

# Canoe Racing Subcommittee Prepares for 2005 Season

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## Registration

New OH CRA rules have made the registration process increasingly burdensome so we ask paddlers to complete their registration on Saturday, March 5. If necessary, a second opportunity to register will be made available on Saturday, April 9. A late fee will be assessed after the second session.

### • Registration Day

Primary Registration  
Saturday, March 5  
Board Room 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### • Canoe Rigging Day

Alternate Registration  
Saturday, April 9  
Board Room 12 Noon to 2 p.m.

## Requirements

All paddlers are required to register at the start of a new season. Members must have their own OCC membership number. We encourage our members to assist our dedicated volunteers by providing necessary information and helping them make the process as efficient as possible.

- **All Paddlers** – A new 2005 Registration Form must be completed and a new 2005 Liability Waiver must be signed. A digital photograph and a signature card must be on file to create a laminated OH CRA ID card. Registration fee will be \$75 because the State Championships will be held on Maui.
- **New Paddlers** – Members who have not registered with OCC in the past must have a digital photograph taken onsite and must submit a copy of a birth certificate in addition to completing the usual forms.
- **Returning Paddlers** – Members who did not register with OCC last season, or paddlers who transferred to another club for the long distance season, must complete an OH CRA Request to Transfer Form when completing their registration with OCC this season.
- **Parents of Paddlers** – We are encouraging parents of junior paddlers to volunteer to assist the program with special activities and events during the paddling season. Parents may sign-up with telephone and email information so they may be contacted for these events. An organizational meeting and workshop will be held on Saturday, March 5 during Registration Day and the first activity will be the Ala Wai Practice Site Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 2.

## Late Registration

Registration after April 9 must be completed at the Front Desk. However, this process is not efficient and creates additional work for our volunteers. **There will be no onsite registration at regattas.** Registration must be completed before noon on Monday to complete the process in time for the regatta the following Sunday. After April 9, **a late fee of \$25** will be added to the **\$75 registration fee.**

## Registration Day

Various activities have been planned for Saturday, March 5 to attract as many members as possible to complete registration. After completing registration with Registration Coordinators Alice Lunt and Sandra Simons in the morning, junior members and their siblings are invited to participate in a "mini-Club day" event on the beach sponsored by members of the Winged "O".

Parents are invited to attend an *Orientation Workshop* from 11 a.m. to noon. The current philosophy, priorities and expectations associated with our youth paddling program will be presented by Youth Head Coach Keoni Kino and volunteers. Following the meeting, everyone will gather near the Snack Shop for burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

## Ala Wai Practice Site Clean-Up Day

The new Parents of Paddlers group and their kids will meet at the Snack Shop for a brief organizational meeting and breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 2. The group will clean-up the practice site at the Ala Wai Canal from 10 a.m.-12 Noon.

Rakes, gloves and trash bags will be needed along with at least a dozen enthusiastic volunteers to prepare the site for the paddling season.

## Canoe Rigging Day

Tay Perry and several veterans of the Men's Golden Masters crew will host a new event on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-12 Noon at the Ala Wai practice site. The purpose of this clinic is to teach all junior paddlers and their parents the history of outrigger canoe racing, how to properly rig canoes and how to master the fundamentals of canoe paddling.

During the morning, all youth coaches will attend a PCA Coaching Workshop in the Board Room from 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Registration Coordinators Alice Lunt and Sandra Simons will conduct an *alternate registration* session for members unable to attend the previous event. Everyone will meet for lunch near the Snack Shop and coaches will announce practice schedules for respective age groups.