

INTEREST IN ROWING RACE FOR VETERANS

Challenges Are Accepted

Healania Have Good Crew

Two More For Myrtle Club

Propose Ala Moana Races

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A FOUR man crew race between oldtimers seems assured on the program for the Regatta Day races on September 16.

Since The Star-Buletin published a challenge in these columns a few days ago several answers have been received from oldtimers who are ready to accept the challenge and row against the Myrtle champions of 1904.

First came a letter from an old Healani member who has a crew he would like to send against the Myrtle oldtimers.

His favorite oarsmen, who were rowing about 30 years ago, are in town at present and he believes they would be available for a race.



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"These Healani oldtimers," the Healani man writes, "who participated in championship races 30 years ago are all living in town and I believe they would have no trouble beating any crew of oldtimers the Myrtle club could get together."

He suggested, however, that the race be over a 100 yard course rather than half a mile.

The men mentioned for the Healani crew are Paul Jarrett, Jim Lloyd, John Waterhouse and Gaston Boisse. The writer says that Lloyd Conkling or Charley Reynolds would be available as coxswain.

MYRTLES ALSO SUGGEST CREWS

Myrtle club enthusiasts were also right on the job lining up more crews and we have two suggested in addition to the 1904 group.

One of them is composed of oarsmen from the championship crew of 1909 while the other is composed of men who rowed on the 1911 crew.

Those on the 1909 crew who are now available for a four man crew race are Bill Lyle, Bob Chillingworth, P. O. Smith and Henry Williams. Those mentioned from the 1911 crew are Bill Lyle, Bob Chillingworth, Frank Bechert and Henry Williams.

This makes three complete crews with one man over. Looks as though there should be plenty of competition between the three crews mentioned and no doubt some more of the oldtimers could be lined up.

The oldtimers are enthusiastic over the suggestion that a race be held for oldtimers and it is planned to add the event to the program.

MAKE SUGGESTION ABOUT REGATTA

Now comes another suggestion, this time from a strong Myrtle backer who thinks that the regatta day program can be put over in a big way.

His proposal is that the races be held along the Ala Moana channel instead of in the harbor as in the past. His idea is that outrigger canoe races as well as motorboat events could be added to the program and that the spectators could get a better view of the races if they were held along Ala Moana.

"It would be necessary to run the races only one way," the Myrtle man said, "but that could be worked out very nicely. The people could line up along the shore and would have a much better view."

He admitted that it would be harder to collect admission, but believes this could be worked out all right.

Efforts will be made to have the outrigger canoe races added to the program. The recent races held at Kona have added interest to this sport.