

Forbes To Recommend Slip For Rowing Clubs' Houses

But It Will Be Only 275 Feet Long
and Eighty Feet Wide,
Chairman Says

A meeting of the board of harbor commissioners will be held this morning. At this meeting the future of the rowing clubs' sites for houses probably will be settled.

Charles R. Forbes, chairman, was interviewed yesterday morning by representatives of the association, and has been won over in part to the plans as explained in the daily newspapers—for a slip 300 feet long and 100 feet wide running mauka and makai on the Waikiki-side of the new lumber wharf.

Cannot Spare 300 Feet

But Mr. Forbes does not approve of these plans in toto. He believes that the wharf cannot spare 300 feet length for the slip and so proposes to reduce the length to 275 feet and the width to eighty. To a follower of aquatic sports the reduction in length is more serious than that of width, for usually one prefers to see a 100-yard race swum on its merits; that is, over a 100-yard straightaway, without turns; and such a race could not be swum in the plan as suggested by Mr. Forbes. In *The Advertiser* yesterday morning Mr. Forbes' alternative suggestion was published. It was that the clubs be given sites on a sixty-five or eighty-foot slip between the new lumber wharf and the Fort Armstrong wharf, which might have provided for the rowing clubs, but which would not have provided for the A. A. U. races.

Mr. Forbes also stated that he considered it necessary that space be left on the shore Waikiki of the proposed slip for the Fort Armstrong Road—that is, that the houses should not encroach on the land too much. He thought that there should be twenty feet Waikiki of the houses. This may be a perplexing problem, but it is not vital.

Will Recommend Plan

Now that Mr. Forbes has been won over in part to the rowing association's plans the prospects for at least a partial consummation of the plans are excellent. Mr. Forbes said yesterday that he would recommend the above plan to the harbor board today—that is, for a slip some 275 feet long and eighty wide. As stated, he did not believe the lumber wharf could spare the additional twenty-five feet of space to permit of a 100-yard straightaway.

The members of the rowing association's committee are optimistic. Campbell Crozier stated yesterday that individual members of leading business firms had pledged their support. Some, most, in fact, of these men have been prominent rowers in the past, and they naturally are interested greatly. The lumber firms, which of the business houses are interested almost exclusively in the new wharf, will kokua the plans of the association, Mr. Crozier said. The support of old oarsmen, such as Judge Robertson, who wrote letters to the newspapers, has been appreciated warmly by the association.

—The big question now appears to be

SWIMMERS SHOULD GET BEHIND ISLAND MEET, MR. RAWLINS ASSERTS

W. T. Rawlins, president of the A. A. U., said yesterday that he believed all Island swimmers should get behind the Island championship meet June 22 and 23.

"This meet will raise money for bringing mainland swimmers here for the national championships in September," Mr. Rawlins said. "The September meet, in turn, will raise money to send a team of Island swimmers to the States next year."

Mr. Rawlins urged that support of this coming meet, therefore, was direct support for the team the Islands will send away next year. The A. A. U. has pledged itself to send the team.

whether a 100-yard straightaway can be had.

Rawlins Wants 100 Yards

W. T. Rawlins, president of the A. A. U. did not approve of the plan to cut down the length of the course to 275 feet.

"This is the only place in the country where there is a decent 100-yard straightaway," he said, "and because of that we were awarded the national A. A. U. 100-yard swim. If the course is not made 100 yards full we will have to fall back on getting one of the docks, which usually is attended with difficulty."

Mr. Rawlins pointed out that the slip might be made seventy feet wide, for that matter, instead of eighty, if only 100 yards length could be given. The saving in excavation by this would more than balance the additional twenty-five feet asked. Mr. Rawlins said that, inasmuch as the Islands had boosted swimming strongly, he believed that a 100-yard course by all means should be had.

That this will be the sentiment of swimmers and swimming fans cannot be doubted.

Cost About \$6000

Mr. Forbes estimated the cost of dredging a slip 300 feet by 100 at \$6000.

There will be a dance at the Outrigger Club pavilion at eight o'clock June 16 to raise funds to assist in sending the Myrtle and Healani crews to Hilo for the regatta July 4. Dude Miller's musicians will play. Admission will be one dollar for a man and the woman accompanying him.

Y.M.C.A. Weekly Calendar

THURSDAY—5 P. M., Tennis tournament first round matches; 7 P. M., employed boys' gym and games; 7:30 P. M., officers' reserve' class.

FRIDAY—5 P. M., Business men's physical training and volleyball; 7:30 P. M., Chess Club; 8 P. M., Young men's physical training class.

SATURDAY—10 A. M., cadet class; 2 P. M., Swimming for boys; 3 P. M., tennis tournament, completion of first round matches.