

# OCC Canoe Racing Committee Mission Statement

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The Outrigger Canoe Racing program's philosophy parallels the Club's stated purpose of promoting athletic sports and activities in all their forms and branches. That includes the perpetuation of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling, providing a foundation where good fellowship and aloha prevail, and to always be a place where the sports of old Hawaii shall always have a home.

The Canoe Racing Committee is committed to a canoe racing program in which all members may compete and be successful at the highest level. The emphasis is to:

- Provide a safe, fun environment for members to learn skills and develop knowledge necessary to participate.
- To instill the values of respect, responsibility and sportsmanship to self, team, Club and community.
- To support competition and experience needed for winning.

With the sport of canoe racing becoming more competitive as it reaches international boundaries, paddlers need to think about commitment, and obligations to one's crew and Club. If you are planning trips during the summer, please advise your coaches well ahead of time so alternate plans can be made.

Minimize injuries, maximize your conditioning - start cross-training now. See you at practice.