

Jessie Heminway has sent a message on TeamSnap.

O KALANI

Happy **February** O Kalani!

Welcome to the first monthly O Kalani Bulletin!

(Defined as: a short official statement or broadcast summary news)

This communication **will not** include information on races. It will include information on our club outside of races and be distributed around the 15th of each month.

Here's the news:

O Kalani Board: The O Kalani Board has officially transitioned for 2023-2024. Thank you Jody, Joseph and Tim for all of your work on the board; we will continue to value your input! Welcome to new board members Julie, Andrea, Huy, and Jessie! And thank you to Justin B., Justin M., and Ben for continuing in the new term.

Save the Date!

Season Kick off **March 11th.**

Paddle first. Work on the yard.

Eat Food! Meet your team mates.

Build community.

Do it TOGETHER!

If you use the site at all, plan to join us in fixing, cleaning and general upkeep. There will be more details on this day soon, but mark your calendars.

BUY O Kalani SWAG!

Hats, race jerseys, hoodies and more!

Here is the link: [O Kalani Collection](#)



Swim Tests to Return in 2023

Dates to be announced, likely Mid-March @ Encinal High School Pool. Even if you passed in 2021, consider retaking in 2022 to check-in on your swimming skills. We will distribute a list of folks on file who passed last year in the coming weeks.

Reminder: if you do not pass a swim test, you are required to wear an inherently buoyant PFD (e.g., vest) when on the water.

NCOCA Waiver

If you have not already done so, complete your 2023 NCOCA Waiver now. This is a requirement of membership. Be sure to click the link sent to your e-mail to validate the waiver when finished. <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/545a755dca9a9/web>

Membership Application 2023

The 2023 membership application will be distributed soon; please keep an eye out for a note from Justin Martinez with more information. Dues invoices will follow via PayPal sometime in March. Dues/fees remain unchanged from 2022 (\$300/year adult, \$125/storage slot).

Visitors

There will be two 2-Day OC-1 Clinics with Anna Mathisen, @ Encinal - April 15-16 and April 22-23. *These clinics will run concurrently with (but separate from) usual O Kalani weekend practice. Please be respectful/helpful to any visitors, but do not interfere with the clinics.*

The clinics were announced and filled up very quickly. But if you want to find out more, or if there is a cancellation: <https://annamathisen.com/alameda-workshops/>

Looking for Volunteers

We are a **club of volunteers** and to keep us going we need everyone to do a little something extra! Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. There are so many things to do!

Safety Officer – Tim Herring (Thank you Tim)

Event Planner(s):

- Kick off - March 11th (Complete shopping trip for club-provided goodies, burgers, brats, etc.)
- Viva Aloha - May 6th (Afterparty coordination!)
- Wicked Fun Race - October (Coordinate after race food!)
- End of season party & site clean up - October (Coordinate club-provided food)
- Holiday party - December (Arrange off site location and food)

Beach Clean-ups: We plan to set regularly recurring clean ups and would love a “lead person” to coordinate specific dates (pick-up equipment, extra collection bags, herding cats)

Lost and Found Guru: Periodically organize and take photos of lost stuff. Take unclaimed stuff to goodwill.

Sunday Practice – Steering!

Help assist Sunday practice leads by running/facilitating an OC-6 as steersperson. Great opportunity to learn to steer if you are interested!

Requirements: Can-do, positive attitude and desire to share the sport and aloha with beginner paddlers. Comfortable setting up a canoe, directing new paddlers, and running a crew. Some steering experience is preferred, but we will teach you. Willing to attend if available and as needed - you'll be added to an e-mail list and contacted if the need for extra steerspersons is expected on a given Sunday.

Please consider volunteering for one of these opportunities.

You can email me a communications@okalanioutrigger.org or any of the board members.

Garbage

We are engaging the local garbage pick-up service. Bins will go out on Sunday and be brought back in on Monday. Please pick up garbage, help with the bins!

Equipment

OC-6 Bailers: We are looking for more bailers e.g., empty Clorox bleach bottle or similar shape (~1 gallon size). Please bring it to the site and place in labeled box on the table!

New Trailer: We are getting a new OC-1 trailer! Paul Martin has been working his magic and building this new trailer over the winter. All of the other clubs will be jealous! Look at this baby. We will be selling the old one. **Thank you Paul!**



Broken Stuff: If something is broken please report it to our Equipment Manager Ben at equipment@okalanioutrigger.org.

Congratulations!

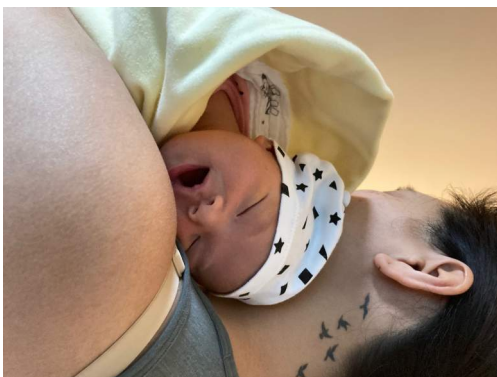
Joseph Gapuz and Enav McNeil won 1st overall at Norcal's 1st ever V1 race this past weekend! Mary Beth placed too! Way to represent!

See more [here on NCOCA Facebook page](#).





Yen Chung had her baby!
Born 1/29 @ 9:50pm
Welcome to O Kalani Diana!



Ok that's it for this month. As always, don't leave garbage around - pick up after yourself. Take care of our beach and each other. Introduce yourself to new club members. Be nice. Paddle Hard. Love the water.

Let me know if you want to include something in the bulletin! Email me at communications@okalanioutrigger.org

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