Canoe Group Adopts New Racing Rules

The Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association has adopted new outrigger canoe racing rules which, among other things, standardized weights of competing canoes to 400 pounds.

Canoes now range in weight from 265 pounds to 583 pounds.

The new rules, as outlined by a committee headed by George Young of Hui Kalia, were adopted at a meeting of the Association Thursday night.

The six Oahu clubs voted on the rules with the informal understanding that there would be no objection on this move by the two Kona clubs.

New by-laws were also presented for further individual consideration before next month's meeting.

The proposed by-laws would require each club to name one director and two alternates to the Association, replacing the three-man representation now provided.

It would centralize authority and responsibility in one man, Fred Steere, president of the club, explained.