

Kona Prepares For Canoe Regatta

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KAILUA, Kona, May 12—J. C. Tyler returned from Honolulu this week with complete details of the Julian R. Yates Canoe Racing championship races to be held here next August. Tyler is president of Kai Opua Canoe club of Kona and attended a recent meeting of the Hawaii Canoe Racing and Surfing Association in Honolulu.

He reports that Honolulu canoe clubs that will participate include Hui Nalu, Outrigger Canoe Club, Hui Kalia, Koolaupoko, Waikiki Surf Club and Healani. He says that some of these clubs have as many as 200 members trying out for the canoe teams that are scheduled to come to the Kona regatta and they are already getting into training.

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The canoe races here will include Senior 6, Junior 6, Women's Senior 6, boys under 13 and boys under 17.

Jim Yamasaki and his assistants have been signing up paddlers for their canoes but need many more. Yamasaki is the head coach for the Kona teams. He was born and raised at Hookena beach village and is a noted canoe builder and coach. He formerly coached racing teams for Kailua. He will be assisted by Herbert Ako, Clement (Red) Kanuha and Mr. Spinney. Coach Yamasaki says that if Kona is to maintain its former traditional leadership in canoe racing the whole community must support the Kona' teams.

The Kona teams will use the canoe of Herbert Dowsett, the Manu Keo Keo. Dowsett is a member of the Kai Opua Canoe Club of Kona. Officers of the club are Curt Tyler, president; Myra Uehara, vice president; Henry Akona, treasurer and Mrs. Lucy Ako, secretary.