

Molokai-Waikiki Outrigger Canoe Race Being Planned

A one day revival of the ancient outrigger canoe travel between islands is in the form of an outrigger canoe race from Molokai to Waikiki beach in July.

At a Tuesday meeting at the Outrigger Canoe club, representatives of the OCC, the Waikiki Surf club, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, University of Hawaii, Transpacific Yacht Race association and other groups were highly in favor of the idea of Arthur (Toots) Minvielle.

Minvielle, one of the best known canoe surfers in the islands, proposed that the Outrigger Canoe club sponsor the event which would be the longest canoe race in the world, the distance from Molokai to Waikiki covering nearly 40 miles.

TO BE HELD IN JULY

The race would be held in July, starting from Molokai in the early hours of a Sunday morning, while the transpacific yachtsmen are still in Honolulu.

Leaving Molokai around 2 Sunday morning would enable the canoes to reach Waikiki beach in the mid-afternoon.

It was pointed out by Robert Fischer of the OCC, who presided over the meeting, that the race would develop more interest in canoeing and would be highly publicized on the mainland—probably by newsreel movies, magazines and newspapers.

Ted McGill of the OCC was asked to present at the next meeting, an expense budget for a training table and other costs.

George (Dad) Center will work with Elmer Lee, Bill Morris, Gay Harris and John Hollinger in checking the availability of canoes.

Ernest W. Stenberg was assigned to handling the publicity.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for

next Tuesday afternoon at 5 at the OCC.

Others present at the meeting were Neal Iversen, Mark Egan, Herbert Oliviera, Tommy Kaulukukui, "Fat" Guard, John Kaupiko, Harold (Dope) Yap, Wally Froiseth, William Hollowell, Sally Hale, Bill King and Loui Abrams.

It was also suggested that the race become a biennial event to be tied in with the transpacific yacht race which is held every two years.

