Paddlers Ready For Regatta On Saturday

KAILUA—Kona seas have moderated considerably from the heavy swells of the past few days, the wind appears to have blown itself out, and by regatta time tomorrow morning, the weather in Kailua promises to behave for the running of the second annual Julian R. Yates outrigger canoe racing championship.

Visiting Honolulu crews already have reported in and appear to be holding themselves in restrained anticipation of the year's premiere all-islands canoe racing event.

Paddlers will strut their stuff in a brief parade opening immediately before the 10 a.m. starting time set for running of the races, with Hawaii County band under direction of Urban Carvalho setting the marching cadence. The band will leave Hilo at 4:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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Canoes have been brought up to shipshape condition and their sides gleam like the sheen of moonlight on water. They are sheltered on the beach of the secluded small boat harbor makai the new wharf where groups of visitors gather to admire the sleek, bouyant craft.

This waterfront village is filled with friendly people who sport the club colors of their favorites in the races, while paddlers are busy at work on their craft.

Mermaids are no longer part of a seaman's yarn, as wahine paddlers who have so charmingly invaded man's domain wait to demonstrate their dextrous handling of canoes.

Lane buoys and course markers have been surveyed by the home clubs of Kona and Honaunau. At extreme end of wharf a stand for race officials is being erected.

Hotels are booked to capacity and guests are enjoying varied scenes of Kailua area where the bay has a charm and splendor all its own. Surfboard enthusiasts constantly are on hand to witness spine-tingling thrills of the outboard events.

Race officials, club representatives, and coaches are busy with the many last minute details involved in preparing for the big day.

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Members of Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing association, which is conducting the over-all program, and representatives of affiliated clubs, to mention a few, who will be very busy here tomorrow, include:

John M. Lind, association president who will do the announcing; Curt Tyler Jr. of the coordinating committee; Louis Kahanamoku, chairman of race officials; George (Dad) Center, one of the judges;

Juanita Kealoha and Dr. Wally Nagao, official recorders, and E. (Tom) Miviello, and Lloyd Osborne of Kai Opua, timers; Jack Greenwell, a clerk of the course; County Chairman Kealoha, Herbert Dowsett, and Charles Mokuohai, honorary officials;

Lt. Anthony Cambra representing Honaunau, with Lorrin P. Thurston, grand marshal of the day.

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Tonight paddlers will get together for an evening of entertainment on Hulihee Palace grounds, with talent recruited from all participating clubs.

Crews will be early to bed to be in shape for the contests, some of which will be fiercely contended, it is reported by coaches.

Souvenir programs are on sale in the village, and tickets for the championship dance Saturday night at Kona Inn can be obtained at Lihikai hotel, Stella's Dress shop, or at the desk at the inn.