

Outrigger Crews Of Waikiki Leave On Itasca For Kona

Aboard the coast guard cutter Itasca yesterday went Oahu's bid for the inter-island canoe paddling championship, to be decided in tomorrow's races off historic Kona coast.

Carrying the island's challenge was a band of 85 young stalwarts, members of the crews of the Hui Nalu, Outrigger and Queen's Surf clubs. They were due at Kona early today and will get in a single practice session over the race course before the big test tomorrow.

The Itasca pulled away from Pier 5A at 6 p. m., Cmdr. W. N. Derby on the bridge. Also on board was the governor's party, led by Governor Poindexter, U. S. District Attorney I. M. Stainback, and Cmdr. E. Wayne Tod, governor's aide.

At 10 a. m. yesterday the Inter-

Island steamer Humuula carried over an important advance guard of race committeemen and Waikiki coaches. In the group were Lorrin P. Thurston, Ez Crane, John D. Kaupiko, coach of the Hui Nalu paddlers, and Charlie Amalu, Queen's Surf mentor.

As for the spectators, the bulk of them will go over for the Inter-Island excursion cruise on the Waialeale at 7 p. m. today. A cruise party that will fill the steamer nearly to capacity, many of them Mainland tourists, has signed to go aboard the Waialeale.

Of the 85 paddlers aboard the Itasca, 26 were Hui Nalu boys led by Captain Francis Wai, senior steersman; 32 were from the Outrigger Canoe club, led by Captain George Perry, and 27 from Queen's Surf.