

## COAST HAOLE WINS SURF EVENT

Tom Zahn of Santa Monica, one of three Californians in the event, set a new record for the six-mile Diamond Head surfboard paddling race when he dethroned George Downing of the Waikiki Surf Club Sunday, Dec. 26th.

The former Santa Monica lifeguard won the WSC-sponsored event in 51 min. 59.6 sec. to break the mark of 53 min. 16.3 sec. set in 1953 by Downing who had won the race the past five years.

Zahn, who thrilled Hawaii's aquatic fans by paddling from Molokai to Waikiki beach during the 1953 Aloha Week program, won by nearly 300 yards.

He said after the race that he trained systematically for the event and that with his victory he had accomplished what he had come to Hawaii for two years ago.

Downing took second place, with Tom Volk, Santa Monica lifeguard who came here especially for this event, placing third. Another California entry, Tom Moore, fourth and Rabbit Kekai of Hui Nalu, winner of the first Diamond Head race, took fifth place.

In the stock board class held at the same time with the racing boards, Hui Nalu's Richard Kauo triumphed in 64 min. Stanwood Formes of Outrigger Canoe Club was second and Dutchy Kino of Waikiki Surf was third. Kenneth Carvalho of Hui Nalu took fourth place.

Carvalho won the coconut tree climb in 16.7 sec. to dethrone Kekai, who finished third. Kauo took second place.

Bill Danford of Outrigger was the winner in the boys under 12 surfboard paddling race. Kala Kukei was second and Mike Theaker third.

In the malihini race the winner was Al Nelson.