

# Open Water Surf Races Slated Today

An open rough water surfboard paddling race for men and women will be held today off Waikiki beach by the Waikiki Surf Club.

The course for men will be from the beach in front of the Waikiki Tavern, parallel with the beach to the Moana Hotel out through canoe surf around a marker at that point, then to the buoy off Diamond Head lighthouse and return over the same route.

The open event over five miles will start at 11 a.m. About 25 surfing enthusiasts, who have been training for the past six weeks, are expected to compete.

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**George Downing, beach captain for the Waikiki Surf Club, is favored to win the men's event. Rabbit Kekai, Wallace Froiseth, Russ Takaki, Robert Besa, Bobby Kruson and Ray Folk are others who bear watching.**

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Expected to compete is Preston Peterson, a life guard from Santa Monica who is recognized on the Pacific Coast as one of the best paddlers in the country. He is vacationing in Hawaii.

Paddlers from the Outrigger Canoe Club and Waikiki Natatorium have also entered the big event which is being held for the first time since 1943.

The women's event will start at 12:30. The course will be from the same starting point around the surveyor's mark and back. Esther Kalamama of the Waikiki Surf Club and Pat Honl of the Outrigger Club are the girls to watch.

Entries in both the men's and women's events will be received up to 10:00 today.