# Canoe Racing Season Just Around the Bend

The first in a series of canoe races leading up to the Julian Yates championships off the Kona Coast will be held in Honolulu Harbor on Maritime Day, May 24.

At regular intervals thereafter additional meets will be held—Kamehameha Day races in Keehi Lagoon on June 11, Windward Oahu races off Kailua on June 28, the MacFarlane memorial races at Waikiki July 4, and the Oahu championships in Keehi Lagoon July 12.

Then will come the big event of the season, the Julian Yates Hawaiian canoe racing championships to be held July 23-25 at Kailua, Kona, Hawaii.

Last year more than 1,000 oarsmen took part in the outrigger canoe racing season before crowds estimated at more than 75,000.

This year, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association, made up of nine clubs, hopes to do even better.

They are encouraged in this optimistic forecast by the recent removal of two racing canoes from museums for use in the various races this year.

This is a sport which deserves hearty encouragement from all Hawaii. Its value as an authentic Hawaiian sport—and consequently as a tourist attraction—is considerable. It has the further advantage of providing clean, wholesome sport for participants and spectators alike.

The Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association and its energetic president John M. Lind are making a spirited contribution that is worthy of wide support.