

OAHU CREWS PROMISING

Have Bettered Times In Drills; Remaining Men Crews Off Today

All six records established in the first annual canoe paddling program last year are expected to be wiped off the books this Saturday when the crews representing Oahu, Molokai and the Big Island vie for the coveted honors at Kealekakua bay.

During trial runs by Oahu's crews the past 10 days, both the Outriggers, defending champions, and the Hui Nalus has been clocked at times better than those established one year ago.

• Then the Queen's Surfriders have been diligently at work and reports leaking out indicate Coach Willie Whittle may spring the big surprise at Kona this year.

Records at Stake

Senior six—15 minutes 41 1-5 seconds, Outrigger.

Open two—6 minutes 19 2-5 seconds, Milolii.

Junior four—25 minutes 4 seconds, Milolii.

Junior six—10 minutes 56 seconds, Outrigger.

Women's six—1 minute 30 seconds, Milolii.

Senior four—10 minutes 16 seconds, Outrigger.

More Oahu paddlers departed this morning for the big regatta. Athletes numbering 50 boarded the Itasca at dawn today and are now well on their way. The Itasca is stopping off at Kaunakakai to pick up Coach Theodore (Pump) Searle's Molokai crews before proceeding to Kona.

Thursday morning on the Humuula, the two Oahu girl boatloads depart. Then on Friday, followers of the classic will go by the Waialeale.

Silence, however, enveloped the departure of the Oahu entrants. None of them would venture any comment on their expected performance.

The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., has announced that complete arrangements have been made to handle what is termed a record list of travelers to Kealakekua bay and has still some reservations left on the excursion ship Waialeale.