

Paddling Races

Big Isle To Send Crews For Regatta

Plans Made For Kam Day Canoe Events At Ala Wai

At least two crews from the Island of Hawaii in all of the Senior races are expected to be entered in the Canoe Paddling Carnival scheduled for June 11 at the Ala Wai, it was reported yesterday. The Senior races will include the 6-paddle, 4-paddle and 2-paddle events.

The races will be sponsored by the Kamehameha Day Celebration Commission working through the Kamaaina Beachcombers' Hui and will become a part of their yearly program hereafter.

According to reports, one of the crews from Hawaii will be picked from the best in Kona. It is rumored that four of the original championship crew from Honau-nau will be paddling.

A full crew is expected from the village of Milolii. Besides these crews from the Big Island, there will be entries from Oahu's Outrigger Canoe Club, Hui Nalu, Hawaiian Junior Civic Club, the Natatorium and the army. The HJCC, Natatorium and the army are expected to enter the junior events. The army is training at Haleiwa.

The famous racing canoe "Honau-nau" has already arrived from Hawaii, and the "Milolii" will be here next week Thursday. Besides these, there will be Dad Center's "Malia," Dr. Wall's famous "Lio Keoko," which will be used by the Hui Nalus; the "Kwai-hae," "Leilani," "Kakina," and "Hanakeoki," owned by the Outrigger Canoe Club; the "Kaualani," owned by Joe Pang, and the "Kaimalino," owned by the Stillman family.

The Canoe Paddling Committee of the Hui, headed by Dad Center, is completing plans for the big regatta. The army will help out with pontoons to enable the crews and boats to make fast turns and ready crews for the next race.

Events in both the senior and junior divisions will include the 6, 4 and 2 paddle races. There will also be a senior 6-paddle race for women and a similar event for junior women over a one-half mile course. These eight events, with two 1-mile senior men's surfboard paddling races, one for hollowed out boards and the other for hard or solid boards, will complete the program.

Entries for all these events will close at noon Monday, June 3, with John D. Lukela Kaupiko at the beach, or Leon K. Sterling, Sr., at the City Hall.

In the event there are more entries than lanes, eliminations will be held on Sunday morning, June 9.