

Calling All OCC Canoe Paddlers

By Robin Nonaka

It's that time to dust off those canoe paddles, because here comes the 1999 canoe racing season. Be a part of the OCC team for the last year of the millennium.

The Canoe Racing Committee has been hard at work preparing for the start of the season. Courtney Seto, Committee Chair, with the help of Paula Crabb, Janna Arakaki, Ikaika Kincaid, Trisha Nagatani, David Buck, Jennifer McTigue, Tiare Finney, Walter Guild, Kala Judd and many others promise an exciting year.

David Horner will lead the Club as Head Coach, Kala Judd as upper division men's coach, Bill Bright as Junior Coach and others to be named.

This year's HCRA State Race will be at Canoe Beach in Lahaina, Maui on August 7.

The Committee has already purchased a new fiberglass canoe and is working on the possible purchase of a second fiberglass canoe.

Paddler registration is scheduled for Saturday, April 10 from 3-6 p.m. In addition, a blessing ceremony for the new fiberglass canoe will be held at 6 p.m. on the beach.

Please note the following rules that will apply for all paddlers who are interested in paddling for

Outrigger Canoe Club this season:

- All of your membership papers must be in order prior to the first day of practice. Each paddler must have his/her own OCC membership number in order to practice and race.
- All paddlers must be completely registered before the first day of practice.
- The paddling fee is \$55 if registered prior to May 10, and \$65 after. This fee will be charged to your account.
- A copy of your driver's license or birth certificate is needed for all new paddlers.
- Crew coaches will be announced, and practice schedules and crews will be distributed at registration. A space will be provided near the registration area for those who are interested in selling canoe paddles.

Additional information on the racing season and registration will be provided in future issues of the OCC magazine and/or posted in the Tunnel.

If you have questions on registration, please ask Janna Arakaki or Paula Crabb. For any other questions on the season, ask any person on the Canoe Racing Committee.

