

CANOE CLUB

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The article on the proposed canoe races and surfboard exhibition appearing in yesterday's Star, has brought forth the following statement from a prominent officer of the Outrigger Club:

"I know absolutely nothing about the cups. The Outrigger Club has never been notified in any way what they are for, when they are to be raced for, or what the conditions of the gift are. The matter has never been brought up at a meeting of the club.

"I understand that Mr. Ford arranged for the cups to be given by the Clark people. But he has not written to me on the subject nor, so far as I can make out, to anybody else who is an officer of the club.

"If the club is expected to get up a regatta for the entertainment of visitors, it is certainly capable of doing it. Anything that we have gone into so far, has always been a success. But we must certainly know something about what we are expected to do. Nobody seems to know where Mr. Ford is, or when he will be here.

"Our position in the matter is that we are willing to take part in a regatta and to do the best we can to make it a success, but we have no information about anything and also we have very little money. A regatta is not produced without certain necessary funds, and it is certainly not produced with nothing to go on but an exhibition of cups that nobody knows anything about.

"I would suggest that, if Mr. Ford started this thing, as he evidently did, he at least communicate with me or some officer of the club and give definite information. If there is to be a regatta and the club is notified of it, you may rest assured that the boys will come through and do their best to make the affair the splendid success that all our regattas have been so far."