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Three teams three-peat at Hui Wa'a canoe regatta

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With the Na 'Ohana O Na Hui Wa'a regatta season just three weeks old, teams are still trying to find that winning combination.

But for Kane'ohe Canoe Club, Koa Kai and the Waikiki Beach Boys, their experiments led them to winning their third straight regatta titles in their respective divisions at yesterday's Lokahi Hoe 2004 at Ke'ehi Lagoon.

"We're working with different crews to make the teams stronger," said Koa Kai coach Joe Kim.

"You have to play a strategy game," explained Iwa Bush, whose Lokahi team won the women's sophomore race. "You place people in the right place to gain those points. It's a question of what's going to happen every week."

Kane'ohe Canoe Club rode its youth paddlers to victory again, earning 63 of its 75 points in the 18 youth races to win the AAA division.

"We're working hard every week. Our goal is to try to peak before states," said Kane'ohe coach Junior Parilla. "We just try to get better every week."

Kane'ohe's youth won eight of their races, including a 20-second victory in the 1-mile boys under-18 race. The club took second in the seven others as Kane'ohe, like all the other clubs, is still experimenting with different crew combinations.

"It's going to be like that for the next couple weeks," Parilla said of the experiments. "Second is good. There are a lot of good kids' programs out here."

Koa Kai won the AA division title with 49 points behind wins in the girls 14-and-under, men's sophomore, men's novice A and men's senior master's races.

Coach Joe Kim has been surprised at how well his teams have been doing so far. Koa Kai increased its size from 17 to 24 teams this year with more youth and women's teams. He said his club is still adjusting to the bigger team size, evident with a disqualification yesterday, and scratches and disqualifications last week.

"We kind of surprised ourselves at how well we did," Kim said. "We didn't expect to be at this level at this part of the season. We thought we would still be growing."

The Waikiki Beach Boys' women's senior team won for the third time this season as they too moved different crew members around.

"It took us a little while to jive because our coach is changing people around to see what people can do in what seat," said Meredith Takara, a member of the Beach Boys' senior women's team. "For example, I've never been (in the) five (seat) and I was there today."

Koa Kai stood neck-and-neck with the Waikiki Beach Boys after the first half-mile turn in the senior women's race before the connection was made. The Waikiki Beach Boys began to pull ahead, coming out of the 1-mile turn first and cruising to the win in 13:07.16, 30 seconds ahead of second place Lokahi.

That coupled with victories from the women's novice B and women's freshmen teams gave Waikiki Beach Boys the A division title with 26 points.

One of the closer races of the day was in the men's senior race, as Manu O Ke Kai edged out Koa Kai by less than four seconds, winning in 11:42.97.

"We beat them (Koa Kai) in the last four races so I think we were going that much harder so that we wouldn't lose," said Greg Wright. "We

pulled out some sort of unhuman thing. It's just something from down deep."

He credited steersman Moku Sanborn who helped the team get out of the turns quickly.

"He had some really good turns that kind of surprised us," Wright said.

Sanborn said the quick turns came out of practices and the win was something where "everybody dug deep down and gave a little extra."

Added Wright: "We knew they (Koa Kai) were coming up for us and they really wanted to beat us. They switched their crews around. There was some stiff competition today."

OHCRA

The Kailua Canoe Club used its home-ocean advantage to score 100 points and win the King Kamehameha Regatta yesterday at Kailua Beach.

It was the second regatta of the season for the O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA).

Kailua won 11 races, including five of the masters division races. It was the first time that an OHCRA club reached 100 points since Outrigger in 1997.

Lanikai won nine races and placed second with 80 points. Hui Lanakila was third with 50.

Leeward Kai and Keahiakahoe scored 15 points each to tie for top honors in the A division for smaller clubs.

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Na 'Ohana Na Hui Wa'a

Lokahi Canoe Club Regatta

Yesterday

At Ke'ehi Lagoon

AAA Division (25+ events)

1, Kane'ohe 75 2, Manu O Ke Kai 60 AA Division (13+ events)

1, Koa Kai 49 2t, North Shore 20 2t, 'Alapa Hoe 20 4, Waikiki Yacht Club 19 5, Kai Poha 9 6, Windward Kai 8 7, Hawaiian Outrigger 7 8, Ka Mamalahoe 5 9t, Kalihi Kai 3 9t, I Mua 3

A Division (1-12 events)

1, Waikiki Beach Boys 26 2, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i 14 3, Kamehameha 8 4, Kumulokahi Elks 4

Girls 12-under, 1/4 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Kree Espinda, Brandi Kaluhiwa, Cathy Sherman, Chelsea Hosino, Courtnie Lelepali, Kahea Anderson) 2:33.96. 2, North Shore 2:47.31. 3, Manu O Ke Kai 2:51.39.

Boys 12-under, 1/4 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Chase Lorenzo, Po'okela Sanborn, Kahekili Puhipau, Reid Pangelinan, Keane Hosaka, Kekoa Kaaiawaawa) 2:20.15. 2, Kane'ohe 2:20.63. 3, Kamehameha 2:47.78.

