

# Outrigger Canoe Club Is Adding To Its Facilities

"Hoo Mau Na Hoe."

From a little grass shack with one outrigger canoe some 25 years ago, to the present palm thatched canoe shed housing some 20 canoes, the Outrigger Canoe club has always been the center of surf riding, outrigger canoeing and swimming activities on the far famed beach at Waikiki.

Hawaii and the world have come to accept that surf riding is traditional of Hawaii, and everyone of the thousands who come, and who will come, to Hawaii knows that here he will see at last the famed surfriders sweeping magnificently on the crest of the foaming rollers of Waikiki.

It is not generally known, however, that a quarter of a century ago, when surf riding was about to become a lost art, a group of loyal and enthusiastic Honolulu boys resolved that surf riding should not die out, and organized the Outrigger Canoe club to systematically sustain this royal sport of ancient Hawaii.

## Many New Members

The recent influx of new blood into the club has given added impetus to a spot that has grown by leaps and bounds during the life of the Outrigger Canoe club.

Among the many unique facilities of the club are, of course, the outrigger canoes, available at all times to members, and captained by the most skillful steersmen in the world. Duke Kahanamoku, Dad Center, Toots Minevielle, Gay Harris and Typhoon Spencer to name only a few.

Recent additions to the club's outrigger canoe fleet are two small

canoes secured in Kona by "Dad" Center, and in accordance with the policy of encouraging the younger generation, these canoes are reserved for members under 16.

The Princess Kawanakoa has recently signified her intention of encouraging the girls' crews, which have been so successful in the Kona races, by giving them a racing canoe for their exclusive use.

In addition to the hundreds of privately owned surf boards, the club now maintains, as a part of its equipment, some 20 surf boards, designed for use of every member of the family with particular emphasis on the youngsters

## Inexperienced Aided

A new surf riding, outrigger canoeing, and swimming instruction service designed primarily for inexperienced members has recently been instituted under the direction of Joe Minor and Typhoon Spencer at a nominal fee for members and at the regular beach rates for non-members.

Locker rooms, showers, free laundry service for towels and suits, surf board lockers, volleyball courts, a large kitchen with all modern paraphernalia for preparation of picnic suppers to be eaten on a magnificent lanai, are some of the contributing factors to Outrigger Canoe club's popularity and longevity.

The club's future appears bright, for so long as Waikiki's surf booms in from the reef, so long as Hawaii continues to produce young men and women who love the sport that our beaches provide, so long shall the Outrigger Canoe club continue to remain the center of Hawaii's manifold aquatic attractions.

Hoo Mau Na Hoe!