

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

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OUTRIGGER CLUB APPEALS FOR TWO AND THREE PADDLE CANOES

Editor The Advertiser:

Something like a quarter of a century ago, a little group of loyal and enthusiastic Honolulu boys determined that surf-riding should resume its place among important island sports. They organized the Outrigger Canoe Club. They made use of a grass-thatched hut for their clubhouse. They gathered together a few outrigger canoes and a larger number of surfboards, contributions of private individuals. They started a club which in the following years assumed great significance in development of aquatic skill amongst Hawaii's youths.

Hawaii—and, the world—have come to accept that surf-riding is traditional of Hawaii, and every one of the thousands who come to Hawaii knows that here he will see at least the famed surf-riders sweeping magnificently on the crest of foaming rollers at Waikiki.

More important than that, however, Outrigger Canoe Club's contribution to Hawaii is chiefly the contribution of an organization which develops health, sportsmanship, athletic prowess and good fellowship amongst the growing citizens of Honolulu. From Outrigger Canoe Club have come young giants, boys and girls, whose swimming, whose boating skill have carried the fame of Hawaii to the honor rolls of international competition.

There is at present a serious shortage in our fleet of small two and three paddle outrigger canoes to meet the needs of youngsters after school and on holidays. A waiting list of as high as twenty being a constant occurrence at these times.

Recently we have endeavored, without result, to secure additional small canoes to meet the above contingency, and the thought occurs that among your readers there may be owners of small outrigger canoes who are public spirited enough to help us put such canoes into constant circulation. It is understood of course that the ownership of such canoes is not to change, and that they will be available upon demand for use by their owners. The Outrigger Canoe Club will guarantee to condition, and keep in condition, any such canoes turned over to it. These canoes will be under the expert supervision of such men as Duke Kahanamoku, Dad Center, and Guy Harris, and will unquestionably prove a means of developing hundreds of boys and girls into stalwart full bodied men and women.

We need your kokua.

"Hoo Mau Na Hoe."

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