Mixed 12-under, 1/4 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Kawela Kamakana, Cathy Sherman, Mana Chang, Kamaehu Lapilio, Keshy Langley, Kui Melemai) 2:24.49. 2, Windward Kai 2:30.10. 3, Ka Mamalahoe 2:36.18.

Girls 13-under, 1/4 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Camille Rodrigues, Cherish Hosino, Xian Pomare, Kree Espinda, Brandi Kaluhiwa, Kelia Parilla) 2:23.12. 2, North Shore 2:31.93. 3, Manu O Ke Kai 2:35.52.

Boys 13-under, 1/4 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Bobby Pratt, Doug Richardson, Cody Hookano, Alika Kekoanui, Lopaka Cunningham, Kanoa Chang) 2:05.45. 2, 'Alapa Hoe 2:16.18. 3, Hawaiian Outrigger 2:16.73.

Girls 14-under, 1/4 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Brandi Hulihee, Kiana Parrilla, Tiana Cambra, Kelia Parrilla, Amber Akau, Kristine Aquino) 2:24.55. 2, North Shore 2:26.89. 3, Manu O Ke Kai 2:29.91.

Boys 14-under, 1/4 mile

1, 'Alapa Hoe (Hernan Co, Nathaniel Nicholas, Kalani Gates, Kekoa Marinas-Bounds, Aaron Chun, Tyler Sanford) 2:02.51. 2, Kane'ohe 2:06.11. 3, Lokahi 2:07.03.

Mixed Novice B, 1/4 mile

1, 'Alapa Hoe (Lori Mariani, Alberta Guzman, Etusyo Kila, Kala'aukila Kila, James Spears, David Henry) 2:01.11. 2, Waikiki Beach Boys 2:01.99. 3, Kane'ohe 2:03.28.

Women Novice B, 1/4 mile

1, Waikiki Beach Boys (Christina Hoggatt, Johanna Pfannenstiel, Bobbi Pollock, Pamela Stasvewski, Cindy Villegas, Mayumi Villatura) 2:14.32. 2, Koa Kai 2:22.45. 3, Kalihi Kai 2:26.67.

Women Golden, 1/2 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Marilyn Schoenke, Donna Machado, Peggy Cutting, Anita Kelly, Grace Dixon, Carol Green) 5:31.23. 2, Lokahi 5:36.05.

Men Golden, 1/2 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Ed Lemire, Joe Scallon, Lee Kekauoha, Eddie Tseu, Bob Bevaqua, Kenneth Makino) 4:10.75. 2, Kane'ohe 4:17.55. 3, I Mua 4:22.10.

Mixed Golden, 1/2 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Dickie Abbey, Bobby Perreira, Pam Solow, Pua Kaiama, Juju Takano, Stubby Kalama) 4:26.90. 2, Kai Poha 4:37.96.

Men Novice B, 1/2 mile

1, Lokahi (Chip Young, Oliver Vetter, Genaro Montelougo, Jeffrey Rodgers, Alan Sevellino, Michael Esposito) 3:54.40. 2, Koa Kai 4:04.16. 3, Windward Kai, 4:13.47.

Girls 15-under, 1/2 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Lehua Tabadero, Shanyng Fafard, Heidi Jones, Maile Lopes, Rikki Carinio, Titi Kawainui) 4:42.68. 2, Kumulokahi Elks 4:47.01. 3, Hawaiian Outrigger 4:51.45.

Boys 15-under, 1/2 mile

1, Lokahi (Stephen Cheng, Dean Ushijima, Chris Delfico, Palani Carden, Geoffrey Maui, Ren Kuwahara) 4:06.68. 2, Kane'ohe 4:15.26. 3, Manu O Ke Kai 4:43.37.

Girls 16-under, 1/2 mile

1, Lokahi (Amanda Peralta, Jasmine Chapman, Keakalani Yamashiro, Tasha Kolo, Marissa Lee, Chelsea Mendoza) 4:34.58. 2, Kane'ohe 4:38.71. 3, Kamehameha 4:42.28.

Boys 16-under, 1/2 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Kaleo Richards, Koa Matu'u, Kenny Macapagal, John VanDyke, Chris Keli, John Mack) 4:00.30. 2, Kane'ohe 4:01.43. 3, Lokahi 4:10.14.

Girls 18-under, 1/2 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Aleta Corpus, Savannah McCue, Kyra Sussel, Jaylynn Kauwalu, Gladys Orteza, Lehela Lorenzo) 4:46.78. 2, Kane'ohe 4:47.74. 3, Kamehameha 4:50.29.

Women Novice A, 1/2 mile

1, Lokahi (Lei Loreda, Shimi Rii, Barb Locquaio, Maile Pui, Sonia Soles, Kathy Kuge) 4:38.46. 2, Koa Kai 4:30.12. 3, Waikiki Beach Boys 4:42.89.

