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CALIFORNIA CANOERS - The Marina del Rey Outrigger Canoe Club of Newport Beach, Calif., is the only Mainland entry in the gruelling 371/2-mile Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race Sunday, one of the highlights of the Aloha Week festivities. The Californians are competing in the non-koa class along with five local entries. Five other crews are entered in the koa class. The race, which starts off at dawn from Molokai, will end in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel around noon.

## Grueling Canoe Race on Sunday

paddle, two-paddle their way kiki Surf. across the Molokai Channel Sunday—all in the spirit of

canoe race, a featured event koa class in 6 hours, 56 minof Aloha Week, gets under way at 7:30 a.m. at Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai.

The first canoe is expected to reach Duke Kahanamoku Beach at the Hilton Hawaii Village around noon.

Mayor Elmer Carvalho of Maui County will be the official starter. Olympic diver Keala O'Sullivan Watson will will be honorary chair-

The race is in two categories - koa and non-koa ca-

Four koa canoes are entered this year, the Papaloa from the Healani Canoe Club; the Kakina from the Outrigger Canoe Club; the Malia from the Waikiki Surf Club, and the Waipuna O Kono from the Kamehameha

The six non-koa entries are the Mamo Kai from Marina Del Rey; Kalia from Hui Nalu; Primo Kai from Lanikai; Hokulani from Kamehameha; Holo from Lee-

Ten canoe crews will one- ward, and Kailoa from Wai-

Last year, the koa-class winner was the Waikiki Surf Club in 6 hours, 38 minutes and 26 seconds. The Lanikai The annual Molokai-Oahu Canoe Club won in the nonutes and 6 seconds.

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## Nine Outrigger Canoes Competing

The featured water event for this year's Aloha Week celebration will see nine canoes compete in the 18th annual Molokai-to-Oahu outrigger canoe race tomorrow morning.

The 37½ mile ordeal begins at 7:30 a.m. from Hale O' Lono Harbor on Molokai and finish an estimated six hours later at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at waikiki.

There are six teams entered in the non-koa division, including a California club, and three boats in the koa class.

The defending champion in the koa event is the Waikiki Surf Club which will be trying to better the 1968 record crossing of five hours, 55 minutes and 16 seconds set by the Out-

rigger Canoe Club. Lanikai is the defending champion in the non-koa divi-

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## paddlers pit brawn against sea Sunday

Nine canoes will be skim- Canoe race. ming over 37½ miles of the Six team.

Six teams, including one blue Pacific tomorrow in the from Newport, Calif., will be 18th annual Molokai to Oahu competing in the non-koa di-

tling for koa class honors.

The crews will start at 7:30 a.m. from Hale O'Lono Harbor, Molokai and are slated to finish at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at Waikiki in the early afternoon.

WAIKIKI Surf Club, defending champions in the Koa Class, will be out to break the record of 5 hours 55 minutes 16 seconds established by Outrigger in 1968. Both are the co-favorites in the Koa division. Healani is the third koa entry.

Lanikai is the defending champion in the non-Koa division, while Helani holds the record, 6 hours 3 minute 28 seconds, set also in 1968.

Marina del Rey Outrigger Canoe Club from Newport, Hui Nalu, Lanikai, Leeward Kai and Waikiki Surf are the other non-Koa teams

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## Waikiki favored in canoe chase

By KEN KOBAYASHI Advertiser Sports Writer

The 1970 canoe racing champions will probably be determined shortly before 2 o'clock today when the first of nine outriggers touches the sand at Waikiki's Duke Kahanamoku Beach.

will have journeyed the 371/2 miles in the 18th annual Molokai to Oahu Canoe Classic.

marking the end of the canoe racing season with the longest and easily the most gruelling paddle.

Defending champion Waikiki Surf Club, which has won 10 times during the past 17 years, is the favorite.

Coached by Jeff Chee, the Waikikians have dominated the blue-ribbon senior men favorite to repeat. races all season, winning four of the five regatta events. In addition, WSC also considered a top contook the Duke Kahanamoku tender, along with Waikiki Kailua-to-Waikiki race de- Surf Club's second team. spite five foot swells which swamped two canoes and an Leeward, Order of Kamehaescort boat.

Also, the WSC's senior along King Kamehameha's this morning.

battle routes from Hawaii

THE WAIKIKI team will be riding the Malia, a koa

The club most likely to upset Waikiki, though, is the WSC's arch rival, Outrigger Canoe Club, a five time vicfor and the holder of the THAT CANOE will unload fastest clocking across the six tired men who by then channel - 5 hours, 55 minutes, 16 seconds, set in 1968.

Outrigger, coached by Mark Buck, was the other The event is a highlight of winner of a senior men's the Aloha Week festivities, race and usually placed close seconds to the Waikikians in the four others.

Healani is the third koa entry, a strong contender. but without the speed of Waikiki or Outrigger

IN THE NON-KOA class, six canoes will be competing. Defending champion is the Lanikai Canoe Club, a

Marina Del Rey from Newport Beach, Calif. is

Other clubs in the race are meha and Hui Nalu.

The canoes are scheduled men in August were the first to push off from Hale in modern times to paddle O'Lono Beach, Molokai, 7:30