

CHAMPION WILL DEFEND TITLE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Leading Paddlers Are Entered; Different Types of Boards To Be Used

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The annual surfboard paddling championships to be held New Year's morning at 9:30 o'clock starting near the bridge of the Ala Wai, will attract the largest entry since the activity was introduced.

The events have been arranged by the committee in order to give every paddler a chance for the gold, silver and bronze medals.

The races this year will be conducted according to the following schedule: 1, half-mile men's open; 2, quarter-mile women's open; 3, quarter-mile for boys under 18; 4, 100-yard men's open; 5, 220-yard girl's novice; 6,



220-yard boys under 16; 7, 100 yards girls under 13; 8, three-quarter mile club relay (six men, each paddling 220 yards).

The question of the type of surf boards to be used in the races has made the coming contests very exciting. The Hui Nalu boys, the old experienced paddlers, still feel that their redwood board when properly handled is superior to the cigar shaped board, although the handicap of weight and length is most evident.

The cigar shape and balsam boards are at least 35 pounds lighter than the redwoods which have made most of the records, previous to Tom Blake's appearance with his new surfboard.

Defends Title

T. Kiakona, the winner of the half-mile open and the 100-yard open, member of the Hui Nalu organization, is going to find competition more advanced than last year. His time of 36:1-5 seconds has already been lowered by Blake in an exhibition. Kiakona's time of 7 minutes 2 seconds for the half-mile will go.

Hard Time

Beatrice Newport, who won the quarter-mile women's open last year in 3 minutes 45:3-5 seconds, is going to have a hard time retaining her title. Her Outrigger Canoe club mates have been equaling the time in practice and there should be a new record after this race is completed. There is a lot of interest in this race. Mildred Slaght has her eye on that special event!

William Newport is going to have real competition in the quarter-mile race for boys under 18. Last year, in spite of the good races, his time of 3 minutes 27:45-5 seconds was good, but the distance time has been lowered to 3 minutes 24 seconds by Crow.

The 220-yard girls' novice which was won by Leena Hines in 1 min. 45:3-5 seconds will be another feature race.

Misses Loretta Gillespie, Gladys Slaght and Mildred Nicholl will fight it out. The novice race will keep Loretta out of the competition, but the others are all prepared for this special title event.

Enters Again

M. Paea is again entered in the 220 yards for boys under 16. His time of 1 minute 39:4-5 seconds for the race last year was very good considering the distance and speed necessary for the fast finish. Harrison Heen, entering unattached, and William Crow are after this race.

The relay will find the Outrigger prepared. The strong Hui Nalu team that won the championship last year, paddling the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile in 16 minutes 22:3-5 seconds, seems to be stronger. The team of T. Kiakona, Sam and Sergeant Kahanamoku, Sam Nawai, Fred Paea and J. D. Kaupoko, may be changed. There may be two teams entered from the Hui Nalu organization.

The Outrigger Canoe club will miss Buster Crabbe but Tom Blake has improved so and his speed surfboard will make the relay race close. There will be different types of boards used by both teams.

Although entries close officially tonight, most of the organizations have filed their names and events for the morning races. The Hui Nalu will enter 16 names, but will decide at noon today their relays and the sprint events.

The Outrigger Canoe club filed the following official entries:

100 yards for girls under 13—Doris Benny.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile for boys under 18—William Crow, Harrison Heen.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile, women's open—Beatrice Newport, Mildred Slaght, D. Hammond.

220 yards, girls' novice—Gladys Slaght, Loretta Gillespie.

100 yards, men's open—Tom Blake, M. Dease.

220 yards, boys under 16—William Crow, Harrison Heen.

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile open, men—Tom Blake, M. Dease.

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile club relay—Blake, Crow, Dease.

More entries will be filed with Cecil Benny tonight and the official list will be ready for the judges and scorers. The meet this year promises to be the best in the annals of surf paddling races in Hawaii.