

# The OCC Paddling Program Wants You!

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With our 100th year behind us, it's time to kick off another century of success in the paddling program. Members have seven weeks to jump on the Early Bird registration price of \$100 per paddler for the 2009 regatta season. Kicking off this year's recruitment for the paddling program is the "Register and Rage", where interested members can enjoy entertainment and prizes from 6-8 p.m. in the Ka Moi Boathouse on Friday, March 13.

If you miss this great event, you can register in person on either Saturday, March 14 or Saturday, April 18, in the OCC Boardroom, from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. If you are a returning paddler, you can also download the registration forms online at [www.outriggercanooclub.com](http://www.outriggercanooclub.com). However you choose to jump aboard this year is up to you – just remember, in order to get the Early Bird price of \$100,

you must register no later than May 1. After May 1, the price goes up to \$150!

According to Alice Lunt, who spearheads our paddling registration with the utmost enthusiasm, "...it's all a numbers game. The more races you are entered in, the more points you get. Last year, Lanikai had 500 paddlers. The goal is not to scratch a race!"

In 2008, the OCC had 330 registered paddlers and had to scratch some events at every regatta. Three hundred and thirty seems like a big number, but it's not big enough to compete with the clubs that can draw on the entire population of Oahu.

Registration materials are on the OCC website so don't wait.

The OCC relies on its members to pump up the paddling program. That's why the OCC paddling program **WANTS YOU!**