

Royal Welcome to Canoe Races

Charles Amalu of Queen's Surf Riders Reports On Preparations

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Kona and all West Hawaii is bubbling over with enthusiasm over the Kona canoe regatta on August 24. Charles K. Amalu, head man of the Queens Surf Riders, reported yesterday after his return to Honolulu from a trip to the western shores of the Big Island.

"The gang up there is all in an uproar over the coming races and already the crews are hard at work, training for the defense of the title won last year by Kailua," Amalu reported.

"Not only are the crews at work, but the most skilled canoe fashioning artists in Hawaii have been busy for a year, building trim, light racing canoes that will be the finest afloat when the races are held this year."

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Amalu was high in his praise for the sportsmanship and hospitality extended him during his visit.

"Julian Yates, Louie Macfarlane and all the gang up there are right behind the races and they are going to give the Honolulu gang the time of their lives," Amalu said.

Amalu admitted frankly that his trip to Kona was a search for a racing canoe.

"And when they discovered I was looking for a fast boat, Julian Yates took me in tow up and down the coast and wherever I went I was given free run of all the fleet."

At Honaunau, where Yates is training his crews from the deck of a sampan each afternoon, Amalu was shown three new craft, only recently launched.

"There they are," Yates told him, "take your pick."

NEW CANOE HERE

Amalu did take his pick, and as a result a fine new boat will float off Waikiki this week and

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