

# Waikiki brings out the best in Outrigger

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This time, it was a case of No. 1 having to try harder. The guys in Lane 1, that is.

For the past four years, host Outrigger Canoe Club has drawn Lane 1 in the senior men's event of the prestigious Walter Macfarlane Regatta off Waikiki Beach.

Until yesterday, Outrigger had not won that event from that starting post.

Yesterday, Outrigger captured the senior men's title for the first time since 1985 and won 11 other events on the way to its first Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association victory of the season.

Outrigger scored 90 points to second-place Hui Nalu's 65 and third-place Healani's 54. Hui Lanakila scored 15 points to win the A Division title (for clubs with 15 crews or less).

Outrigger coach John Finney

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credited victory to the club's largest turnout of the season.

"The club really gets up for this every Fourth of July," he said. "We realize it's an honor for us to host it. We've been struggling all season, so it's gratifying to see the club come out."

Finney said he juggled crews quite a bit, working new combinations. He said the rule allowing the same steersmen to be used in several races helped, too.

And, especially when you're working from that infamous Lane 1, steering was critical.

Todd Bradley, Outrigger senior men's steersman, said Lane 1 is no fun on out-and-back races at Waikiki.

"It's tough," he said. "Going out (from the beach) you can

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