Five Clubs Enter Molokai to Oahu Outrigger Race

Noon, October 17, has been set as the deadline for entry of Hawaiian outrigger canoes participating in the Molokai to Oahu race to be held Saturday of Aloha Week, October 24.

Five clubs—Healani, Hui Kalia, Outrigger Canoe Club, Waikiki Surf Club and Molokai's Kukui O Lanikaula Canoe Club said at a pre-race meeting last night they will enter the contest.

Honaunau Club of Kona, Koolaupoko and Hui Nalu are still not definite and Kailua, Oahu's newly formed Kaione club said it would enter if it can get a canoe.

RACE BEGINS AT DAWN

Weather permitting, the race will begin at dawn October 24 from the west end of Molokai to Waikiki Beach. The Coast Guard has agreed to assist where necessary.

Built up gunwales and canvas or other covering will be permitted on the six-man canoes, but no sails or other artificial means of propulsion will be allowed.

Two relief paddlers will be aboard each canoe's power boat convoy and will be allowed to enter if an emergency arises. The power boats will be allowed four helpers who may assist in bailing the canoes should they swamp.

According to the race officials, a Molokai committee has agreed to provide board and lodging for race participants at the Friendly Isle before they take off on the 36-mile race.