

Confident Paddlers Finish Training For Sunday Races

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year's crews to be the fastest ever gathered at Waikiki.

Contrary to the usual practice of crew mentors, "Dad" Center, John D. Kaupiko and Charlie Amalu, head men of Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Queens respectively, have been optimistic over the chances of their senior crews and each of the three has come forward with a prediction that his set will cross the finish line ahead of the rival craft.

CENTER HOPEFUL

Center, whose demeanor usually assumes a gloomy outlook several days before a big race, was smiling broadly last night as his crack crew went over the Ala Moana course in perfect rhythm. The Outrigger boat glided through the water with an exactness that predicts trouble for its rivals Sunday morning and Center did not attempt to hide the fact that he is thoroughly satisfied and confident of success.

Meanwhile Kaupiko and Amalu were equally as enthusiastic over the chances of their huskies, all of which heralds the approach of one of the most thrilling races ever witnessed here.

The junior boats will also produce a bow to bow struggle, according to the wisecracks who throng Ala Moana park each afternoon to watch the crews go through their daily dozens. Hui Nalu is said to be the favorite in this race and the crewmen from the old beach club are frank to admit that their junior boat possesses power in large quantities. Outrigger and Queens, however, appear to entertain the same ideas about their own boats and when the race is staged Sunday morning the event is liable to draw as much attention and as much enthusiasm as the big senior clash.

PROMPT STARTING

The races will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and should close with the final event not later than 11 a.m. Every effort will be made to speed up the time schedule and run the events off without delays. Duke P. Kahanamoku, clerk of the course, has issued strict instructions to the crew captains and

coaches that he will insist upon prompt answers to all calls and that races will be started on time without them if their boats are unduly delayed.

Spectators will be accommodated at Pier 2 where chairs and auto parking space will be provided. Small admission fees for individuals and automobiles will draw sufficient funds, it is hoped, to defray expenses of the Honolulu crews when they set off for Kona for the big championship regatta.

A feature of the day yesterday was the arrival of the new Queens canoe from Kona, a trim looking craft that sits gracefully on the water. It was taken out by the Queen's husky seniors for its first spin in Honolulu harbor yesterday, and onlookers declared it is the finest canoe ever to be launched in Oahu waters.

The boat glides well between strokes and appears to have the proper balance to make it the speediest craft afloat here. Queens, with the new boat, hope to see their crews established favorites in at least three of the seven events Sunday.

The Queen's Surfers will train from Pier 15 today and tomorrow and will be "all set" for their rivals when the gun barks at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Charlie Amalu declared yesterday as he proudly inspected his new boat.

Laymen's Conclave Scheduled Today

A two-day laymen's conference, sponsored by the Inter-Church federation, will open today at Camp Harold Erdman. Dr. Rufus B. von KleinSmid, president of the University of Southern California, will be the chief speaker this evening.

Tomorrow Walter Homan of the Hawaii School of Religion and Dr. Roswell Johnson of Palama Settlement will speak. Sunday Dr. Albert W. Johnson will address the conference.

The theme of the conference, "Issues Confronting Christian Men," is divided into three phases, "Social Hygiene," "Social Economy," and "Religion and Morals."