

Kona Prepares Royal Welcome

Charles Amalu Reports On Preparations

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the Queen's Surfers will be in the thick of the fight next Sunday when the elimination races are held in the harbor.

"Kona is proud of last year's record and believe me we will run into tougher competition than ever next month when we go over there to try to take the title away from Kailua," Amalu said. "Not only is Kailua again very strong, but Honaunau, Napoopoo, Hookena and Milolii are better than they were a year ago and are working much harder and the new Japanese crew looks like a promising outfit."

Louis Macfarlane, manager of the Captain Cook Coffee company, is in charge of the big luau and post-regatta celebration this year and, according to Amalu the occasion will far surpass anything attempted in prior years.

"Kona hospitality is the real bona fide Hawaiian hospitality of by-gone days," Amalu said. "Macfarlane, Yates, and Arthur Stillman couldn't do enough for me and they promised the Honolulu crews the time of their lives when they go up August 24."

ELIMINATION SLATED

But before the Kona races come the Honolulu eliminations in the harbor next Sunday and Outrigger, Hui Nalu, and Queen's Surfers are hard at work off Ala Moana park, training for the big event that will mean so much to the lads in the boats.

An attractive program of racing has been drawn up and keen competition is certain to be found in all settos, especially the senior race where every crew is said to be stronger than a year ago. Bigger squads than ever have turned out at all three hangouts and Waikiki is a bustle with activity as the fight for seats in the various boats continues down through the last week.

Included among the races Sunday will be the classic senior blue ribbon event; the junior, kids, four-man paddle senior, four-man paddle junior and two-man paddle senior races. There will be a "wahine" event also, always an added attraction to local regattas.

The harbor event can be viewed from Pier 2 where the canoe association will sell tickets for spectators and automobiles in order to raise funds for the Kona trip.

A large crowd is expected next Sunday to view this spectacular event.