

Surfboard Paddlers All Set For Big Races

Records Sure to Fall in New Year's Day Ala Wai Competes

MANY new records are expected to be made when the annual surfboard paddling championships take place New Year's Day at 9:30 a. m. in the Ala Wai Canal, all races starting near the bridge. All told eight events will be run off in this popular sport and spectators will have the opportunity of seeing the beach-combers do their stuff.

With the introduction of the lighter and shorter cigar surfboards, the paddlers have been cleaving through the water at a fast clip.

The chief competitors will be from the Outrigger Canoe Club and the Hui Nalu with a sprinkling of outsiders. Hui Nalu is expecting to send in about 16 entries all for the men events while the Outriggers will also have about the same number, not including the women entries.

THE EVENTS

There are eight events slated for tomorrow morning, running off in the following order:

1. Half mile, men's open.
2. Quarter mile, women's open.
3. Quarter mile for boys under 18.
4. 100 yards men's open.
5. 220 yards girls' novice.
6. 220 yards boys under 16.
7. 100 yards girls' under 13.
8. Three-quarter mile club relay (six men, each paddling 220 yards).

DEFENDS TITLES

Tom Kiakona of the Hui Nalu club is expecting hot competition in retaining his titles in the 100 yards open and the half mile. Tom Blake of the O. C. C. has bettered the old mark already in practices and that means Kiakona will have to make a new record to keep his crown. Blake is using the new cigar shape board and seems to get along well with it. Blake is another threat for Kiakona in the half-mile for men and the Hui Nalu entrant's record does not look too safe.

With Beatrice Newport, Dorothy Hammond and Mildred Slaght battling it out in the quarter mile open for women, the old mark made by Miss Newport last year should be bettered. In practices the girls have done much better than the standing mark.

Billy Newport is out to defend his title in the quarter mile for boys under 18. Harrison Heen and William Crow have shown plenty of ability in practice and should make Newport travel to win. Another new record should be created in this race.

NEW CHAMPION

Lorena Hines' title in the 220 yards novice for girls will be taken by Gladys Slaght, Mildred Nicoll or Loretta Gillespie this year as last year's winner is not competing.

In the boys under 16, 220 yards race, M. Paoa have some good boys to beat before he can retain his title. Harrison Heen and William Crow are figured to give the Hui Nalu boy a hectic time for first honors.

Again Hui Nalu will be strong in the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile club relay. Their six mermen will be picked from these experts: Tom Kiakona, Sam and Sergeant Kahanamoku, Sam Nawai, Fred Paoa, J. D. Kaupiko and others. Outrigger has plenty to choose from, some of them being Tom Blake, Billy Newport, Crow, M. Dease.

These are the records which the paddlers will shoot at:

100 yard open—Tom Kiakona (HN), 36 1-3 secs.

220 yards girls novice Lorena Hines (OCC), 1 min. 45 2-3 secs.

Half mile open—Tom Kiakona (HN), 7 min. 2 secs.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile women's open B. Newport (OCC), 3 min. 45 3-3 secs.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile boys under 18—W. Newport (OCC), 3 min. 27 4-5 secs.

$\frac{3}{4}$ mile relay—Hui Nalu, 10 min. 22 2-5 secs.

220 yards boys under 16—M. Paoa, 1 min. 39 4-5 secs.