

Makaha Championships Begin

More than 200 surfers representing Hawaii and the mainland vied for top honors at the International Surfing Championships held at Makaha on November 22-23 and 29-30.

The Waikiki Surf Club, sponsor of the annual meet, held the individual eliminations in the morning and afternoon of November 22-23 due to the unusually large list of entrants.

The first events scheduled were the Men's Senior Open, Men's Junior Open, Women's Open and tandem surfing—all major events in the meet.

The finalists met for the championships in the final weekend of November to compete for individual rather than team honors as has been the case in the past years.

The victors may stand a chance of flying to Lima, Peru for further surfing meets of international scope scheduled for the near future.

The Outrigger Canoe Club's Kehau Kea reigned as the 1958 Queen of Makaha Surfing as well as vying for top honors in the women's event.

Miss Kea and Cynthia Hemmings have been perennial standouts from the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Other top competitors from the club ranks are Rabbit Kekai, Butch Hemmings, Fred Hemmings, Jr., Peter Balding and Ron Sorrell.

Spotters have reported that surfing condition in the area were good going into the championship weekend. In addition to the regular run of good day surf, the rules committee had high hopes of running night surfing on November 22 and 29. The torch carrying surfers have always provided many thrills for views in past years.

Giant searchlights are used to flood the beach area with light for the event.

A rundown of individual winners and color of the 1958 International Surfing Championships will be available in your January edition of the Forecast.