Canoe Racing Season Opens Sunday in Honolulu Harbor

No doubt the Hawaiian gods of old will smile with favor on the sleek fleet of racing canoes that take to the waters of Honolulu Harbor Sunday to open the 1953 canoe racing season.

For this year the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association is aiming for the biggest and best year on record.

It seems hard to believe that during the war and immediate postwar years the sport nearly died, now that it is experiencing a great revival, one enthusiast said yesterday.

"Why, at last year's Julian Yates championships at Kona we had 20,000 people," he remembered, "and this year we expect more."

11 MEMBER CLUBS

Organized in 1948 to preserve the distinctively Hawaiian canoe sport, the association is composed of 11 member clubs.

They include Honolulu groups, Hui Nalu, Hui Kalia, the Outrigger Canoe Club, the Waikiki Surf Club; Koolaupoko Canoe Club, Kailua, Oahu; Koolauloa Canoe Club, Windward Oahu; Hoonaunau, Kona, Hawaii; Malaya Boat Club, Maui; Kai Opua, Kona, Hawaii and Molokai Canoe Club, Molokai.

Each club selects three representatives to form the association board of directors. The directors govern, make rules and enforce rules as well as taking the leading role in staging regattas.

4 ELIMINATION RACES

This year four elimination races, leading up to the Julian Yates Territorial championships, are on the agenda. The first one called the Maritime Day race will be run from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in Honolulu Harbor.

The others include:

Kamehameha Day, June 11, Keehi Lagoon.

Windward Oahu, June 28, Kailua, Oahu.

Oahu Championships, July 12, Keehi Lagoon.

One other, the MacFarlane Memorial races, not an elimination event, will be held July 4 at Waikiki.

There will be from 750 to 1,000 oarsmen and women from all clubs participating in this year's competition. They range from 13 years of age and up.

VETERAN SUPPORTERS

Veteran supporters like Duke Kahanamoku, Dad Center, John D. Kaupiko Sr. and John Lind, the association's president, can attest that in its few years of existence the association has brought harmony among the various clubs.

This year the association asked for Legislative help to stage races Kamehameha Day. But all other races will be run from association funds gained by selling advertisements in programs and selling the programs at each race.

Kiwanians Hear Riseley Relate Marines' Training

If a U.S. Marine takes a piece of ground, he will never give it up without great cost to an enemy.

This assurance was given members of the Kailua Kiwanis Club by Brig. Gen. James P. Riseley, commander of the 1st Provisional Marine Air-Ground Task Force, last night at Kailua Tavern.

The general, currently stationed at the Kaneohe Marine Air Station, added that he did "not believe that the Marine Corps has ever been considered a defensive force in spite of the fact that one of our missions is to supply ground and air forces for the seizure and defense of advance naval bases."

The general reported that many of his men are currently under training in the Parker Ranch area of the Big Island.

LANDING ON MAUI

These men expect to make a landing in Maui "sometime after June 20," he said.

There are some three and a half million men in uniform today, he pointed out, and "one of their 'great essentials' is morale. We are doing all in our power to build and keep morale high among our men."

People in Windward Oahu, he said, "especially those of you in Kailua can help build and maintain the morale of our men by being friendly to them."

Adm. Murray Host To Yachtsmen

Rear Adm. Stuart S. Murray, commandant 14th Naval District, will be host to a score of yachtsmen Saturday at the Commissioned Officers Mess of Pearl Harbor.

The visiting yachtsmen will be