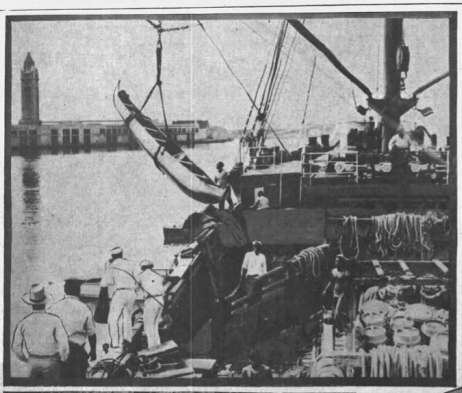
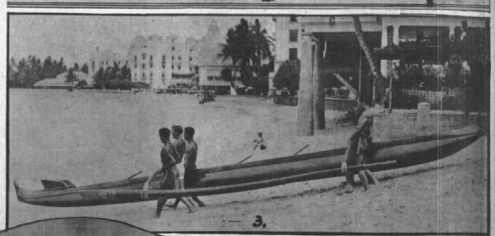
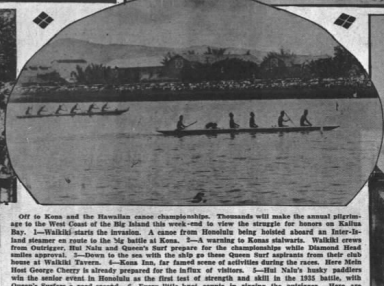
THE KONA RACES.....A BIG TIME ON THE BIG ISLAND







Off to Kona and the Hawaiian canoe championships. Thousands will make the annual pilgrimage to the West Coast of the Big Island this week-end in view the struggle for honors on Kailua Bay. 1—Waikiki starts the invasion. A canoe from Honolulu being hoisted aboard an Inter-Island steamer en route to the big battle at Kona. 2—A warning to Konas stalwarts. Waikiki crews from Outrigger, Hui Nalu and Queen's Surf prepare for the championships while Diamond Head smiles approval. 3—Down to the sea with the ship go these Queen Surf aspirants from their club house at Waikiki Tavern. 4—Kona Inn, far famed scene of activities during the races. Here Stein Host George Cherry is already prepared for the influx of visitors. 5—Hui Nalu's husky paddlers win the senior event in Honolulu as the first test of strength and skill in the 1935 battle, with Queen's Surfers a good second. 6—Every little knot counts in rigging the outrigger. Here are skilled craftsmen, making certain that this important part of a canoe holds steady in the pinch. —(Advertiser photos except Nos. 2 and 6, by Mido zen.)

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ers didn't exactly take to the artistic lacing which was delivered by Hui Nalu in Honolulu and Hui Nalu knows that the two beach rivals are gunning for the Black and Gold.

So right now there is intense activity along the Beach and Waikiki will be in Kona not alone to settle the score of 1934 but likewise to settle a few private scores among the three crews from the "big city."

So Kona, a warning: do not rest on your paddles between now and the Big Moment. Bend those sun tanned backs every afternoon and get yourselves primed, for Honolulu is coming up to regain the honors won back in the inaugural regatta in 1933.

The Waikiki clubs, in fact, have the finest array of crews that were ever sent out to competition. Outrigger pulled a fast one in the harbor races and switched crews—but that is just an old "Dad" Center custom—Hui Nalu won, but even here the Black and Gold was not at full strength; Queen's Surfers trailed in most of the races, but they are now used to that fine boat that Julian Yates loaned them and folks along the beach are saying that the Queen's Jads will be in the thick of it from start to finish.

So Kona, don't way-suf until the races are over.

Honolulu will be there to challenge you and from the way things look from here, your effort to defend those hard won honors of 1934 will be tested to the breaking point.

To our readers, we confess, we have been won over by Kona long ere now and therefore interrupted this little story on the Kona Classic to give our warm friends a fair warning.

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Now on to the story and to the finish line.

The Kona regatta takes place in historic Kailua Bay next Saturday. Competing will be three clubs from Waikiki and four or five from Kona's Coast. There will be races of all descriptions.

Naturally the big blue ribbon event is the senior six for men, the top spot in the canoeing program. Then there is the junior six, the junior and senior fours, the kids events and the "washing" and the two paddle senior and junior races.

Truly here is Hawaii's most ancient and honored sport brought down to 1935 without modernization, for the lads and lassies go out there as their forebears did and they put the same effort into each stroke as King Kamehameha's warriors did more than a century ago when he started on a quest that brought to us the present day united Hawaii.

Kona will be down early next Friday and Saturday mornings to greet her visitors and the invaders. She will show every courtesy to the crews that will be there to contest for the supreme honors. And it is right now an even bet that she will take those same crews out on the water and give them the beating of their lives and then bring them in and give them such a time that next year they will be first to sign on the dotted line for another whack at those Kona paddlers.

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Truthfully, it is not possible to describe the hospitality that is extended on all sides when one visits Kona. Here we find the remnants of old Hawaii, including the gracious manner of entertaining a visitor. Even the modern Kona Inn has inherited the heritage of the past and one feels the spirit of Kona everywhere he goes.

Kona has been waiting for a year for the big event.

It is almost here again. And Kona is ready.

If you are planning a rest, then don't go to Kona during race time. You won't get it. But if you are planning a good time, observed in the old Hawaiian way, eliminated by the truly Hawaiian sport, then by all means go to Kona next week and don't forget, when you get there the serious looks on the faces of your hosts who will greet you on your arrival will be eradicated—win, lose or draw—as soon as the regatta is over.

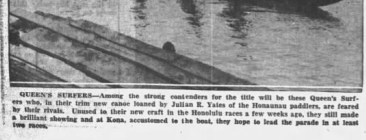
They are plenty intense about this regatta up there in Kona.

But they are also pretty intense about giving their visitors a good time.

Only they say, one at a time.

But they make a pretty good success of them both.

Strong Hopes From Waikiki's Shore



QUEEN'S SURFERS—Among the strong contenders for the title will be these Queen's Surfers who, in their trim new canoe loaned by Julian E. Yates of the Honuanui paddlers, are feared by their rivals. Unused in their new craft in the Honolulu races a few weeks ago, they still made a brilliant showing and at Kona, accustomed to the boat, they hope to lead the parade in at least one race.

High Spots Of The Regatta

Friday, a.m.—Itasca leaves with crews from Waikiki.

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Waialeale sails with excursionists bound for the races and Kona's big celebration.

Saturday, a.m.—Crews and excursionists arrive at Kailua Bay and form the line along the racing lanes.

Saturday, 9 a.m.—Kona Championships scheduled to commence with Junior Four event.

Saturday, Noon—Excursion to famed historic sports along Kona Coast with picnic luncheon at City of Refuge.

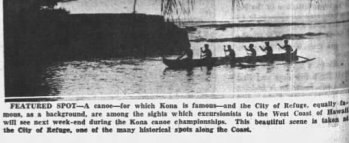
Saturday Afternoon — Sightseeing, Hawaiian entertainment.

Saturday Evening at Kona Inn—Big Hawaiian Luau followed by Hawaiian entertainment.

Saturday, 11 p.m.—Waialeale sails for Honolulu.

Sunday, 11 a.m.—Waialeale arrives in Honolulu.

Quaint Scene On Kona Coast



FEATURED SPOT—A canoe—for which Kona is famous—and the City of Refuge, equally famous, as a background, are among the sights which excursionists to the West Coast of Hawaii will see next week-end during the Kona canoe championships. This beautiful scene is taken at the City of Refuge, one of the many historical spots along the Coast.