

On Kamehameha Day Saturday

One of the high spots of Kamehameha Day each year is the aquatic sports and pageant staged off Waikiki beach by the Outrigger Canoe club.

The annual celebration planned by OCC is to commemorate Hawaii's first and greatest monarch.

And this year, the committee handling arrangements is outdoing itself in giving Hawaii a first class water show. A program of surf-board and outrigger canoe races—dressed up with all the traditional trimmings—will highlight the occasion.

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The hard working group in charge of the affair is headed by Harold Yap, chairman of the canoe committee, and Bob Fischer, coordinating director.

Three beach clubs—the Outrigger Canoe, Waikiki Surf and Hui Nalu—will vie for top honors in the water carnival.

FIRST BIRTHDAY

Saturday also marks the occasion of the first birthday anniversary of the Waikiki Surf club, whose membership estimated by President John Lind has reached the 500 mark.

The WSC is celebrating its first year with participation in the beach sports, then later in the evening with a big dance at The Breakers.

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The boys working on Saturday afternoon's program on the beach side of the Outrigger club are going back to the days of Kamehameha, in the commemoration of his reign and domination over the people of Hawaii.

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One gent who says his supply of food and drink is plentiful to handle the expected large crowd for the day is Ted Magill, popular manager of the Outrigger club.

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Samuel M. Fuller, secretary of the Outrigger, will “rule” as king for the day.

The opening of the program will

feature the landing of canoes from four different directions of Waikiki — enacting the bringing of gifts from the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Molokai to the high chieftain, Kamehameha.

KNOWN AS HOOPUKU

This homage paid to the great king is known as the hoopuku. It is a symbol of respect to the conqueror of the islands who has binded the people as one and who has imparted within the people's hearts the spirit of peace and prosperity.

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The Forecast, monthly organ of the Outrigger club, summarizes the days of Kamehameha thusly:

“Kamehameha's conquest brought to an end the ancient system of government of powerful district chieftains, and Hawaii's first complete king centralized all of the power in his own hands, keeping the more troublesome local chiefs about his person where he could watch them.

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“Kamehameha also took steps to suppress crime such as murder and theft. Although the conquest of Oahu in 1785 brought about the consolidation of power to Kamehameha, he chose to rule the islands from his home in Hawaii.

“But in 1803, he returned to Oahu to stay, and part of his vast fleet of canoes and small craft were kept right here on the sands of Waikiki.”