

Many Travel From Afar To Hold Workouts

Yates Is Optimistic Over Prospects for Event Next Month

(Special to The Advertiser)

HILO, July 3.—For the color, the excitement, the success and the pleasure from the third annual Kona outrigger canoe races to be staged a month hence, a great deal of careful planning and much work are necessary and many problems have to be solved.

However, one of the major problems appears to be settled quite easily, with the adults, young men and girls turning out diligently and training with enthusiasm each day to make it perhaps the most successful yet staged, Julian R. Yates declared today.

There was pleasure in the Kona leader's voice as he spoke highly of the wholehearted enthusiasm and cooperation that those turning out for practice are showing. If the races at Kailua bay on August 24 do not surpass those staged the two previous years, it will not be due to those training to make the different crews.

COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Everybody now has begun active and hard work in training. The boys are getting ready and the committee helping in laying plans and working with the crews has its hands full.

Yates reported a large crowd turning out in his bunch, working out each afternoon and each Sunday morning. These are a combination of those from Honsunuu, Napoopoo and Hookena.

He was enthusiastic in reporting that despite the fact that many of those turning out come a great distance from mauka to the beach, something like 10 miles each way, they are out regularly for practice just the same.

"Twenty miles, to travel to train, and they're coming out and working," Yates said. "So if this isn't going to be better than the races in the past, it won't be their fault."

TWO GIRLS' CREW

In his bunch there are about two dozen adults working out for the different crews. Then he has 12 girls—two crews—of whom only four or five live on the beach, the rest coming a great distance mauka, along with many of them. There are eight children under 15 years of age also training.

At Kailua the situation isn't as bad, he reported, because the crowd turning out live right nearby, and there is no problem in getting them to travel all that distance for training.

Yates' crowd started training about the end of last month. They have been at it now for three weeks, but the crowd at Kailua had one more week, having started earlier. They were first in the water. Last Saturday they launched a new boat for the races, and each coming race will see better boats with each annual running of the regatta.

JAPANESE CREWS OUT

Comparatively little is known of the paddlers far down the line at Miloli. However, in Kona the Japanese crews have just started work. The boys brought their boat into the water Sunday and started work under the direction of Shunzo Ushiroda, lawyer and former legislator, and I. Nishida, at Napoopoo.

The Kailua oarsmen have one good advantage also in being trained by Ernest Cook, a veteran at the game, who came from Kohala to help along and incidentally to take part in the rowing. Arthur Stillman is taking over the duties as manager of the Kailua crews.

There is a large crowd out for the various crews at Kailua, including children, girls and older folks.

The paddlers have finished all their preliminary training and will require some more time to develop their wind. After that it will be the day for the races and the men will be all in first class condition to compete against the crews from Honolulu.