

WALTER JAMES MACFARLANE MEMORIAL RACES

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Each year the Outrigger Canoe Club conducts canoe races on July 4th. These races are named Walter James Macfarlane Memorial Races and are in commemoration of Walter J. Macfarlane.

Walter "Mac," as he was called by his friends, was the president of the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1943. He had been working on a dream of re-building the old clubhouse and that dream had been consummated. On Friday, June 4, 1943, news arrived from Oakland, California, that Walter had passed away suddenly.

At the time of his death the Club was planning the regular Fourth of July Canoe Races, which is the big event in canoeing each year. It was suggested that these races be dedicated to the memory of Walter "Mac" and be known as The Walter James Macfarlane Memorial Races. The suggestion was adopted and the races have been held annually since.

Walter J. Macfarlane, who was truly a Kamaaina, loved Hawaii and the Outrigger Canoe Club. It was his ambition that the Club should have a physical structure of which the members might be proud and also a moral structure of history, tradition, spirit and achievement. It was his wish that the sports of old Hawaii, canoeing, surfing and swimming, be perpetuated. These dreams have been well fulfilled, as evidenced by the Club's fine plant and by its many members who participate in the above sports.

The big event of the day is the Senior Men's 6 paddle race for which a magnificent silver bowl has been donated as a perpetual trophy by the Matson Navigation Company and the Hawaiian Hotels. This is the blue ribbon event. However, the program will include events for all ages and sexes and many of the old timers look forward to the Men Over 40 Race.

The Club has been fortunate through the years to have had many members who have been consecrated to the ideal of building and keeping alive the spirit of the Outrigger Canoe Club. It is not possible to commemorate their efforts by such events as the Macfarlane Memorial Races but the *Forecast* will from time to time try, as it has, to give remembrance in print of their contributions.



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FOURTH OF JULY RACES AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Fourth being the great day of the Walter James Macfarlane Memorial Canoe Races several changes must be made in our dining room and cocktail lounge rules.

Races start promptly at 11:00 a.m. No reservations will be made for tables in the Dining Room. It will be a case of first come first served. Please do not ask for reservations for luncheon.

Dancing in the evening will be a regular Friday night informal dance on the Hau Terrace. No reservations—informal clothes.

Dinner will be served as usual in the Dining Room and on the Sun Deck.