

Nine Clubs Compete In Kona Canoe Races

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KAILUA, Kona, Aug. 2—

Air liners flying here today are filled with canoe paddlers and racing fans arriving for the Territorial championships tomorrow.

Preceding the regatta, a parade will begin at 9 a.m. from the Hulihee Palace grounds to Kailua wharf, where races begin at 10.

Nine clubs are to compete:

Lanikai, Outrigger, Kai Oni, Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf, and Holomua, all from Oahu; the Kauai Canoe Club; Kai Opua of Kona, and the Kamehameha Canoe Club of Hilo.

Plans for "the biggest and best races ever seen in Kona" were made by Boniface Alu, regatta chairman; Jack Greenwell, Kai Opua president, and Frank Henriques.

LUAU SCHEDULED

A luau for paddlers, officials and guests is slated for 6 p.m. tomorrow on the wharf. Trophies are to be awarded Sunday morning at the Kona Inn.

This year's regatta is dedicated to Mr. Henriques, lifelong Kona resident whose efforts to aid and encourage canoe racing are gaining Territory-wide recognition.

He joined Kai Opua when it was organized in 1952, and was chosen the same year to fill a vacancy on the board of directors.

The club had no canoe, so Henriques proceeded to help provide one.

He secured a log and, while helping Antone Grace of Napoopoo build a racing canoe, developed an interest in the ancient art.

He's helped to build a canoe for the Kauai Club, and plans to give the same assistance to the Molokai group.

Now retired, Mr. Henriques attends most of the Territory's canoe races.

His fondest dream is to have the Kai Opua Club, whose paddlers include his two sons, enter the Molokai-Oahu Aloha Week race.

A Kealakekua resident, Mr. Henriques owns a coffee mill in Honauanu and many acres of coffee and the Pali Poko Ranch in Kealakekua.



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