

# PRE-PADDLING PATTERN

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Well, here we go again! It seems this paddling routine is a never-ending task. To spectators watching a canoe race, and even to the participants in the canoe, it's not realized just how much planning is necessary before a regatta can be staged. Apparently, it's getting tougher all the time, for this year there has been no break in monthly meetings of the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. Heretofore, the season has been closed with a meeting following the Territorial Championships, giving the coaches and H.C.R.A. delegates a four or five month break from gathering around the table once a month to make momentous decisions. Currently, yours truly and Coach Downing have been maintaining the Outrigger's representation during the off-season so that the Club's program can be geared to any new format or requirement imposed upon it by the association.

For those interested and to indicate the need for planning on the part of the Club authorities the following are listed as the sponsored races for the coming '58 season—Maritime Day, May 24; Kamehameha Day, June 15; Oahu Championships, July 20, and the Territorial Championships, August 2, at Kauai. To the naked eye a short season; however, we are pleased to announce that at long last the association has come around to taking a step long advocated by the Outrigger delegation. Outrigger, the sponsor of the July 4th's Macfarlane Day regatta, has never been able to get this event out from under the sponsorship of the association, which has meant that although Outrigger puts up the awards, does the work, sets the course and provides the assistance to the officials, the Club has been forced to have some decisions and some of the methods used in running the regatta imposed upon it by the association and other clubs which are getting a free ride. Therefore, it is pleasant to announce that the regattas have been listed as sponsored and unsponsored. Sponsored races are under the complete jurisdiction of the H.C.R.A. Unsponsored race means that the club staging the regatta can select the type course it desires, choose the number and length of races it desires, and gen-

erally speaking, run things in a fashion convenient to its purse or facilities.

To round out the schedule the following are the proposed unsponsored races: Walter James Macfarlane, July 4; Sarah Park Memorial by Waikiki Surf, July 13, and a very questionable Labor Day at Kailua, Oahu.

By inserting these in the calendar, one can see a crowded July schedule. July 4, 13, and 20. The July 4th and 13th regattas are of questionable value in preparing for the Oahu Championships on July 20 since they are held at Waikiki and it is anybody's race, depending on surf conditions. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the aim of the Outrigger is to capture the Territorial Championship and to do so an entry must be gained in every event at the Oahu Championships. Therefore, its apparent serious thought must be given to getting the paddlers into their peak form at the right time. Too early or too late can mean a loss at the final championships.

With this thought in mind, Coach Downing is calling a paddlers' meeting Saturday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. Place: ewa sun-deck. The season's overall strategy will be gone over, with the paddlers themselves asked to come up with some of the answers. Remember, school requirements, school sports, and exam week cannot be ignored, and certainly, Mom and Dad are in the picture. Don't forget, April 19, at 2:00 p.m., a Saturday afternoon, with special emphasis on new material. Coach Downing extends a special invitation to all girl smokers. See you on the 19th!

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