Paddleboard racers wind up the '78 season this month

by Harriette Allan

Paddleboard enthusiasts can compete in three races before '78 is pau. The first is from Kailua Beach boat ramp to Koko Kai Marina in Hawaii Kai. This 15 mile race, sponsored by Hawaii Aquatic Sports, is directed by Paul Strauch, Jr. There are two board classes: New stockboard, and surfboard.

The Diamond Head Paddleboard Race, originated by the Waikiki Surf Club some 26 years ago, is scheduled for December 25. OCC-sponsored for the past three years, the race will again be under WSC sponsorship this year.

The third race, inaugurated by OCC this year, is a one-class race with a new name, new rules, new course and new date of December 30.

The new Waikiki Ocean Paddleboard Race is a 10-kilometer grind (6.214 statute miles) starting

at the Kaimana Beach Hotel, thence, around Diamond Head Buoy and Wreck Buoy, finishing at the starting point.

Only one class of board will be accepted for this race: maximum length, 12 feet; minimum weight, 20 pounds. No rudder will be allowed. This restriction includes any moveable device which will enable the paddler to turn or alter the course of the board while under way.

Race director Don Mailer can be contacted for further information at 538-6911, or OCC: 923-1585.