

New Paddle Board Rules

Five changes, representing a radical departure from tradition, will take place when the 1978 Diamond Head Paddle Board race attempts to discover the world's fastest paddler:

The changes are:

—The date has been shifted from Christmas Day to Saturday, Dec. 30.

—The open (unlimited) and the paddleboard (stockboard) classes have been eliminated to equalize the competition.

—There will be a singleboard class with only two specifications—a maximum overall length of 12 feet and no rudder.

—The length of the course will now be 10,000 meters (approximately 6.2 miles) over an open ocean, closed course beginning and ending at Sans Souci Beach and will include rounding Diamond Head and Wreck bouys.

—A division (with trophies) has been included for women.

Outrigger Canoe Club is sponsor of the 26-year-old race which was originally founded by the Waikiki Surf Club.