

## *Canoe Paddling Event*

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# Nine Crews Vie Today In Molokai-Oahu Race

Nine canoe crews, competing in the 1957 Molokai-to-Oahu channel race, are starting at the crack of dawn today in the gruelling open water competition.

Hui Nalu, Waikiki Surf, Molokai, Holomua, Hale Auau, Kai Oni, Healani, Kai Opua (Kona) and Kamehameha of Hilo are vying in the 37½ mile challenge. Outrigger Canoe Club, which turned in a record time of 7 hours 58 minutes over the new course set last year, is not competing.

Paul Jones, race committee chairman for the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, estimated that the first canoe

would arrive at Duke Kahanamoku Beach around 1 p.m. If calm seas prevail, there is bound to be a new record, Jones said.

Spectators may be able to see the canoes from such vantage spots as Makapuu Point, Hanauma Bay, Maunalua Bay, Diamond Head, Kuhio Beach and at the finish line at Kaiser's Hawaiian Village Hotel. There will be free parking at the hotel parking lot, Ala Wai Yacht basin area and Fort De-Russy.

A victory luau by the sponsoring Aloha Week Hawaii, Inc., will be held at 7 tonight at the American Chinese Club for paddlers and officials.