

Kona Club To Enter Canoe Races As Troubles Settled

Differences between the Honaunau Canoe club and the regatta committee, which caused the Kona club to withdraw from the canoe races to be held in Honolulu harbor the afternoon of June 11, were settled amicably this morning in a telephone conversation between Supervisor Julian R Yates, Honaunau coach, and Charlie Amalu, committee chairman.

Mr. Yates has agreed to bring his championship crews to Honolulu despite dissatisfaction with the length of the races.

Arbitration Postponed

The settlement of the dispute with Mr. Yates was announced by Mr. Amalu at the committee meeting this noon at the Outrigger Canoe club. It was decided to postpone arbitration regarding the distances of the races until the meeting Monday when all clubs will be represented. Honaunau crews arrive Thursday; Kailua and Milolii and Kauai, Monday.

The races are a phase of the celebration of the bicentennial of King Kamehameha I and centennial of King Kalakaua.

Flat Withdrawal

The flat withdrawal of the Honaunau club was announced by Mr. Yates in a letter mailed Saturday to Cecil Benny, acting secretary of the regatta committee. Mr. Yates expressed dissatisfaction with changes made in race distances. His action gave the re-

gatta committee little time to negotiate a conciliation since the Honaunau huskies were scheduled to sail Wednesday for Honolulu.

Two other Kona clubs, Kailua and Milolii, wrote Sunday that they will race despite the shorter distances made necessary by holding the races in Honolulu harbor instead of in Kealakekua bay, Hawaii. However, they requested that the junior and senior four paddle races be increased from three quarters to one and one eighth miles and the girls' six paddle from three eighths to three fourths of a mile.

Practiced for Distance

When races were held on the Big Island the courses were longer. The Kona crews have been practicing for the long distances. They object to the shorter distances proposed by the committee. But committee members point out that long distances are impractical in Honolulu harbor.

To lengthen the races would necessitate extending the courses farther out to sea in the ship channel, where waves might break and where anchoring marking buoys is difficult, regatta officials said.

Extending the courses farther toward the end of the harbor is impossible without entailing more bends in the course. The only practical method would be to add laps over the same course and therefore have more turning.