SHORTER COURSES FOR EVENTS AT REGATTA AUTHORIZED BY H. R. A.

Shorter courses for all rowing events at the annual September regatta in Honolulu harbor were authorized at the meeting of the Hawaiian Rowing Association at noon today. Instead of making the turn at the spar buoy, the turn in all barge races will be made at Buoy No. 4. This will materially reduce the distance in all races.

The senior race, the blue ribbon event of the day, has always had a course that commenced at Railroad wharf, went out around the spar buoy and finished at Pier 10. The start and finish will be the same points this year, but by making the turn at Buoy No. 4 the course instead of being more than two miles will be exactly a mile and three-quarters. Freshman, junior and kid barge races have started and finished at Pier 10 in the past and they will start and finish there this year, but by turning at Buoy No. 4 the distance in these races will be cut to a mile and a half.

This is but one of the many steps being taken by the association this year to speed up races and generally to do everything for the comfort and entertainment of the fans.

The program is to be run off on a time schedule and between the various barge events there will be other stunts. The Outrigger Canoe Club under Capt. George (Dad) Center will put on surfboard races, canoe paddling and canoe sailing races. An effort will be made to get the help of army aviators in putting on the aero-surfing stunt.

The next meeting of the association, to draft the program in detail, will be held Monday noon at the Commercial Club rooms. Present at the meeting today were William A. Rosa, George Cool, D. L. Conkling, A. B. Kroll, Clarence Oldys, A. L. C. Atkinson and Fred Harvey.