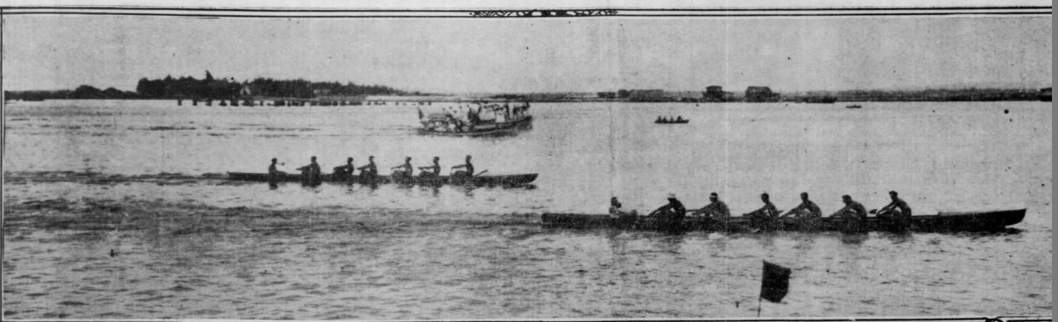
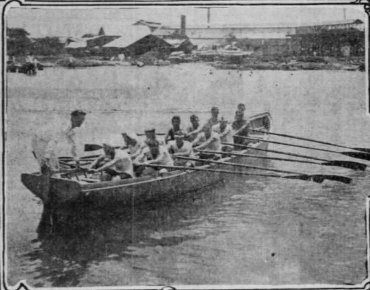
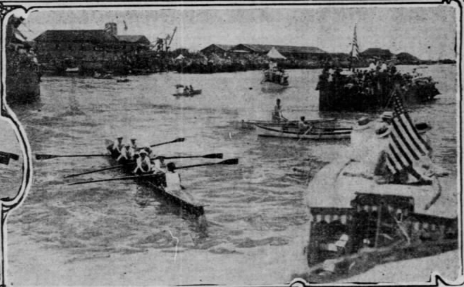
Myrtles Take Feature Race of Regatta and Carry Off Major

THE Myrtles proved yesterday that they were superior to the Hilo when it comes to rowing in the home waters. The Reds avenged yesterday their defeat of last Fourth of July in Hilo. The top p Myrtle Seniors won over the Hilos. The boat length is there, as caught by the staff artist of The Advertiser at the finish. The Healanis, who finished two lengths behind the Hilos, were too far ba Below, to the left, is seen the winning crew of the U. S. S. Alert twelve-oared barge. This crew, known as the Engine Room Force, defeated the other Alert crew, known as the Deck Force. To the crew of the Kunalu Girls' Club, as the triumphant young women rowed back to the Myrtle boathouse through lanes lined by boats with cheering multitudes. The lowest picture shows the crowd in a house, where the wearers of the Red cheered seven times during the day the victories of their crews.







RED WAVES HIGH ABOVE COLORS OF BOTH RIVALS

Gold of Hilo Left Behind and Two Victories To Seven For Rivals Is Only Cheer That Comes To Brighten Lot of Healani

Honolulu was en fete yesterday as it is on no other day of the year. There are other holidays but Regatta Day is Honolulu's own. It is unique to this one particular island and there is a special appropriateness in its observation here, out in the Mid-Pacific. On no other day is the festive spirit, the gayety, the care free, spontaniety of spirit so manifest as on Regatta Day. It is then that happiness and the pure joy of being alive seems to effervesce and overflow.

It was a beautiful day and the weather distributor had indeed been kind. Perhaps it was a bit warm and it is true that the wind was from the south and rain clouds threatened at times but only a few drops fell on the waterfront where the crowds were, though there was a scent of rain in the air in the later afternoon that told of the shower that fell a little way up town.

