

# HUI NALU: Savoring tradition and Hawaiian community

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there are 10 times more things going on, 50 times faster," he says, as nine lines dangle from the mast.

The club also bought another koa canoe recently. Money from the fund-raiser mostly pays for equipment.

Combis talks about passing on skills like canoeing and rigging. "I think it's very important because this is Hawaii," she says.

"If there's nothing left, the know-hows and know-abouts, then this wouldn't be Hawaii, you know? This is a chance to really learn and you don't have to go to Bishop Museum and look into the books."

By now it's 4:30 p.m., the last kids are paddling back, and Thompson finally gets the sail up.

The rush hour is building on Kalaniana'ole Highway (named after another club member), and from a short distance away the group seems oblivious to the noise, standing around the canoe.

## AT A GLANCE

**Family Day:** Hui Nalu fund-raiser featuring entertainment, petting zoo, Hawaiian crafts and displays.

**Date and time:** Noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday.

**Place:** Koko Head District Park, 423 Kaumakani St.

**Donation:** \$10, \$3 ages 7 to 14, free for children under 6.

"If we don't learn from the oldtimers, who knows?" Combis had asked.

The sail flutters in the wind and through the clouds, briefly, the setting sun breaks through.