

# Canoeing



By Jerry Ober

The season is off to an enthusiastic start. Each year we seem to have a better turn out than the year before and 1969 is no exception. We have a terrific group of girls this year for the younger crews and Novice but still hunger for older girls for the Junior and Senior crews. The girls are training daily under **Fred Hemmings** in what appears to be a junior edition of the Green Bay Packers spring training camp. Those girls are in shape.

The boys age group crews have a fine turn out with most of the familiar names back on the roster. There is a new event for the young paddlers this year, a quarter mile for 12 years and under which will now be the first event of the regatta. We have some fine Outrigger names attached to this event with **Anderson, Downing, and Quigg. Mike Holmes** is training the teenage crews, **Fred Hemmings** has been working with the girls and youngest groups.

Head coach **Mark Buck** presides overall and particularly with the older more seasoned groups. Mark once again, will be paddling with the Senior crew as well as coaching.

The first scheduled race of the season is to be held at Kailua Beach Park 10:00 a.m. on Sunday the 15th of June. Attend this race, it is one of the few of the season that parallels the shore making it a terrific spectator race. Kailua Beach Park is one of the best sand beaches around, so come to the race and see your crews.