

Windward Oahu Labor Day Regatta Entries Trained by Davis, Perry

Parents of teenagers in Kailua and Lanikai are praising two men of their community who have helped to divert their children's vacation time into a healthy and wholesome channel.

George Perry and Joe Davis Jr., both fathers of growing boys, have devoted every evening and the greater part of their weekends during the summer months to coaching 50 boys and girls in the Hawaiian sport of paddling outrigger canoes.

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They have done this in conjunction with the Koolaupoko Lions club which is sponsoring the youngsters in their forthcoming Labor Day regatta at Kailua beach.

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Although Mr. Perry is not a member of the civic organization, he gladly consented to help Mr. Davis coach the crews for the Lions and, between them, they have turned out several crews to compete with the Waikiki beach clubs for awards in the Labor Day celebration.

Both Mr. Perry and Mr. Davis are old time canoe men and are

well known in island canoe and surfing circles.

THREE CREW RACES

The youngsters range in age from 11 to 20 years of age and will compete in novice, junior and senior crew races according to their age and ability.

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The project could not have begun without the loan of canoes, it was emphasized. The community's appreciation is extended to those civic minded men who donated their priceless boats for the youths' practice. Those men are Harold Castle, Harold Yap, Joseph Pang, Herbert Dowsett and the Outrigger Canoe club.

Many of the parents have voiced the hope that the Koolaupoko Lions Canoe club will become an all year round project. It obviously would be an excellent way to consume the interest of growing children and would divert them from more unwholesome pastimes that often develop where there is lack of planned recreation, a spokesman for the Lions club explained.