

Paddling Our Canoe in 2014

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In 2013, Outrigger Canoe Club had its most successful paddling season of the last four years by all measures: number of crews fielded, points scored, crews qualifying for States, Molokai team finishes, including first place for the first ever Molokai junior boys race category.

A great foundation has been laid by our 2013 coaches, paddlers, canoe committee and support volunteers. All of OCC owes them a hearty mahalo for their

great showing. Now is the time to build on this momentum for our 2014 season!

Please decide how you will support next year's racing campaign! Whether or not you are a paddler, young or more mature, a waterman or landlubber, we have room for you. While paddlers are our core, we also need people to help drive trailers, hold boats, organize equipment, track race results, distribute shirts, sign up paddlers, plan parties.

In a championship program with more than 300 paddlers, there is room for everyone and we need your kokua. Whether for one day or the entire season, every bit of your volunteer time helps move OCC toward the front of the pack.

For all paddlers, we challenge you to start training and be ready to get started early. If you have paddled for another club, we sincerely ask you to "come home" and paddle for OCC. If you haven't paddled in a while or maybe never at all, we have a terrific program and great coaching for beginners. Make some new friends or bring one along and try it this year. Together, let's make 2014 another record year!

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the canoe committee chair, Keahi Pelayo at 808-398-3220 or keahi@lava.net.

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