

Hawaiian King Honored

If you've wondered why young island men have been frantically paddling up and down the Ala Wai Canal daily, you're in luck! These young men have been getting in shape for the annual Kam Day Canoe Regatta at Kailua Beach Park Sunday, June 14.

Canoe racing is as popular today as it was long ago when the Hawaiians raced their finest canoes. Polynesian sailors in canoes voyaged thousands of miles across the world's mightiest oceans in search of new land, and when they arrived in Hawaii, they also used these canoes in action-packed races, where muscle and wood were pitted against the strong sea.

The action and excitement of old Hawaiian canoe races will come to life at 10 a.m. Sunday when 10 canoe clubs will compete in the quarter-mile races at the Windward Oahu beach park.

The 10 competing clubs are the Hui Nalu, Healani, Kai Oni, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Lanikai Canoe Club,

Leeward Kai Canoe Club, Maili Sons, Order of Kamehameha, Outrigger Canoe Club and Waikiki Surf Club.

Take a picnic lunch and join in the fun. To get to Kailua Beach Park, drive through the Pali Tunnel, go through Kailua town and follow Kailua Road to the beach.

The event is free and you'll have a chance to photograph this thrilling race, one of its kind in the nation.

Only in Hawaii does an official state holiday honor the memory of a king, and only in Hawaii could the celebration be so colorful.

The holiday is Kamehameha Day, June 11.

Kamehameha, the mighty Polynesian warrior who died in 1819, was the first to unite the islands under one rule, and legend credits him with almost superhuman strength.

Highlighting the annual festivities will be

a holoku ball, a colorful parade and a luau (Hawaiian feast).

The most beautiful holokus (fitted Hawaiian evening gown with a train) in town will be paraded at the Hawaiian Civic Club Holoku Ball Wednesday, June 10, in the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Monarch Room. No-host cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner-show at 8 p.m.

Costumed members of Hawaiian fraternal organizations will begin the Kamehameha Day ceremonies on June 11 by meeting at the king's statue in downtown Honolulu at 9 a.m. Opening services will be held at the statue, which will be draped with 12-foot flower leis.

At 10 a.m. the annual Kam Day parade will proceed down Kapiolani Boulevard from Atkinson Drive to King Street, ending at the Iolani Palace grounds. The colorful parade will feature Pa'u Riders (women wearing long, satin costumes on horseback), a grand marshal, floats

representing the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Niihau, Molokai, Lanai, Maui, Kahoolawe, Molokini and Hawaii, the Royal Hawaiian Band and various other community and military organizations.

Making a guest appearance in the parade will be 135 high school students of the Pride of the Valley Marching Band from Colorado.

In conjunction with the Kamehameha Day festivities, Kawaiahao Church will hold its annual Kam Day luau at its Parish Hall, located at the corner of King and Punchbowl Streets. From 11 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. authentic Hawaiian delicacies, including Kalua Pig from the imu (underground oven), poi, lomilomi salmon, haupia and many other items will be served.

Continuous Polynesian entertainment and special sacred and secular music by the Kawaiahao Church Choir will be presented throughout the day. Guided tours will be conducted for those who wish to tour the historic Kawaiahao Church and its grounds.

Tickets for the luau, which may be purchased at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Proceeds from the luau will be used by the church for alterations and expansion of its youth center.

Birthday Celebrations

State and City and County offices and retail stores will be closed in observance of Kamehameha Day, Thursday, June 11.

Visitors are urged to phone the various public attractions before making plans to visit them that day.

In celebration of the birthday of King Kamehameha, numerous activities have been planned:

•June 10 — 6:30 p.m., Holoku Ball, Royal Hawaiian Hotel Monarch Room.

•June 11 — 9 a.m., Opening ceremonies, Kamehameha Statue; 10 a.m., Kamehameha Day Parade; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Kawaiahao Church Luau.

•June 11-12 — Noon-Midnight, Creative Art Fantasy, Thomas Square.

•June 14 — 10 a.m., Canoe Regatta, Kailua Beach Park.

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FORMER Follies girl **Ruth Brower** now painting local scenes, and exhibits her wares every Saturday at the Zoo fence on Monsarrat . . .

Three charter members of the Outrigger Canoe Club will be honored tomorrow at a club luau. **J. Atherton Gilman**, **Judge Harry Steiner** and **Guy Rothwell** were all junior members when the club was founded in 1908 . . . **Guido Salmaggi**, who apparently keeps track of these things, says he'll have delivered his rendition of the National Anthem 1,508 times when he sings it for **Gov. Burns** in the State Capitol on Monday (Flag Day) . . . Tickets for the July 3 program, "Portrait of America" have been mailed out on a first-come, first-served basis . . .



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