia and Piko Kai Alpha 7 10. Waikei Yacht Club 11 11. Maunaloa 0