Itasca Will Carry Crews

Cutter Official Convoy Ship for Races

The USCGC Itasca will again become the convoy ship of the Honolulu outrigger canoe crews when they commence their invasion of the Kona coast for the annual Hawaiian championship regatta next month.

In a letter to Lorrin P. Thurston, originator of the Kona races three years ago this summer, Comdr. W. N. Derby, commanding the coast guard service in Hawaii, declared that the Itasca would be placed at the service of the canoemen and as a result upwards of 80 paddlers will board the trim craft August 22 at 6 p.m. for the trip over to the west coast of Hawaii.

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Not only will the Itasca carry the Honolulu paddlers to Kona and return them to Honolulu after the races, but Comdr. Derby and his ship will patrol the course during the races and the Itasca will act as the official committee boat.

With this cheering news travelling the length of Waikiki yesterday, crews from Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Queen's Surf continued their training efforts towards the big Honolulu harbor regatta which is scheduled to take place August 4.

While the August 4 regatta is designed as a preliminary to the big event in Kona, the local crews are losing no time in whipping themselves into shape and the same keen competition that will

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