

3,000 ATTEND MOANA PARK'S JULY 4 RACES

Colorful Program Given This Morning Prior To Kealakekua Regatta

Hui Nalus Take Six Paddle Events From Outrigger In Thrilling Duel

More than 3,000 canoe paddling enthusiasts made Moana park their mecca this morning to view a regatta which serves as a preliminary to the annual program on August 4 at Kealakekua bay, Kona.

The presence of the Royal Hawaiian band, flags and colors of all descriptions and other crafts kicking up foam in the channel added color to the program.

After a slight delay, the first event of the regatta, the first heat of the outboard motorboat race, got underway shortly after 9 a. m.

Benny Lovell sped his boat over 8 1-3 miles in 13 minutes 8 seconds for first honors. Percy Gray was next in 14 minutes 8 3-5 seconds. Willie Lovell was third.

Has Engine Trouble

Louie Abrams, one of the favorites, developed engine trouble on his third lap and had to retire. However, Abrams planned to enter the remaining two heats, scheduled later in the day.

Coach George (Dad) Center's Outrigger Canoe club took the first paddling event of the day, when the four man junior crew churned the waters to win over the Hui Nalus by a length and a half. The Hui Nalus, in turn, finished by the same margin ahead of the Queen's surf-riders.

The time for the seven eighths mile race was 8 minutes, 21 4-5 seconds. Members of the Outrigger crew were: Jacobson, Hemmings, Hustace and Hale.

The winning crew had a nose to nose battle with its rivals, but put on the old Outrigger club sprint in the homestretch to win.

Hui Nalus Win

Wilfred Paul and Howard Vierra, paddling the two man senior canoe for the Hui Nalus, beat the Outrigger Canoe club duo of John Hollinger and Dick Beckert by inches. The time for the quarter mile race was 2 minutes, 32 4-5 seconds.

The main race, the six paddle men's senior, was not started when The Star-Bulletin went to press. Further details will be found in later editions.

In the blue ribbon event of the day, Hui Nalus' finely conditioned sextet upset the dope by winning the six paddle men's senior event

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