

# 2014 Canoe Paddling Regatta Season is Off & Running

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Outrigger Canoe Club's regatta season is off and running with excitement from novice paddlers and other 'newbies' who have yet to experience their first regatta.

Opening day is Sunday, June 1 at Keehi Lagoon and we hope you'll join us as we kick off the season.

OCC Canoe Racing Committee Chair, Keahi Pelayo, stated, "We are working on shifting our mindset and the culture to a teamwork 'WE' and are focusing on building a sustainable long-term successful program."

Mike Lum, OCC Youth Program Head Coach, is excited about this year's prospects, "We've had a tremendous turnout with Outrigger's youth program and are looking forward to mentoring and cultivating their paddling skills. This creates a lot of synergy and enthusiasm.

"Every year we're building OCC's paddling program and when you add the returning paddlers with the new paddlers, we're going to have an even better program in the next three to five years," he said.

Mike coached last year's winning Molokai Hoe Boys 18 & Under crew. This year a Girls 18 & Under crew can race in Na Wahine O Ke Kai. He shared that "Both our boys and girls have been steadily working hard, culminating in their first regatta. On the weekends we have been getting prepared for Molokai by doing long distance practices. During the week we train for regattas."

Women's Novice Men's & Women's Program Coach, Liz Perry, is also excited about seeing how our newest paddlers fare. "Enthusiasm is high and we're looking forward to a great season. Unlike past years, we have 45-55 paddlers and should have enough to help out the Club with the special races. Since we practice together in mixed crews, it doesn't matter to the paddlers if they paddle with all men, all women or mixed."

She added that she wouldn't be able to manage all the Novice paddlers and appreciates the help from her fantastic assistants Wendy Wichman, Michele St. John, Alice Lunt, Ann Marie Mizuno, Kim Darling and Mary Quinn.

Head Coach Guy Wilding added, "I am excited to see what happens during the regatta season because between the 'official' paddling technique, the tidal wave of paddlers and overall enthusiasm, we should have a great summer!"

Bring your tent and cooler and join us for regatta season.

## REGATTA COACHES

Head Coach: Guy Wilding  
 Men's Open Program Coach: Mark Cluney  
 Boys 12: Marc Haine & Ikaika Harbottle  
 Boys 13, 14: Leighton Miyachi & Evan Leong  
 Boys 15, 16, 18: Mike Lum  
 Men's Novice A & B: Liz Perry  
 Men's 50: Vik Watumull  
 Men's 55: Ken Bailey  
 Men's 60: Chris Crabb  
 Men's 65: Bill Johnson  
 Women's Open Program Coach: Jim Beaton  
 Girls 12: Andrew Glatzel  
 Girls 13: Casey Kahikina  
 Girls 14: Mark Sandvold  
 Girls 15, 16, 18: Mike Lum  
 Women's Novice A & B: Liz Perry  
 Women's Masters 50, 55: Kisi Haine  
 Women's Masters 60, 65: Sammie Stansbro



## OHCRA Schedule

DATE	REGATTA	LOCATION
June 1	Clement D. Pa'aina	Keehi Lagoon
June 8	King Kamehameha	Kailua Beach
June 15	Father's Day	Nanakuli Beach
June 22	Waimanalo	Waimanalo Beach
July 4	Walter J. Macfarlane	Waikiki Beach
July 13	John D. Kaupiko	Kaneohe Marine Corp Base
July 20	OHCRA Championships	Keehi Lagoon
August 2	HCRA State Race	Keehi Lagoon