

## PADDLING

## RESULTS

## Dad Center

22 miles, Kailua Beach to Waikiki

1. Hui Nalu (Diane Darvel-Almadora, Lorey Bode, Sandy Combis, Denise Darval, Becky Hara, Kate Johnson, Ann Malama, Jerry Scafe, Lindsey Styan), Koa boat, 3:03:53. (new record, breaks the mark set by Outrigger Canoe Club, 3:18:56, 1985).

2. Healani, fiberglass boat, 3:04:52.

3. SurfSports, fiberglass boat, 3:10:20.

4. Outrigger, fiberglass boat, 3:11:54.

5. Lahaina, fiberglass boat, 3:18:01.

6. Outrigger, koa boat, 3:22:47.

7. Waikiki Yacht Club, fiberglass boat, 3:23:04.

8. Hui Nalu, fiberglass boat, 3:23:46.

9. Hui Lanakila, koa boat, 3:24:00.

10. Waikiki Beach Boys, fiberglass boat, 3:33:30.

11. Lanikai, fiberglass boat, 3:33:48.

12. Lokahi masters, fiberglass boat, 3:37:51.

13. Lokahi, koa boat, 3:40:48.

14. Healani masters, fiberglass boat, 3:42:31.

15. Honolulu, fiberglass boat, 3:57:06.



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Hui Nalu's women used a new koa boat in winning the Dad Center in a course-record time yesterday. Four teams used koa boats, 11 fiberglass.

## Hui Nalu shows dominance in winning Dad Center

By Jack Wyatt

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Hui Nalu, winners of yesterday's Dad Center Canoe Race from Lanikai to Waikiki in a course-record time, hopes to extend its winning streak in distance events through the women's Molokai-to-Oahu race Sept. 24.

"Bring on Offshore (California), Outrigger and Healani. Our crew is ready for all-comers," Hui Nalu paddler Lorey Bode said.

Hui Nalu, based in Hawaii Kai, is unbeaten in women's distance racing this season.

Hui Nalu led the 15-team women's race the entire 22 miles, from the start at Kailua Beach to the finish at Outrigger Canoe Club. They completed the relatively-smooth channel course in three hours, three minutes and 53 seconds, bettering by 15 minutes the course record set by Outrigger four

years.

"I had no idea of the record. I knew we were ahead of Healani and that we wanted to stay that way," said Denise Darval, 28, who steered the winning boat.

Healani was second in 3:04:52, followed by SurfSports in 3:10:20. Host Outrigger, last year's Dad Center champion, finished fourth in 3:11:54.

"We jumped ahead at the start and had a six boat-length lead on Healani by Makapu Point. What pleases me is we used Maikairoa—our new koa boat—and we made it fly," said Darval, a veteran of 10 Molokai races, including three by kayak.

Hui Nalu's Maikairoa was one of four koa canoes. Eleven clubs elected to use boats of fiberglass construction. "The canoe didn't matter. Hui Nalu has the top guns (paddlers)," Outrigger's Kailli Chun said.

Each crew consisted of nine pad-

dlers, six in the boat at one time with the three alternates.

Healani's Rosie Lum explains she isn't conceding a thing to the winners. "Our crew is working out, running or paddling, twice a day. Maintaining a conditioning schedule that tough we're bound to be in shape by the Molokai (race)."

The Dad Center event is one of four women's races held in Oahu waters to prepare paddlers for the tougher, 40-mile Molokai contest. Offshore Canoe Club of California, winner of the last three races, is favored.

What makes Hui Nalu's women so fast? "No wimps among our paddlers. We're all athletes fighting for crew spots. We try harder," said Bode, the winner of three gold and two bronze medals at the recent National Kayak Sprint Championships at Indianapolis.

Hui Nalu's Becky Hara expects that by the Molokai race cut, 16 paddlers

will be competing for 12 team positions. "My husband Darryl is one of the coaches. I have 11 years paddling experience and I'm not even assured a spot," Hara said.

Lindsey Styan runs Manoa's steep hills each morning just to keep in shape for Hui Nalu's tough afternoon practice sessions.

Power paddlers, Jenny Scafe, Ann Malama and Bode, are three reasons for Hui Nalu's success.

"Lorey, Jenny and I began paddling together at Kailua Canoe Club during the 1970s and we've been together ever since," Malama said. Hui Nalu's "big three" transferred from Healani Canoe Club at the beginning of this year.

"I credit my crew, and not my steering abilities, for our record win," Darval said. "The lack of good surfing waves made it a paddler's race all the way."



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Ann Malama, left, and Sandy Combis helped Hui Nalu set a course record in the Dad Center.