

Coach Center Issues Call For Kona Race Aspirants

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First signs of the approaching Kona canoe regatta, which will be held at Kailua, August 24, were noted by followers of the surf yesterday when G. D. "Dad" Center, veteran Outrigger Canoe club coach, sounded first call for crew candidates and announced that the first phases of training would commence Sunday morning.

Candidates will meet Coach Center at the Outrigger club at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and the long training grind will be launched shortly thereafter by more than 50 aspirants for seats in the O. C. C. boats.

Captain John D. Kaupiko, Sr., mentor of the Hui Nalu paddlers, announced yesterday that tentative plans call for a start in training July 1 and that his club would again be represented by a full

complement of crews when the opening gun sends the boats away on Kailua Bay.

STIFF COMPETITION

The Kona races this year will prove a definite challenge to the Waikiki paddlers. Last year West Hawaii crews swept through to a stirring victory in the regatta and today reign supreme in the outrigger realm. Coach Center declared yesterday, in sounding the call for candidates, that Honolulu crews fully realize that the competition will be even stiffer this year and that as a result every effort will be made to send the strongest set of crews to Kona that has ever been gathered together here.

Kona meanwhile is not resting on her laurels.

Vague rumors have floated down from the rock bound coast

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