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Surfboard races for men and women will be held Christmas Day. The races, the first since the summer of 1943, will be sponsored by the Waikiki Surf club.

The first event will be the men's distance race. The course will be approximately four miles long, beginning directly in front of the Waikiki Tavern, going around the Diamond Head buoy and back to the starting point.

Starting time is 11 a.m.

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Favored to win is George Dowling, beach captain for the Waikiki Surf club. Wallace Froiseth, Russ Takaki, "Rabbit" Kahai and Preston Peterson of Santa Monica, Calif., will also be strong contenders.

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Preston Peterson, who is vacationing here with Mrs. Peterson, is recognized on the Pacific coast as one of the best paddlers in the country.

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The second and last event will be the women's one mile open distance race.

Contestants will start in front of the tavern, paddle out around the geodetic survey buoy and back to the starting point.

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Favorites for this event are Pat Honl of the Outrigger Canoe club and Esther Kalama of the Waikiki Surf club.

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Awards will be given for the first 10 places in each event.

Paddlers wishing to enter the contests must sign up with the Waikiki Surf club before 11 Christmas morning.