

O KALANI

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Happy March Justin!

There have been a lot of emails, Teamsnap updates and WhatsApp messages flying about as the O Kalani board and volunteers are working hard to get the 2024 season underway.

I have collected the important stuff for you in this bulletin.
Please review!

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O Kalani 2024 season kickoff this weekend

From the desk of our club president: **Justin Beutel**

Aloha, reminder this **Saturday -- March 16, 8am --** is our official season kickoff paddle and BBQ! Attendance is strongly encouraged so folks can meet and mingle. We'll also have a club meeting so we can align on goals for the year. Please sign up on TeamSnap so we know who is coming.

Club to provide burgers and brats. Faction beer has been donated (thanks to Ben's connections) for those of age who wish to partake. Sparkling water to be provided as well. We'll also have dessert handled 😊. We ask that folks bring a side (e.g., green salad, potato salad, chips AND salsa/guac, or similar) or other beverage of choice to share.

8:00AM: please arrive so we can organize, rig canoes, and do a quick briefing.

8:30AM: Canoe blessing and get on the water! Plan for a 2.5 hour practice.

11:00ish: off the water, put canoes away, change.

11:30ish: BBQ and club meeting.

Afternoon: site spring cleaning, weeding, etc.

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We'll also have a blessing of canoes on the beach before practice as we welcome **lolana** and **Kaimanu VI** to O Kalani.

Membership renewal time

From the desk of our club secretary: **Justin Martinez**

O Kalani 2024 membership application hot off the presses.

All new and returning members, please fill out: [Membership for 2024](#)

And also sign the [NOON waiver for 2024](#).

For questions on membership matters, contact secretary@okalanioutrigger.org

Membership and boat fees due

From the desk of our club treasurer: **Andrea Hamilton**

The next step is dues...

Invoices have been sent out.

Dues are the same as last year, \$300 for adult membership, \$50 for keiki (under 18), and \$125 per boat slot on the rack.

Thanks for everyone's patience as there have been some mishaps along the way. Otherwise it would be sincerely appreciated if members paid their invoices promptly as hounding people for money is no fun. Also, if there's a cash flow issue or you believe your invoicing is not as it should be, please email Andrea (treasurer@okalaniocc.org) or Justin M privately and we will work something out. We don't want \$ hardship or a temporary situation to prevent anyone from paddling.

As always, if you are leaving the club, please let us know so we can take you off the Teamsnap list and not spam you endlessly with reminders to pay dues etc.

Swim Test for 2024

From the desk of our Swim Test Coordinator: **Kate MacDonald**

Spring, 2024 swim testing at the Encinal High School Pool (next door) is scheduled for:

- **Sunday, April 7th, 11 am-1 pm**
- **Sunday, April 14th, 11 am- 1 pm**

Paddlers are encouraged to sign up for one of these sessions and come down to test your swimming and treading abilities.

This year, the requirements will be to tread water for 5 minutes, then swim 200 yards WITHOUT touching a wall, or grabbing the lane lines, and to complete the swim in 8 minutes or less.

If you are a non-swimmer, you may skip the test, but WEAR A VEST PFD at all times on the water. If you're unsure of your swimming ability, please come to the pool and self-evaluate. This testing is an opportunity to educate you about some of the demands involved in an open water self-rescue, though without the added challenges of cold, possibly choppy conditions.

Obviously, VEST PFDs are always a good idea for everyone. They provide buoyancy and insulation and are brightly colored for sighting by another paddler or the Coast Guard. VEST PFDs will help keep you afloat if you're overcome by fatigue and cold, are floating in the water without your canoe and unable to swim the distance to shore.

Look for the Teamsnap signup for the swim testing on April 7th and 14th.

Safety

From the desk of our Sergeant-At-Arms, Safety Officer & Friday OC1 coach: **Huy Do**

In order to keep the sport fun and accessible, we must always prioritize safety, and make decisions that won't endanger ourselves or others.

With new members joining the club and new paddlers discovering the sport, the board and coaches will do everything we can to build a safe and supportive environment for these individuals. But we can only do so much. That's why we want to ask for all of you to step

up and support us with this endeavor.

[This safety document outlines](#) the standard safety protocol that we want you to be aware of. Please take a minute to review the document.

O Kalani SWAG!

We have some new items!

Now is a great time to get your racing jersey.

Don't wait for the last minute!

Note that some items are available in different colors.

Click through and see.

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



Sunday Practice

If you or some one you know wants to come on Sunday 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. (It really helps coaches with planning, puhlease)

For members, **please come help** (particularly if you have invited people) -- **sign up on [Teamsnap!](#)**

Check out the greater outrigger community

USA Outrigger Racing Canoe Association

<https://www.usaorca.org/>

Northern California

<https://www.ncoca.com/>

Including the: [2024 NCOCA Event Schedule](#)

[Southern California](https://www.scora.org/)
<https://www.scora.org/>

Pacific Northwest Outrigger Racing Canoe Association
<https://pnworca.org/>

East Coast Outrigger Racing Association
<https://www.ecora.org/>

March Birthdays!

Joshua Roberts
Vinh Huynh
Anna Williams
Maile Smith
Jackie Leverich
William Hastings
Joseph Gapuz
Alan Michiels
Alan Levine
Yen Chung
Kenny Kashiwada

April Birthdays!

Ana Goldstein-Kogan
Jamie Kozono
Claudine Ozzello
Spencer Davidson
Laura Chan
Kecia Duffy
Amy Dobras
Preston Chu
Rebecca Tilley
Fred Au
Dean Alvarez
Ritchie Li

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