

## Molokai-Oahu Canoe Paddling

# Nine Crews Set For Race

One of the world's most spectacular open water competitions—the gruelling Molokai to Oahu outrigger canoe race—is all set to start at the crack of dawn Sunday.

Nine crews are entered in the longest open water paddle competition in the world. Six of the crews are from Oahu with 1956 champion Outrigger Canoe Club not competing this year.

The Oahu canoes are being shipped to Molokai today by Young Bros., barges and will arrive tomorrow. They will be shipped overland on Molokai from Kaunakakai by pineapple company trucks to Kawakui Beach, starting point of the race.

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Oahu's six entries are Hale Auau, Healani, Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf Club, Kai Oni, and Holomua. Kai Opua of Kona and Kamehameha

of Hilo also are having their canoes shipped today. The ninth entry in the sixth annual running of the channel race is Kukui O Lanikaula O Molokai.

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Paddlers and Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association race committee officials, headed by chairman Paul Jones, are slated to leave for Molokai tomorrow afternoon and Saturday morning.

The 37-mile channel crossing, which ends at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at Kaiser's Hawaiian Village Hotel, will kickoff Oahu's week-long observance of Aloha Week 1957. A victory luau for all paddlers, officials and guests will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the American Chinese Club.

The channel race is sponsored by Aloha Week, Inc., and directed by the HCRA race committee A. E. (Toots)

Minvielle Jr., who served as first chairman of the first channel crossing in 1952, will be the grand marshal.

Crews and officials will spend Saturday night at Kawakui Beach which is some two miles below Ilio Point on Molokai's west end. Beach activities there will be in charge of Albert Kahinu.

Jones estimated that the first canoe should pass Diamond Head around noon Sunday or shortly thereafter. He named Makapuu Point, Hanalei Bay, Maunaloa Bay, Diamond Head and Kuhio Beach as ideal vantage points to watch the canoes come in.

There will be parking at the Fort DeRussy grounds for about 15,000 cars Sunday, Jones said. Other parking facilities for those wishing to watch the finish are the Ala Wai Yacht basin area and the Hawaiian Village.