Crowds were out early, they came in automobiles, by street cars and some in horse drawn rigs, the young and the old, boys and girls, the latter in their brightest and best both of gowns and of smiles, men and women and children, fifteen thousand of them or more, and all headed in one direction, toward the waterfront where the events of the day were scheduled to be held. On the waterfront every vantage point was eagerly occupied while the boat houses were scenes of gayety and festivity. It was there that hospitality reigned to members and their guests.

Toward the early afternoon long delays somewhat dampened the ardor of all but the more enthusiastic and a tendency to drift away began to be manifested but the greater part of the great crowd stayed on to the end.

Red was the triumphant color in yesterday's twenty-first annual celebration of Honolulu's Regatta Day, for the Myrtles won seven rowing races to the two victories that fell to the lot of their old-time rivals, the Healanis. In their one race the Hilo senior crew came in a close second to the Myrtles, with the Healanis two barge lengths behind the Big Islanders.

Victory Perches On Myrtles

The boathouses—Myrtle, Kunalu and Healani—were the great centers of the day, but while mirth and jollity reigned supreme at the two former a heavy pall seemed to hang over the last. The Gold of Hilo mingled with the Red of the Myrtles and the varicolored hues of the Kunalus. The Blue of the Healani drooped, crestfallen throughout the day until late in the afternoon two victories served to cheer the spirits of the inside clubhouse habitues.

The great surprise of the day, to many, was the Myrtle victory in the main event, the six-oared senior barge race. Hilo, a ruling favorite all week, had to take second place, while the Healanis, whose backers early in the morning started a flurry by offering the Blue against the field, finished a poor third.

The one big drawback was the slowness of many of the officials in getting the races started. There were ages of waits between events, when there appeared absolutely no reason for any. The Healanis would not get their crews out until the Myrtles were in the water, and the Myrtles hung back until the Healanis showed on the course. And so it went throughout the day. There were reasonable excuses at times, when oars snapped at the start of some of the races, but generally the dragging out was because the announcer, starter, or this or that official lagged and lacked pep and go to get the machinery moving.

Good Races, Slow Officials

The races themselves were good; no fault can be found on this score. Some of the finishes were exciting and exhilarating, but there has not been a meet during the twenty-one years Honolulu has had a Regatta Day when the crowd grew as tired waiting for something to develop as it did yesterday. It is to be hoped that the next rowing meet will be run on the principle that the patience and convenience of the lookers-on are just as important factors as anything else that goes to make a successful meet.

Even the band seemed to have been hit by the mahope feeling, and music came on only at great intervals, yet in the boathouses the glee clubs and the dancers seemed to lose no fleeting moment of enjoyment. It was probably as well that this was so there. There was at least one rift in the clouds.

They named the new six-oared barge built by Harada for the Myrtles the "Duke P. Kahanamoku," and to make the job complete Capt. Bob Chillingworth at the last moment made Duke himself the stroke of the crew that won the outstanding event of the day. Mrs. Ritchie Ross, wife of William L. Ross, coach of the Myrtles, early in the morning christened the new boat, breaking a perfectly good bottle of white wine on the bow of the infant craft. She spilled most of the champagne over her exterior, but that only added to the zest of the occasion.

How "Skinner" Decided

The Myrtle boys wanted Charles S. Davis, deputy city attorney, who was given the privilege to select the name, to call the new craft the "Skinner Davis," but "Skinner" Davis, somewhat bashfully sidestepped and decided that if the boat was to be a winner it would have to take on the appellation of some one who could swim really fast. That decided it.

Another feature of the day was the winning of the Intermediate Race by the "Rookie" bunch of Myrtles from the Officers' Training Camp of Schofield Barracks. It could not be otherwise, for Brig. Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, N. G. H., now a "Rookie," was among the personnel of the victorious crew.

And, again, another feature of the occasion, was the fact that Knute Cottrell and Vincent Genoves of the Hui Nalu aggregation were members of the victorious canoe crews. For nine straight years Knute and Vincent have paddled canoes in Regatta Day races without a single defeat.

