

FIRST CREWS LEAVE MONDAY

Second Annual Kona Regatta Next Saturday; Molokai In All Races

With the second annual canoe paddling regatta at Kealahou bay, Kona, but one week away, officials today announced the tentative program.

The races commence at 9 a. m. next Saturday over the course on which the events were held last year. Six races are on tap and it is expected that the whole program will be over by 11 a. m.

The four men junior race will open the day's colorful festivities. This will be followed by the two men senior.

The big race of the day, the senior six men, will be the third tussle of the day. Eight crews are slated to dip their paddles into the blue waters of the bay.

The complete program follows:

1. Four men junior.
2. Two men senior.
3. Six men senior (blue ribbon).
4. Six men junior.
5. Six women senior.
6. Four men senior.

If conditions warrant, the committee may at the last minute add the two men junior to the program. All the Oahu clubs say they will include on their roster men who have trained for that event.

Leave Monday

The first group to leave for the scene of the regatta will be the senior six boatloads of the Outrigger Canoe club, Hui Nalus and Queen's Surfriders.

They will depart Monday by the Humuula.

On Tuesday, the remaining men crews of these three organizations depart on the USCGC Itasca.

Two girl crews, representing the Outrigger Canoe club and the Hui Nalus, will sail on the Humuula Thursday. The girls are going to Kona as guests of George Brown.

Theodore (Pump) Searle, coach, announced that Molokai will be represented in every event. That means Molokai will send six boatloads to the regatta.

Huskies From Molokai

Daily practices are held by all of the crews and, according to Coach Searle, Molokai has some husky paddlers to send against the best to be produced by the other islands.

There are 26 boys representing Molokai. Twenty will sail on the Itasca July 31 and the rest, with many backers, will leave Monday on two sampans.

The spirit is so high among the people here that it is necessary for Molokai to send the two sampans to Kona. To defray expenses for this trip, the Molokai Outrigger club is staging two dances at Hoolehua and Kaunakakai.

Along with the generous help of Paul Fagan, the Maui board of supervisors has appropriated \$200 from the general fund to assist in defraying expenses. Many Molokai sportsmen have also donated to this cause.

The club hopes that there will be a balance shown so that a suitable clubhouse may be built. There are no facilities to house Fagan's canoe and proper dressing quarters for the athletes.

Last year the Outrigger Canoe club carried away the bulk of the honors at the regatta, scoring 20 points. Milolii crews were second with 18 digits followed by the Queen's Surfriders with eight, the Hui Nalus with six and the Honau-nau one.

This year, with more clubs represented and with the star paddlers more distributed, keener competition looms.