

# Kai Oni, Hui Nalu OHCRA Champions

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Kai Oni Canoe Club Coach David Kalama has been paddling for 16 years, 15 of them as a steersman. He has steered seven crews to state championships, and yesterday the second-year head coach navigated his resurgent club to the Division A Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association crown at Keehi Lagoon.

Defending champion Hui Nalu Canoe Club repeated as OHCRA titlist in Division AA for larger clubs entering 16 or more events. Nalu amassed 67 points to Outrigger Canoe Club's 60 and Healani's 53. In Division A standings, Hui Lanakila ranked second with 22 points behind Kai Oni's 28.

The characteristics of a good steersman, Kalama explained thoughtfully, are "perception . . . a lot of feeling for the boat . . . reading of the water, and wind . . . being aware of the members of the crew."

Kalama, 25, has parlayed these kinds of qualities into the extraordinary rebirth of the club his father co-founded nearly three decades ago. Kai Oni is the sixth oldest of OHCRA's 19 member clubs, having been started by Joseph Kalama Sr. in 1954.

**THE YOUNGER KALAMA** credits Kai Oni's recent success to members' regular attendance at practice, hard work and respect for equipment and fellow paddlers. He places a premium on such standbys as discipline, aggressiveness, humility and the desire to win.

"We want people who want to win . . . with that winning attitude," Kalama said. "We dismissed five crews because they didn't

have the proper attitude," he added.

The 70 members who remained formed eight crews. All eight finished in the money yesterday. Kai Oni's 12-B boys captured their sixth gold in seven races with an impressive 24-second win over Kukini Canoe Club. Other firsts were for girls' 14, boys' 14 and freshmen men; second in sopho-

more men; thirds in girls' 12 and 16, and fourth in novice B men.

Seven of the eight crews have qualified for this Saturday's state championships at Keehi Lagoon — three of them as the top-rated crews in their divisions.

A young team, Kai Oni ranges in age from 18-23. The two oldest paddlers are 26 and 30. Kimberly Stephenson, 22, coaches the club's

three female crews.

But the Lanikai-based team has launched a recruiting campaign because next year it wants "to become a double-A club, and to be as consistent as this year. My goal is to win the channel (Molokai-to-Oahu race) someday," Kalama said.

Kai Oni auspiciously means turbulent seas, reflecting Wind-

ward Oahu's sometimes choppy seas, as well as Molokai's Kaiwi Channel.

**TURBULENCE AT WAIMANALO** last week delayed the Wright Bowman Regatta, which was called due to darkness. Thus, Division AA powerhouse Outrigger Canoe Club started and ended yesterday with doubles in the prestigious senior women's and men's races. OCC's dominance of the senior contests earned it 57 points and a first-place tie with Nalu for the interrupted Waimanalo race, along with second place yesterday.

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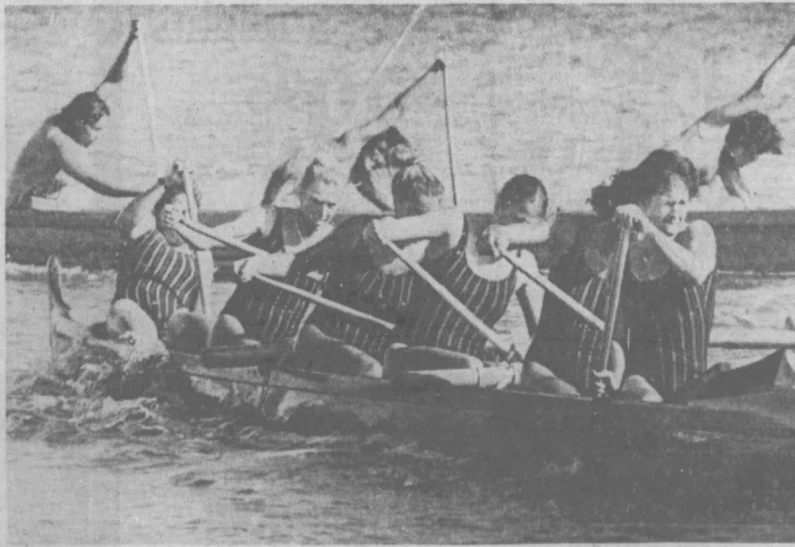
**BOSTON (AP)** — Robin Yount broke a tie with a sacrifice fly and the Milwaukee Brewers added three more runs in a decisive sixth inning for a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox today despite four hits by American League batting leader Wade Boggs, who raised his average to .379.

In another AL game, Len Barker shackled Toronto on three hits as Cleveland beat the Blue Jays,

## Hawaii's Bunch S

**DURHAM, S.C.**—Joey Bunch, a former track star at Radford High, set a national age-group record and a meet mark in yesterday's 800-meter run at the U.S. Junior Olympics.

Bunch was timed in one minute, 49.79 seconds, eclipsing the record set by John Marshall



**NALU NAVIGATING**—Members of the Hui Nalu senior women's crew (Lita Blankenfeld, Nalani Spencer, Trish Gallagher, Lindsay Styan, Carol Kukea and Denise Darvel) makes the turn in chasing winning Outrigger Canoe Club (in background).—Star-Bulletin Photo by John Titchen.