



George Downing paddles one-man kayak.

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# Kayak Program Launched

The interested and the curious turned out yesterday morning to witness a demonstration of kayak paddling in the canal near the Ala Wai Boat House.

Kayak racing is an Olympic program. A committee headed by John Bustard is spearheading a movement to interest Hawaii's athletes participate in both kayak paddling and Canadian canoe racing.

**GEORGE DOWNING**, veteran Waikiki aquatic enthusiast, demonstrated the one, two and four-man kayaks which arrived recently from Europe.

Among those who turned out for the inaugural program were Dr. Paul Withington, ardent yachtsman; Boniface Aiu, president of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association; John Kaupiko, Hui Nalu; Wally Froiseth,

Waikiki Surf Club; Ron Sorrell, Outrigger Canoe Club, and Waldo Bowman, Kaneohe Yacht Club.

Another demonstration will be presented Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Ala Wai Boat House. Interested persons will have a chance to try out the kayaks themselves.

On Sunday, May 17, the committee will present demonstrations in Windward Oahu.