

Who Knew?

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Joe DiMaggio, famous former New York Yankee outfielder and slugger, was named honorary marshal of the 1953 Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta. DiMaggio was in town with an All-Star baseball team on their way to exhibition games in Japan. The team played a few games at the Old Honolulu Stadium where he met Duke Kahanamoku who invited him to the races.

A photo of OCC President Herbert M. Taylor presenting DiMaggio his commission appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser on July 4, 1953.