Sports Afloat and Ashore

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Regatta Season off to good start

The summer regatta season is off to a fine and enthusiastic start. The turnout for the preliminary meetings was large and brought many familiar faces as well as a number of new people. We count on those who have paddled over the years, but it is most gratifying to have new people turn out and this year promises to introduce many new members to the sport.

Training schedules have been posted on the Club bulletin boards and the various crews are settling into the routine of paddling and running. Head coach Fred Hemmings, Jr. is being assisted by the very capable Bill Burso, who has paddled for the past several seasons and has many miles of open ocean racing to his credit. Bill Cook is assisting with steering, both at the Ala Wai Canal training site and at special clinics being held for potential racing steersmen and women on Saturday mornings at the Club.

As this story goes to press (late in May), a special pre-season paddlers' get-together and shishke-bab fry is planned for Thursday evening, June 8th. Consulting chefs are George Downing and Henry Ayau. Most of the college age paddlers are expected home by then and the plan is for a great rally of paddlers to start the season off right.

One returning paddler, John Crocker, of last year's 18 boat, will return in superb shape for the season. John has been rowing in the University of Santa Clara freshman four boat and he and his crew have set a very impressive season total of wins. John and his crew have been invited to participate in the National Intercollegiate Championships in Syracuse, New York, on June 1 and 3.

1972 Outrigger Canoe Regatta schedule

June 11, Sunday: Kamehameha Day Regatta at Kailua Beach Park
June 18, Sunday: Leeward Kai Regatta, at Waianae Beach Park
July 4, Tuesday: Walter J. Macfarlane Regatta at Waikiki July 16, Sunday: John Kaupiko Beach Boy Regatta at Waikiki

July 23, Sunday: Oahu Championship Regatta at Keehi Lagoon

August 5, Saturday: State Championship Regatta, location to be announced

August 12, Saturday: John Awong Day open ocean race, Waikiki to Pokai Bay

August 20, Sunday: Duke Kahanamoku Day open ocean race, Lanikai to Waikiki

October 15, Sunday: Aloha Week special Molokai to Oahu Canoe race

(Note: All regattas start at 9:00 a.m. this year.)

Free canoe rides and steersmanship clinics announced

Starting the first Sunday in June, the canoe surfing committee under chairman Neal Ifversen will provide free canoe rides for members every Sunday from 8:30 through the noon hour. The fun and exercise will be followed by a no-host brunch.

Members wishing to take advantage of this opportunity are requested to sign up on the Club bulletin board. Dates and times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. (All dates subject to satisfactory weather and surfing conditions.)

A series of surf-steering clinics will also start early in June for those who are interested in learning how to surf-steer. The instruction clinics will probably be held on Saturdays, but dates have not been set at this writing. Keep a close eye on the Club bulletin board for details of this program. The Club has a fine new 3- to 4-man surfing canoe and it will be followed later in the summer by another just like it. One of the small canoes will be kept as a trainer.

Junior Summer Athletic Program

This year's JSAP will be headed by Aggie Quigg, assisted by Bill Burso and Hal Burchard, with additional younger member-assistants to be named as the season progresses.