



Veteran coach George Downing gives a few pointers to his beginners that turned out May 18th to mark the opening of the canoe racing season for 1959. More than 80 paddlers are already training for the opening race, June 14.

CANOE SEASON OPENS

With interest mounting in the forthcoming outrigger paddling season, more than 80 aspirants have turned out to the opening training sessions under coach George Downing.

Paddling beginners have been out since May 18 and old timers have been limbering up since May 25 with hauls out to popular surf.

The Hawaii Canoe and Racing Association has officially announced the dates and sites for the 1959 season regattas.

The first regatta will be held on June 14th at Kailua Bay, held in conjunction with Kamehameha Day festivities.

On July 19th, the top crews on Oahu will compete for the island championships on July 19th at Keehi lagoon. Two weeks later, the first all-state championships will be held at Keehi lagoon.

The annual Walter MacFarlane Memorial

Races are scheduled for the 4th of July in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Clubs already in training are the Healani, Hui Kalia, Hui Nalu, working out daily on the Ala Wai Canal, and the Outrigger and Waikiki Surf Clubs, training offshore Waikiki.

On the windward side of the island, the Kai Oni, Holomua, and Lanikai crews are hard at work for the opening races.

Three more Outrigger Canoe Club volleyball teams may be entered into island and territorial tournaments during the next volleyball season.

The Volleyball committee has tentatively scheduled ten tournaments for OCC teams. Last year in which the Outrigger squads swept all opposition before them, only seven tournaments had been entered.

The new tourneys include age bracket matches for youngsters over 13, and a mixed kane-wahine six man tourney.