

## **CANOE RACING PROGRAM BEING PLANNED NOW**

Plans are now in progress for the biggest program ever developed for the coming canoe racing season. The Hawaiian Canoe Racing and Surfing Association has already lined up a series of events that will bring out the biggest field of competitors ever to take part in the sport.

The 1952 season brought out more than one thousand paddlers in competition and it is estimated that over seventy-five thousand spectators witnessed the regattas.

This year new clubs from Molokai and Kauai have signified their intention to enter competition and to date nine clubs have registered. Races start with Maritime Day on May 24th at Keehi Lagoon, followed by Kamehameha Day on June 11th, Windward Oahu Day at Kailua in Oahu, Walter Macfarlane Memorial Races on July 4th, the Oahu Championships Races again at Keehi Lagoon and then the great Inter-Island Races to be held at Kailua, Kona, on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Last year due to lack of funds a number of good crews were unable to compete at Kona. This year the association is planning a series of events to raise funds so that no deserving crews will be left out.

This great spectator sport capable of interesting a possible 100,000 spectators has no way to sell tickets or charge admission. Other means must be devised.

A program will be printed with advertising solicited from those who wish to perpetuate this "Sport of Kings."

A contest for "Queen" of each of the clubs will be staged, culminating in a great dance where a "Queen of Outrigger Canoeing" will be chosen.

Other plans and ideas are brewing to make Hawaii conscious of this sport so truly Hawaiian and which is found nowhere else in the world.

The association is to be commended for its good work and OCC members should give kokua when requested.