

KONA HAS SIX NEW CANOES FOR RACES ON AUGUST THE 4TH

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HILO, July 10—Achievements of Hui Nalu crews and the other clubs at the recent Fourth of July regatta held in Honolulu may sound like something to the Honolulu rowing enthusiasts but Kona outrigger paddlers, officials and fans betray a woeful lack of apprehension in reading of the feats and the fast times made by the Oahu groups.

Kona oarsmen expect a vastly improved group from Oahu this year for the regatta, but still not good enough to stage anything like a cleanup against the local groups.

With real racing canoes and with the paddlers only starting in their real work of polishing up for the big August 4 regatta, Kona officials expect to meet the invading crews at every stage of the game and make the Oahu boats hustle to make a good showing.

SIX NEW CRAFT

The Kona crews in the races this year will carry into the water six brand new canoes of the racing type, and not the cumbersome craft they used in 1933.

These six shells were completed only a short time ago and have proved to be much easier to handle in the water, insuring greater speed marks for the coming regatta.

Four of the canoes are made of koa, Manuel C. De Mello stated. The other two are of cottonwood, and all were designed and made in Kona. The koa craft belong to Miloli, Pookena, Honaunau and Kailua. Nipoopoo and Kealakekua have cottonwood boats. The latter belong to the Japanese crew.

In their practice thus far the boats

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