

OUTRIGGERS, KAYAKS AND CANOES TO RACE

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 13.—Guy Rothwell, an American boy, who was born at Honolulu, and Vincent Genoves, a Hawaiian, will give exhibitions in Lake Union with outrigger canoes and catamarans, which were brought from the islands for the exposition. The two young men won the surf canoe championship of the Waikiki Outrigger Club last year, and both are expert swimmers and skilled in the use of the surf board used by bathers at Waikiki beach.

The board on which the Hawaiian swimmers ride the combers from the reef to the shore is usually made of polished koa wood. There is little buoyancy in the board, and the skill of the surf rider consists in using the board as a hydroplane, skimming over the surface of the water driven by the force of the surge.

Guy Rothwell is eighteen years old and Vincent Genoves is twenty. They have two outrigger canoes and one catamaran in the Hawaiian building at the fair. One canoe is built to hold eight persons, and the smaller craft will accommodate five. The canoes are koa wood logs, which have been hollowed out in a manner similar to the dug-out canoes of the American Indians. The difference lies in the shape of the craft. The Hawaiian canoe is much longer and heavier than the kind commonly known in the states. The wood is susceptible of beautiful polish and offers little resistance when driven through the water.

The catamaran is a double boat, used for sailing. Two slender canoes are held together in such a manner as to make it nearly impossible to capsize, but so light running that it may be sailed at a rapid rate.

The paddles are designed to present the broadest surface possible to the water without dipping the implement to a considerable depth. In the surf the paddle is used as a rudder and to keep the canoe just ahead of the wave.

During the canoe races to be held early in July the Hawaiian boats will be entered against the craft of the Quiniault and the Vancouver island Indians. It is also planned to have the Eskimos race in their kayaks, so that the visitors to the exposition will have an opportunity of seeing canoes of three distinct types driven by experts of three races.
