

Kona Does Not Favor Two Races

Cannot Show in Proposed June 11 Canoe Compet

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HILO, Sept. 8—The outlook for more than one outrigger canoe race a year for 1936, suggested as part of the big celebration for the anniversaries of King Kamehameha I and Kalakaua, is not bright because most of the Kona organizations will not be up to full strength for such activities, Julian R. Yates reported here.

Because of the great deal of time needed for training, the cost for transporting the paddlers to and from the beach daily, and the lack of paddlers in off-seasons, it is difficult for Kona to take part in any race on June 11, either in Hilo or Honolulu.

Except during summer vacation, many of the best paddlers are missing as they are at school. The task of training the remaining material in April and May for a June 11 regatta, either in Hilo or Honolulu then slacking down and starting again for the next races in August or September is too much work.

He believed that the 1936 races will be held in Honolulu as suggested, to give the Kona paddlers a trip they deserve. It will be probably set for Labor Day early in September, with the school boys remaining in Honolulu as school starts shortly after.

The paddlers will make the trip to Honolulu Saturday and row on Monday, returning immediately after the races. Transportation will be a big burden for the Kona crews. It is estimated it will cost between \$1,800 and \$2,000.

As for outrigger canoes in Hilo, the feeling that Hilo should concentrate on barge racing, leaving the outrigger races for Kona, is supported by a growing number of people.

Even Honolulu, with its wealth of material, is finding trouble due to the conflict as some sought for the outrigger races are needed on the boats for barge races.

The Kamehameha Lodge here is back of the plan for outrigger races in the bay June 11 as a part of the celebration.