

Lokahi Challenge

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Well, Canoe Racing fans, May 18 is the date for our third annual Lokahi Challenge Canoe Race. The race, the brainchild of former OCC Head Coach Brant Ackerman and Lokahi Head Coach Mike Cushnie, was instituted to build friendship and cooperation between the Clubs, which share the same training site at the library end of the Ala Wai.

The race also allows the OCC coaching staff to adjust crew lineups and test them in racing situations. The overall race results can then be analyzed and changes made so that OCC enters the Kamehameha Day Regatta with its best-possible crews.

The most important aspect of the race, however, which Bill Cook will attend to, is the pot-luck barbecue following the competition. With fires a-blazing, beers a-popping and kids a-screaming, many people have been known to eat themselves into a coma. So come one come all, and don't forget a dish.

Next canoe racing event: Double-hull Canoe Race, Saturday, May 25, 9:00 a.m., Magic Island.
