

# Grab a Paddle and Go Outrigger!



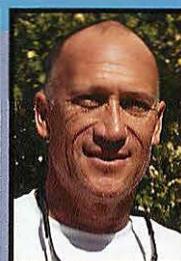
Michele St. John and Alice Lunt are Canoe Racing Committee Co-chairs this year.



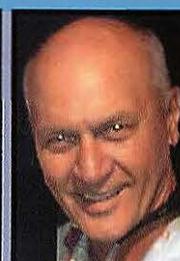
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Men's Open Coach



Jimmy Kincaid  
Women's Coach



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Youth Coach

Outrigger Canoe Club is the oldest and most prestigious canoe club in the world. The OCC has won more canoe races than any club in Hawaii; just check out our trophy case.

The Outrigger dominated canoe racing for most of the last century, winning more Territorial and State Canoe Racing Championship, and Molokai Hoe and Na Wahine O Ke Kai races than any other club.

Through the 1980s the Outrigger had the fastest canoes, most knowledgeable steersmen, the best coaches, the hardest working paddlers and the fiercest desire to win.

And then it got tough.

Other canoe clubs learned from Outrigger and built faster canoes, OCC's steersmen shared their knowledge with watermen and women from other clubs, and they learned fast. Other clubs began paddling year around. They

recruited everybody they could to join their club, and they started winning, and winning big.

Did you know that it takes at least 350 paddlers for a club to be competitive on regatta day? For the past few years, we've barely made that number, and haven't been able to fill boats in certain events. Our biggest competitors have between 400 and 500 paddlers registered each year and are able to fill each race. And that translates to more points on the scoreboard.

This year, Outrigger is poised and ready to regain its prominence in canoe racing.

Our koa canoes have all been remodeled, the Canoe Racing Committee is organized and ready, the coaches are eager, and all we need are paddlers. You!

If you're a veteran, please come back to the OCC. If you've never held a paddle before, please sign up. We'll teach you. We guarantee you'll have a good summer, meet some great people, get into shape, and get your competitive juices flowing.

The Board of Directors has done its part by opening up a new class of special athletic memberships so we can add to our numbers. Now we need you to help us. Paddling registration will be held April 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Board Room. Notices will be on the Bulletin Board in the Tunnel, as well as in the Club emails. Please sign up.

We need paddlers from 10 years and up to fill races from the Boys and Girls 12 to the Men and Women 65.

Be a part of our resurgence as the most prestigious canoe club in the world.

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