Outrigger favored in Macfarlane canoe regatta

Unbeaten Outrigger is favored to stay that way today in the 48th annual Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki Beach.

More than 1,200 paddlers from 15 Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association clubs will participate in the competition, which starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Moana Hotel.

Host OCC, unbeaten in the first four regattas of the year, has won six consecutive Macfarlane regattas and 13 of the last 16.

Competition will be held in 31 events.

The regatta is named after Walter J. Macfarlane, president of Outrigger Canoe Club at the time of his death in 1943.