

# Veterans of Winning Crew To Paddle Honaunau Craft

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aggregation retains four of its last year's winning crew.

These shapely young amazons deserve a word of their own. Three of them are school girls, Lucy Whitmarsh, Mary Yates and Fusa Kimura, aged respectively 17, 17 and 18. They'll race here Thursday—and it's quite apparent that they're prepared to race their hearts out—then they will jump to Hilo for another major contest on Saturday and after that they'll hurry home because you see, they must be back in school at Honaunau bright and early Monday morning.

For two months now they have cheerfully given the greater part of their after-school hours to the intensive course of training their coach has demanded. They are working like stevedores day in and day out down on the harbor now.

Another of their number, 18-year-old Mary Kele, is a theater usher who works every night in a little picture house at Kainaliu, down Kona way. She'll have to hurry back to her job, too, when—she hopes—the Honaunau girls have won again.

The two older girls in the crew are Mrs. Rosabelle Yamamoto and Mrs. Melae Hua, both 23-year-old housewives, as shapely, brown and husky as their schoolgirl crewmates.

Mrs. Hua is the wife of Charles Hua, Jr., captain of the men's senior six crew. Charley skip-

pered his crew to a sensational victory last year and both he and the missus are hoping he'll repeat next Thursday. But Charley doesn't want to win himself any more than he wants his little Melae to come home in the winning women's crew after that whistle blows next week.

Seventh member of the girl's crew is Adelaine Kaneao, 18, who has raced for two years and who was a member of last year's victorious girls' crew.

The girls' boat is called the Waimapuna and it is 38 feet long. Driving 38 feet of heavy outrigger canoe a mile and a half at top speed is no inconsequential task for six pairs of girlish arms, however husky they may be.

The Honaunauans will have familiar company in their little shore-side city when the crews representing Kailua and Milolii arrive from Kona tomorrow morning. On the following day Kauai's two crews will likewise "move in" and then there will be an unbroken siege of hard work preceding Thursday's 2 o'clock whistle.

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