

Advance Guard Of Paddle Fans Take Over Kona

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plionship competition in the race as the paddlers of the other Islands have been pointing to this event for many months.

Adding impetus to the entire event will be the participation of the Navy when, according to Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commanding the 14th Naval district, the USS Montgomery, USS Breese, USS Beaver and a number of submarines, will be on hand to lend color to the affair.

That the outrigger canoe races this year will draw thousands of enthusiasts from all the Islands is a safe bet with the announcement from the offices of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation company that the passenger list is steadily mounting with reservations almost at a premium.

The contests will draw thousands to the Big Island, and many will stay to fish, swim, ride and hike in the Kona mountains.

Two boatloads of Oahu athletes numbering over 75 have already departed for the scene of their trials. Thursday morning on the Humuula, the two Oahu girl boatloads depart.

According to late schedules the last boat, the Waialeale, will leave for Napoopoo, the scene of the races, at 7:30 next Friday and will arrive there the following day in ample time for the races.