

O KALANI

NOTNewsletter -- YESBulletin



Happy October!!

Water at O Kalani

Ever wonder how it is that we get to hose off our boats after we use them? We have no electricity at the site but yet we have running water... how is that? And sometimes the pump does not work after a bazillion of us have been hosing off our boats. Why is that?

Here's the deal. Ben, problem solver extraordinaire, set up a solar panel that charges a battery that runs the pump that allows us to hose off our boats. When there are lots of people using the hose and the pump and the water, it drains the battery and there is no more juice in the battery or action in the pump. Just wait. An afternoon will pass, solar panels will recharge the battery which will run the pump and it is all good! The water in the tank is a finite resource. We have already filled it up three times this year at \$650 per refill. Just one thing

your canoe storage dues pay for. We should all be good stewards of this resource! Don't waste it!



Also did you see these?

Drinking water! Right at the site. How great is that?! When you forget your water from home or just need to hydrate more, you can now fill up your water bottle here. Please don't use it to rinse your feet or glasses. Strictly for drinking!

Sunday Practice

Every Sunday, all year long, we run a practice on Sundays so that people outside the club who are interested in trying outrigger can come and test it out. It is our little pipeline program. For members it is also a great way to work on OC6 skills during the off season such as general OC6 paddling technique, stroking and steering. It is entirely run by volunteers from our O Kalani community.

We encourage you to direct people who are interested in trying outrigger paddling to come on Sundays. If you have invited more than 2 or 3 people it would be kind and considerate if you

New Pilot for Sunday

Practice: We are Piloting a new process for signing up for Sunday Practices. In lieu of sending an email, we are asking non-members [to please fill out this form](#) which is also [available on our website](#). This allows us to keep track of how many people are coming, if they know how to swim, etc. It also allows us to contact our visitors to remind them if the practice and what to bring etc and to let them know if practice is canceled.

Lastly it helps us track how many times non-members come, so we can gently remind them they have 3 - count 'em, three-

would come and help on
Sundays as we often fill up 3
boats and do not have enough
experienced paddlers to make it
a successful operation!

free visits and then they need to
join, and pay. Ahem

O Kalani Members!

Be sure to sign up on team snap so we have enough coverage.
Helping on Sundays counts towards O Kalani Volunteer Hours!

Important Dates

End of Season Party -- Saturday October 21st

Come paddle (9am), come clean the site, come eat, drink beer and clean! (12 pm) O Kalani will be providing grilled food (hamburgers, sausages and chicken) and a large pasta and green salad.

Please bring a drink and dessert or side to share!

We will be getting the site ready the following Saturday for the Wicked Fun Race and to generally prepare our site for winter and the off season.

The Wicked Fun Race -- Saturday October 28th

O Kalani-hosted OC1, V1, and OC2 fun race with costumes and prizes and an all around good time!

The Schedule:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Check-in open in O Kalani's yard

9:00 AM Race Meeting in O Kalani's yard

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM Short Course (~4 miles)

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Long Course (~9 miles)

12:30 PM and onwards – Chill in O Kalani's yard eating tacos (included with your race fee)

\$5 donation Faction Beer

Webscorer is being used for event registration, race timing, and results. Entry is \$30 per single craft and \$50 for OC2. Juniors (19 & under) are free! Entry fee includes Tacos for Lunch!

 [Short Course Registration](#)

🏠 [Long Course Registration](#)

[More info here!](#) - Tell your friends!

Club members without crafts may reserve a club boat for the event or maybe a friend who is not racing will lend you one?

Annual Holiday Party - December 3rd

And since OKalani loves to throw a good party, save the date for the Annual O Kalani White Elephant Holiday Party. Andrea is organizing and is more than happy to have co-conspirateurs on the party planning...Thank you Andrea!

GSOCC Halloween Celebration - Oct 21st

After our party head over to Golden State Outrigger Canoe Club! Come in costume - get ready for a WICKED good time.

Benicia Clock Tower - 6:00pm-11:00pm -- [RSVP Here](#)



Congratulations!

Our very own Mary Beth Bradford donned the GSOCC jersey and raced herself into qualifying for World Sprints in Hilo! She is a beast in the best way! Congratulations MB!



Congratulations!

And congrats to Priscilla for her 2nd place finish in KIRA's Na Wahine race!

Safety

We're moving into fall, and while it is an excellent time to get on the water and hone those oc1 skills while it is warm, it will be cooling off and the water will be frigid quite soon. Not to be a total downer, but I'm going to channel safety message/Justin Heard for a moment. I am sure to be preaching to the choir, but just for everybody's awareness (and my sanity) here are some reminders:

1. Club canoes may only be used at official practice times, or in the presence of a designated coach/practice lead and/or board member. We made this policy several years ago after a few safety incidents. There are many I'd trust to be a coach type or practice lead (so it's not like Ben, Enav, myself, Huy, etc. have to be present; as long as you are in a group with 'experienced' paddlers around you are ok to use a club boat). If a canoe has an issue, please report it immediately to the thread so folks know.
2. If you loan your canoe you are responsible for the paddler you loan to, i.e., you could look me in the eye and vouch for their fitness and skill to safely paddle.
3. Strongly recommend the buddy system. Stuff happens and things break no matter how experienced you are. Don't be complacent. Some very experienced folks have gotten into big trouble on the bay.
4. As weather changes and storm season begins, it may not be the time to go for that surf run unless you are totally prepared to self rescue. Don't be that person that needs USCG.
5. Marine radio channel 16 for Mayday emergencies to USCG. Don't count on being able

to dial a touch screen cell phone.

Thank you all for listening and see you on the water!

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And last but not least.... A new segment...

Happy October Birthdays!

Richard Lloyd

Junior Wright

Jialin Zhong

Huy Do

Rich Weeks

Tammy Smith

Carina Lee

Sophia Collis

Enav McNeil

Brandon Yip

Holly Johnson

O Kalani SWAG!

Now is a great time to get your racing jersey. Don't wait for the last minute! They also make great gifts! O Kalani Hats, race jerseys, hoodies and more! Do you want to buy something you don't see here? Let us know via the feedback form below.

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

[Use this short form to give me feedback](#)
