

Regatta Day On Ala Moana Will Be Gala Event

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where the finish line and reserved seats will be located. Auto parking space at a nominal sum will also be available all along the course. Tickets will go on sale Monday morning and will be available downtown as well as at the scene of the regatta next Saturday afternoon.

At a meeting held Friday morning the regatta committee consisting of Thacker, chairman, Charles S. Crane, president of the Hawaiian Rowing Association and the Myrtle Boat Club; Sawtelle, "Dad" Center of the Outrigger Club, Charlie Amalu of Queen's Surf, Duke Kahanamoku of Hui Nalu, Sam Kahanamoku of the Police crews, James Friel, harbormaster, and Ez Crane final arrangements were made for the big regatta.

CANOE RACES

Thacker predicted that more than 300 contestants would appear in the various events and the canoe artists, led by Center pledged at least 100 paddlers as their contribution to the big day. Canoe races, revived in a big way at Kona in July, will include senior and junior six paddle events, women's events and a sailing race. Incidentally the fair sex has leaped at the chance to compete and about six women crews are now training daily at Waikiki.

Through the cooperation of Harbormaster Friel the smooth stretch of water fronting on Ala Moana will be entirely cleared of all craft for the big event which will give the race course a full mile straightaway.

The rowing races will feature a clash between barges entered by the Japanese, Myrtles and Police with a special event between two Japanese crews scheduled to be in the form of a "grudge" race.

Myrtles have six crews on the water each day and old-timers, hearing of the plans to stage a race for their benefit, have been reporting daily in an effort to regain the form that made them famous in their own day. The old-timers race will be over a quarter-mile course and will feature some of the best oarsmen of 20 years ago.

COMEDY RELIEF

In addition to the regular competition in the various classes, Thacker is arranging for Indian canoe tilting contests, an aqua plane exhibition, tub races and a few comedy skits that will fill in between regular events.

All finishes will be off Ala Wai, at the Diamond Head end of the park where the band and reserved seats will be located. The Royal Hawaiian band will furnish music throughout the afternoon.

Complete details of the regatta will be furnished the committee by Sub-chairman Sawtelle sometime Monday. Another meeting of the committee will be held Monday at noon at Chez Pierre.

Incidentally old-timers will have a chance to recall old days during the evening when a regular old-fashioned regatta dance will be staged under the auspices of the regatta committee. Charlie Amalu is in charge of this part of the program.