Thurston Honored By Canoe Group

Elected Grand Marshal Of Julian Yates Championships

Lorrin P. Thurston, president and general manager of The Advertiser Publishing Co., has been elected grand marshal of the Julian Yates Hawaiian Canoe Racing championships to be held July 25 in Kailua Bay, Kona, Hawaii.

Mr. Thurston's election has been unanimously approved by the local clubs in the Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association, it was announced by John M. Lind, president of the organization.

"The association is proud to have Mr. Thurston as grand marshal of the Kona races," said Mr. Lind. "We are pleased to honor a man who has done so much for canoe racing, especially the tremendous job he did in 1933, '34 and '35 to keep the sport alive."

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Mr. Lind then announced that all six local clubs affiliated with the association will send paddlers to the Kona races. Each club will enter at least five events.

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The latest count showed a total of 280 paddlers and coaches ready to leave for the Big Island next Thursday. The total is in addition to officials, backers and families who will accompany the paddlers.

Healani plans to send a party of 54, Waikiki Surf Club 52, Koolaupoko Canoe Club 49, Hui Nalu 43, Outrigger Canoe Club 42 and Hui Kalia 40. The majority of the paddlers will leave by Hawaiian Air Lines and TPA planes Thursday.

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Each club is shipping one canoe to the Big Island by Young Bros. tug next Tuesday, July 21.

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The races will be held over an eight-lane course in Kailua Bay starting at 11 a.m. next Saturday, July 25. There will be a big parade at 10:30 with at least 400 paddlers participating. Kai Opua Canoe Club and Honaunau Canoe Club of the Big Island will participate in the parade and the races.