

All Honolulu Crews Given Invitation To Kona Races

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HILO, Aug. 9.—"All the crews of Honolulu—and that includes the Beach Patrol pickup bunch which made such a fine showing in the regatta in Honolulu recently and who're sure to be even better late this month—have been invited to participate in the annual Kona outrigger canoe races at Kailua bay on August 24," Julian R. Yates, Kona supervisor and "Uncle" in sports and civic affairs of the district, reported today.

"With the U. S. Coast Guard cutter Itasca bringing the Honolulu boys to the races, it will keep the expenses down and enable the races to be run off without facing a deficit even with the huge throng from Honolulu to participate," he asserted.

"This is the third and sure to be the greatest yet held in Kona. For one thing, Kona this year knows that the competition will be even harder than in 1933 or 1934. There is no false confidence shown by the paddlers. They're working hard in training and I really mean it is hard work for them."

COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Yates stated the decision to invite all the crews was reached at a meeting held by the committee on Tuesday. While the paddlers are busy daily shoving their boats about in the waters along the Kona coast, the regatta committee similarly is busy making arrangements for the races now just two weeks away.

The committee, headed by Louis Macfarlane, includes James Ako, Francis Cushingam, John Deguiar, Dr. H. S. Dickson, Tom Gouveia, Frank R. Greenwell, Joseph Griswold, Judge Thomas N. Haae, Oswald Hind, Robert L. Hind, U. G. Hinders, David Kaipiko, Manuel C. De Mello, Constantine Morreira, I. Nishida, Fred Richards, Dr. Y. Sugamura, Shunzo Ushiroda, Tommy C. White and Yates.

In addition to these there are others not on the committee but who are pitching in helping the

paddlers and in laying plans.

EXPENSE LOWERED

Speaking of finances, Julian explained how costs are being kept lower this year. There is no crew coming from Molokai, and that eliminates one big item.

Then, too, the races this year will be cut short, so the Honolulu crews will be in Kona waters only two days instead of three as in past years. The visiting paddlers will arrive on Friday, August 23, and participate in the races the following day. They leave Saturday night for Honolulu.

The reduced expense enables the Kona regatta committee to extend its invitation to more paddlers from Honolulu.

There is no outrigger crew going over to Kona from Hilo this year, either, meaning another reduction in cost. Hilo is centering all its efforts on shell racing, seeking to stage another great cleanup in Honolulu in September.

MUCH INTEREST

Meanwhile there is a great deal of interest throughout the island in the coming paddling races. In the other districts, interest found indicates that there will be a throng larger than in the two past years for the elaborate program at Kailua.

Storekeepers and others at Kailua are looking forward eagerly for the day to bring in crowds for the most popular and enthusiastic occasion of the entire year.

Yates was not present in Hilo at the meeting of the supervisors on Thursday but found other members giving the Kona races big support. The board gave instructions to the Hawaii County band to make the trip again, leaving on Friday for the races Saturday and returning to Hilo Sunday.

Supervisors, as well as numerous business and government leaders of Hilo, are beginning to talk about attending the races, and are laying plans accordingly to free them from work on that occasion.