

Hui Nalu Tops Outrigger; Ka Mo'i, Loa'a Tie

The defending Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association champion, Hui Nalu Canoe Club, flexed its considerable muscle yesterday to win its first regatta of the season in choppy waters off Waimanalo.

The Hawaii-Kai based club edged last week's winner, Outrigger Canoe Club, 65-61. The two leaders had a virtual standoff in first- and second-place finishes — Hui Nalu garnered six firsts and five seconds to Outrigger's five golds and six silvers.

But the four-point difference in team scoring reflected the dominance of Hui Nalu crews in placing third. Nalu bagged seven bronzes to Outrigger's four, and six of the seven were by female squads — girls 13, 16, 18, and women open 4, sophomores and juniors.

ALTHOUGH OUTRIGGER won the elite senior men's and women's races,

Hui Nalu notched decisive victories over Outrigger in three other events. Nalu's junior men — Harold Akeo, Bob Rocheleau, Rocky Higgins, Bade Clark, Wayne Fujihara and Kahele Kukea — outstroked the junior men of Outrigger by 26 seconds. Nalu won the two-mile event in 17 minutes, 20.2 seconds to Outrigger's time of 17:46.0.

In boys 12-and-under A competition, Nalu Kukea, Justin Thain, Moki Akeo, Michael Rawlins, Eric Proctor and Kalau Jones of Hui Nalu covered a quarter mile in 2:21.4 — 10½ seconds faster than second-place Outrigger. And for women's novice B, Hui Nalu edged Outrigger for the silver medal by 1.1 seconds.

In AA team standings, Healani and Kailua canoe clubs tied for third with 47 points each, followed by Lanikai with 36. Among the smaller A-division clubs, Kai Oni scored 32 points for a

runaway first. Hui Lanakila took second with 14, and Waikiki Surf Club was third with nine points.

In Hui Wa'a & Surfing Association's Hui o Koolauloa Regatta at Kahana Bay, the Ka Mo'i and Loa'a canoe clubs tied for first place with 59 points apiece, closely followed by Lokahi with 51.

Loa'a collected an impressive eight firsts — in girls 13; women's novice A, sophomores, juniors and masters; boys 16, and men's novice B and open 4. Meanwhile, Ka Mo'i won three golds — in girls 14, senior women and men masters.

Independence weekend will find the OHCRA at Waikiki for the annual Walter T. MacFarlane race on Monday, July 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. Hui Wa'a will convene at 8 a.m. Sunday for its regatta at Haleiwa Harbor.