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**MANU O KE KAI CLOSING IN ON SECOND PLACE
FATHER'S DAY REGATTA AT HALEIWA**

HONOLULU (June 12, 2002) — With only five points separating first and third place at last week's Lokahi Regatta, the gap between the clubs in competition for the Hui Wa`a Championship title grows smaller. Hui Wa`a action moves to the North Shore this weekend with the Haleiwa Regatta hosted by Manu O Ke Kai.

Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, which has finished in third place in the first three regattas of the season, will have home-water advantage this week. They are looking to topple the dominance held by Kane`ohe and Lokahi. Manu has been steadily closing the gap between itself and second place Lokahi each week with differences of 12, 7, and 2 points, respectively.

Undefeated performances by its Mix Golden Master Crew, steered by head coach Randy Sanborn, and its Men's sophomore crew, steered by coach Moku (Randy, Jr.) Sanborn, have led the way for Manu. Strong performances each week by Manu's Men's Novice B, Boys 14, and Mixed Boys and Girls 12 crews have helped Manu consistently grab points away from other clubs.

Thus far nearly half of the events each week have been won by the same crew, which virtually assures those crews a lane at the state championship in Hilo. However, the second (and third in some events) lane allotted to Hui Wa`a in each event is clearly up for grabs.

In a compromise with Maui County Hawaiian Canoe Association (MCHCA), a third lane has been split between the two associations with Hui Wa`a having a third lane in 19 events, primarily youth and novice races, and MCHCA having the third lane in the other 18 events.

Join us this week at Haleiwa Beach Park, Sunday June 16. Races will begin at 8:30am.

Check out the latest Hui Wa`a information at www.huiwaa.com

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