Boys 18-under, 1 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Seth Ramolete, Chase Silva, Kawika Kahiapo, Gabe Taladero, Aaron Abbey, Keoni Anderson) 7:49.10. 2, Manu O Ke Kai 8:09.20. 3, Koa Kai 8:37.63.

Men Novice A, 1 mile

1, Koa Kai (Brett Saguild, Justin Oleole, Eric Kingawa, David Fuga, Kelii Ross, James Oleole, III) 7:28.83. 2, Waikiki Yacht Club 8:19.85. 3, 'Alapa Hoe 8:31.11.

Women Freshmen, 1 mile

1, Waikiki Beach Boys (Dana Gorecki, Kathleen Grubbs, Jill Harding, Valerie Hershey, Julie Shoupe, Meredith Takara) 8:44.18. 2, Waikiki Yacht Club 9:16.05. 3, Lokahi 9:35.07.

Men Freshmen, 1 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Greg Wright, John Hoogsteden, Bonga Perkins, Brandeis Chun, Bryan McFadden, Blue Elsen) 7:27.88. 2, Koa Kai 7:28.43. 3, Lokahi 7:56.45.

Women Sophomore, 1 mile

1, Lokahi (Christina Clinton, Jo Anne Vierra, Nalani Blane, Mary Carney, Sue Lutfey, Iwa Bush) 9:07.75. 2, Koa Kai 7:28.43. 3, Waikiki Yacht Club 9:52.08.

Men Sophomore, 1 mile

1, Koa Kai (Bronson Miner, Justin Pelant, Brian Arzadon, Gauta Sakaria, Lance Hashimoto, Kapono Ciotti) 7:36.68. 2, Lokahi 7:40.13. 3, Manu O Ke Kai 7:44.62.

Women Senior, 1 1/2 mile

1, Waikiki Beach Boys (Jennifer Bowers, Sue Brown, Valerie Hershey, Erin Offenhauser, Meredith Takara, Kelsa Teeters) 13:07.16. 2,

Lokahi 13:37.22. 3, Koa Kai 13:50.23.

Men Senior, 1 1/2 mile

1, Manu O Ke Kai (Bobo Tantog, Robert Pactol, Bonga Perkins, Greg Wright, Charlie Tantog, Moku Sanborn) 11:42.97. 2, Koa Kai 11:46.18. 3, Waikiki Yacht Club 12:15.04.

Women Masters, 1 mile

1, North Shore (Folly Murdock, Kimberly Walsh, Vicky Nabarrete, Chana Dimmitt, Jane Duncan, Donna Moore) 9:17.28. 2, Manu O Ke Kai 9:58.69. 3, Koa Kai 9:59.23.

Men Masters, 1 mile

1, Waikiki Yacht Club (Neal Gushi, Darren Daute, Jerry Smead, Jon Stasack, Dirky Neal, Rod Baine) 7:55.23. 2, Koa Kai 7:59.54. 3, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i 8:10.25.

Mixed Masters, 1/2 mile

1, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i (Jim Johns, Ann Johns, Glenn Freitas, Joe Momoa, Shelley Freitas, Allyn Momoa) 4:03.45. 2, Koa Kai 4:04.74. 3, Kane'ohe 4:25.27.

Women Sr. Masters, 1/2 mile

1, Waikiki Yacht Club (Joyce Aton, Dianne Harrison, Sandy Carvalho, Patti Dupuis, Jo Kerns, Linda Nishimura) 5:00.22. 2, Kai Poha 5:30.08. 3, Kane'ohe 5:33.09.

Men Sr. Masters, 1/2 mile

1, Koa Kai (Joe Kim, Ben Ancheta, Bill Rees, Mel Nakapaahu, Ron Ogino, Dickey Chow) 4:05.15. 2, Kane'ohe 4:22.45. 3, North Shore 4:25.27.

Mixed Sr. Masters, 1/2 mile

1, Kane'ohe (Naomi Higuchi, Byron Scholtz, Jonel Smith, Faaauga Tootoo, Renee Smith, Ben Smith) 4:38.13. 2, Manu O Ke Kai 4:58.65. 3, Hawaiian Outrigger 5:19.21.

Women Open 4, 1/2 mile

1, Lokahi (Tammie Picklesimer, Darlene Morikawa, Michelle Despot, Dy Valdez) 5:01.12. 2, Koa Kai 5:05.08. 3, 'Alapa Hoe 5:16.89.

Men Open 4, 1/2 mile

1, Na Keiki O Ka Mo'i (Jason Bellefeuille, Greg Pavao, Rollen Padello, Danny Sanchez) 4:11.87. 2, Waikiki Yacht Club 4:13.65. 3, 'Alapa Hoe, 4:20.81.

Mixed Open 6, 1/2 mile

1, Waikiki Beach Boys (Cory Beall, Andrew Roth, James Richmond, Sue Brown, Erin Offenhauser, Kelsa Teeters) 3:47.39. 2, Koa Kai 4:00.92. 3, Kamehameha 4:10.80.

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