7 Canoes Entered In Molokai-Oahu Race Saturday

Seven canoes will be competing this Saturday in the Molokai-Oahu canoe race that will begin at dawn at Ilio Point, Molokai, and finish on Waikiki Beach in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

They are being entered by Hui Kalia, Hawaiian Surf Club, Kolaupoko, Maui, Molokai and two by the Waikiki Surf Club. There may be last-minute changes in the lineup, however.

Maui's participation in the race is contingent on the completion of the Kulani, now being worked on at Hawaiian Village.

The Kulani, a Waikiki Surf Club canoe, will be christened Wednesday evening during the Aloha Week luau at Hawaiian Village, Ala Moana Park.

All Oahu paddlers will be given physical examinations tonight at Aloha Week headquarters.

They will fly to Molokai Friday morning, spend the night on the beach at Ilio Point, and begin the race at dawn Saturday morning.

The first canoe is anticipated at Waikiki shortly after mid-day.

An added feature of this year's race will be the paddling feat planned by Thomas C. Zahn, former Pacific Coast racing board paddling champion, who plans to cross the 36-mile channel by board.