

Hui Nalu Senior Crew Slips Off To Kona Coast To Train

By EZ CRANE

Waikiki beach was a-buzz with excitement yesterday when the powerful Hui Nalu senior crew stole a march on its Honolulu rivals and quietly embarked for Kona and a week of intensive training on the scene of Saturday's championship canoe races in Kailua Bay.

Without previous warning the Black and Gold big six boarded an inter-island steamer and this morning will greet early Kona residents who drop down to witness the arrival of the mail boat by unloading their canoe and paddling ashore.

Training quarters will be established at Kailua Bay and for the next five days the Black and Gold six will go through its paces with all Kona eyes peering from behind coconut trees and out of the "little grass shacks" along the coast.

CENTER LEAVES TODAY

This afternoon Coach "Dad" Center of Outrigger will embark for Hilo and tour overland to Kailua to study the situation and confer with association officials on rules and regulations. Center admitted that he will make a close study of wind and tide conditions in Kailua Bay in order to be able to prepare his helmsmen in Saturday's races for the acid test.

All other crews will sail Thursday night aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Itasca, and will arrive at Kailua Bay Friday at daybreak. The Outrigger Girls' crew, only "wahine" entrant in this event Saturday will not leave, however, until Friday night aboard the Waialeale, excursion boat for the 1985 regatta. They will complete

training here Thursday, Coach Center said yesterday.

Thursday at noon the Humuula will sail with an advance guard of canoemen, consisting chiefly of race officials and representatives of the three Honolulu clubs, who will go into a huddle with the Kona officials Friday morning on race regulations.

TO FORM ASSOCIATION

The meeting Friday morning will be called to order by Chairman Louis Macfarlane and a permanent canoe association will be organized, he has announced. At the present time the association, though it has functioned efficiently in the past, has not had a permanent setup and as a result some confusion has resulted over questions of rules and regulations. Permanent rules will be adopted and a set of officers elected for the new year.

Reservations for the Kona excursion picked up materially yesterday according to reports from the Inter-Island S. S. company and it is expected that the Waialeale will carry a heavy list to Kona for the big event. The Waialeale leaves Friday afternoon for Kona and returns Saturday at midnight, arriving here shortly before noon Sunday.

It is expected that several thousand persons will motor over to Kona from Hilo and other parts of the Island and that the largest crowd ever to witness a regatta along the famed coast will be on hand Saturday morning when the opening gun sends the junior four boats away.

Reservations for the Waialeale will be accepted through the week, and may be made at the Inter-Island office on Fort street.