

Spotlight on Outrigger's 2008 Women's Coach

By Erika Eberhart



Robyn Singh

If you happen to see a new face on the beach running herd on familiar faces in the Outrigger's women's paddling program this season, it is likely Robyn Kaye Singh. Robyn is spearheading the 2008 women's paddling program, dedicating on average eight hours per week to coaching the Club's seasoned athletes.

Robyn hails from Gold Coast of Australia, with a boatload of experience under her paddle.

As the current head coach of the Hawaii Canoe and Kayak Team (HCKT), she offers fresh ideas and insight, with hopes of contributing to a successful Centennial paddling season - both in regatta and distance.

Her favorite sports encompass all paddling venues, surfski, one-man canoe, and kayak, in addition to yoga, surfing, and hiking. An avid sportswoman, she has paddled 16 seasons in Australia, and two in Hawaii, and her favorite seat is four. Robyn has made the Kaiwi Channel crossing competing in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai 12 times, winning twice in 1997 and 1998.

Coaching is obviously not a new challenge for Robyn - as mentioned above, she is the HCKT Head Coach. She has also coached paddling in Australia for Surfer's Paradise Outrigger Canoe Club. For the season, Robyn plans to "make the workouts enjoyable, interesting, and functional...to disguise hard work, basically!"

She wants "to instill or reignite a work ethic in individuals that will bring positive personal and team results." Ultimately, her goal is to have a successful, fun, and positive season and feel like she's made a difference.

If you've yet to meet Robyn, please take a moment to welcome her to our Club and our program. She spends a lot of her waking hours on the water. If you have the time, you can join her someday for a "float", her refreshing term for a one-man workout.

Robyn Kaye Singh

Born: July 2, 1968, in Brisbane, Australia

Family: Sister Roslyn (also a paddler); nephews Ethan & Duke; and "Mum" Kaye — all live in Burleigh Heads, Australia

High School: Miami High School, Gold Coast, Australia

Degree: Secondary Physical Education (Teaching)

Current Job: Head Coach, Hawaii Canoe Kayak Team

Years Paddling: 18