



Steve Scott Returns to Coach OCC Men Paddlers

By Diane Esecson

No formal introductions are necessary when announcing this year's men's regatta coach. He was a dominant influence on the OCC paddling program for two decades and a valued member for most of his life. Having been a strong presence in both the men's and women's program, Steve Scott's reputation as a premier coach precedes him.

Stew Kawakami, Chair of the Canoe Racing Committee says, "We are delighted to have him as our men's coach. The canoe racing committee believes that Steve's experience and success as one of the most successful coaches in the sport will be a great match for our young up-and-coming paddlers."

Except for a brief mainland stint during his college years at Rutgers University, Steve Scott is proud to have been born and raised in the Hawaiian Islands. Paddling has always been a part of his life, along with a passion for rugby in his twenties. After steering the winning Molokai crew in 1979, Steve transitioned into coaching

as well. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's Steve dedicated himself to coaching OCC teams, in addition to raising a family and running a business.

Steve recalls his most exhilarating coaching accomplishment in 1988 when the OCC men won the Molokai race for the third year in a row, establishing their dominance in the Kaiwi channel. He said that the talented crew's desire, along with their hard work, culminated in a winning tradition. Another highlight of Steve's coaching career was his 1992 Outrigger Women's Molokai win and coaching an all Hawaii crew in the 1998 World Sprints in Fiji. Steve was honored as a Winged "O" recipient in 1991 for his outstanding contribution to the Club's program.

When asked to describe his coaching style, Steve said he sees himself as a "challenger", striving to bring out the best performance of each athlete, mentally and physically. One thing he said people might be surprised to know about him is that in actuality he is a "softie", despite having a reputation of a tough taskmaster.

Steve is excited to be a part of the 2011 OCC paddling program and we are glad to welcome him back.

Canoe Racing Committee Seeks Volunteers

T-shirt Sales

Need a person to take charge of the coordination of crew shirts and the sale of extra shirts on race day.

Photographer

Need two people to take pictures at practices and regattas for the season.

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