

Outrigger Canoe Club Planning Hookupu for Kamehameha Day

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Big doings are in store for Hawaii's aquatic fans come June 11, Kamehameha Day.

As has been the custom, the Outrigger Canoe club will once again lead in the observance of the great king's birthday with water sports and the hookupu.

The hookupu incidentally, represented an ancient Hawaiian custom of giving gifts to the chiefs by their subjects. Anything of value was considered a gift—food, feather leis, spears, kapa, etc.

In appreciation and as a means of dividing the "spoils," the chiefs would use these presents as awards to winners in an athletic contest. With the termination of the day's sports events, the chiefs and their followers climaxed the day with a sumptuous and luxurious luau.

In keeping with the tradition of

old Hawaii, the members of the Outrigger Canoe club have designated Kamehameha Day as a day for such a celebration.

Canoe and surf races will form an integral part of the day's festivities with the distribution of food a la hookupu following the close of the athletic events.

An evening dinner-dance will climax the activities of the 1949 Kamehameha Day.

A surfboard polo contest between Coach Sargent Kahanamoku's Outrigger Canoe club team and a team representing the Waikiki Surf club is being considered for top billing on the day's agenda.

Officials of the club who are working diligently to make the '49 Kamehameha Day program a success are Wilford D. Godbold, president; Samuel M. Fuller, secretary; Herbert M. Fuller, treasurer; and E. P. (Ted) Magill, club manager.