All Looked to Duke

Duke P. Kahanamoku, the world's greatest water sprinter had the eyes of the thousands focussed on him throughout the day in the several races in which he pulled an oar. The mighty cheer that went up when the Myrtle senior six won was one-half for Duke personally and the other half for the balance of the crew.

His winning of the single scull race was a foregone conclusion; not one expected to see him lose it and he won, of course, but the disappointment was great when Duke, with Arthur Parker for a shipmate, lost the senior pair-oar to the Healanis. There were not many on the waterfront yesterday who expected to see this pair pulled down in defeat.

There was also considerable disappointment when Judge Robertson and Charlie Chillingworth, as one crew, and Delegate Kuhio and F. W. Klebahn, as the other, failed to deliver the goods in the much advertised special pair-oar feature race. To be mild, it may be said that three gentlemen wet their feet. Judge Robertson waited all day in the judges' boat. No other of the quartet was seen anywhere.

Everybody Ready But Starter

Thousands of spectators were on hand at nine-thirty, the time set for the first race, and the entries were in the sweltering sun out in mid-channel on the dot, but it was twenty minutes later when the first number on the program got started.

This was the six-paddle canoe race. The Hui Nalu entry, Lio Keokeo, won this event hands down, making the course, which was from opposite the Mrytle boathouse to the finishing line opposite the judges' boat in two minutes flat, the paddlers being Genoves, Cottrell, Steiner, Wilhelm, Keaweamahi and Kaupiko. The Outrigger Canoe Club entries, A-a and Hanakeoki, finished second and third.

The race was a good one, the Outriggerites starting off at a double-quick trot, but the far more experienced Hui Nalu paddle experts spurted after going three-fourths of the way and called everything their own at the finishing line, which was marked by two rags instead of flags.

Big Event of Day

The next event of the day was the senior crew barge race. It was ten-thirty-five when the Hilos, Myrtles and Healanis got off to a false start from the inner-harbor beginning point. Buick, No. 5 of the Healani crew, broke his oar before the boat had gone its own length and a second shot from the starter halted the proceedings.

After another long and tedious wait the boats got off to a fine start, Healani in the Waikiki course, Myrtle in the middle, and Hilo on the Ewa side. They raced along merrily and about evenly to the turning point, the Myrtles rounding the buoy three lengths to the good, while the Healanis hugged on closely. Hilo lagged behind. Coming down the return course Hilo closed the gap and passed the Healanis, pressing hard on the leading Myrtles.

Amid a din of cheers and steamer whistles the Myrtles crossed the line, winning the greatest event of the day in 14:52 3-5. Hilo finished an exact boat's length behind the Reds, as the picture will show, taking second place. Healani brought up the rear end of

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FIRMS WILL SEEK EXEMPTION FOR NEEDED EMPLOYES

Claim of Necessity At Home Will Be Advanced To Retain Services of Men Deemed Essential — No Intent To Cripple, Says Green

Occupational exemption is being asked by several of the large corporations of Honolulu who wish to have their employes free from the liability of being called into active service under the selective draft. They claim that the work of such employes is necessary for the well-being of the Territory and the efficiency of the military forces.

The Rapid Transit seeks to have its men exempted from active service under the draft for the reason that they are needed for the transportation of military troops and supplies. How far this claim may hold good under the searching inquiry of the district board remains to be seen. All claims of this nature will be thoroughly investigated by the board and their soundness will be passed upon in accordance with the findings of the examiners.

One of the large pineapple canneries has also asked for exemption for its men workers on the ground of occupational necessity to the welfare of the Territory. It says that the pineapple crop must be canned or hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of fruit will rot in the fields, to the great detriment of industry and loss of capital. It is also stated by the pineapple people that canned pines are a necessity for the well-fed soldier, and that the canning industry should not be slowed down for this reason.

Dole Asks Nothing

"We have not asked for exemption for any of our men" said James D. Dole of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company last evening. "We have even sent several of our best class men to the officers' training camp at Schofield Barracks, where one of them, Kenneth Emerson, has already received his commission as first lieutenant.

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