

Historic Kailua Bay Is Scene Of Canoe Regatta

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HILO, Hawaii, Aug. 23.—Historic Kailua bay will be the scene of the Hawaiian canoe racing championships Saturday morning when powerful athletes from the world famous beach at Waikiki will vie for honors with the bronzed athletes of Kailua, Honaunau and Milolii.

Hawaii's most ancient and honored sport, revived on a territorial scale in 1933, will attract no less than 300 Hawaiian athletes, representing the most able-bodied group of men it was possible to select from an imposing array of candidates.

Kona, by her own birthright most deserving of the honor of staging these canoe races, will be represented by some 150 or more paddlers filling approximately 27 crews. About 125 Honolulu paddlers are representing the three clubs from Waikiki beach.

Seven Canoe Groups

Competing clubs include Queen's Surf, Outrigger CC, and Hui Nalu from Oahu, and Honaunau, Kailua, Milolii and the Japanese club from Kona.

The town of Kailua, fronting the beautiful bay of Kailua, will have plenty of elbow room for the 5,000 and more people who are expected to witness the stirring paddling competition.

For the past two years the regatta was held in Napoopoo, the change to Kailua being designed to provide a better angle to view the races.

Greet Governor

Practically all of Kona was down early this morning to greet her visitors when the USCGC Itasca arrived with her contingent of Honolulu crews and high dignitaries.

Among those arriving today was Governor Joseph B. Poindexter who will view the big spectacle from the deck of the Itasca, and following that enjoy a two day sightseeing trip along the Kona coast.

Plans for the regatta were virtually complete today, and rival coaches were predicting the 1935 regatta will produce the finest races ever witnessed in the traditional competition.