



Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Center Newsletter

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Blessing of the Canoes

The Blessing of the Canoes will take place on March 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the Petaluma Marina. The 2015 season is almost upon on us and this is a great opportunity to reconnect with our members, bring family and friends to meet our paddling ohana, enjoy food and music. This year the NCOCA and Lokahi OCC are moving to electronic waivers, an update will be sent out with information and links to these documents.



CPR & First Aid

Lokahi now has 18 members who have successfully participated CPR/First Aid training led by Lokahi OCC's very own Sarah Gibson-Lopez. Once the season begins look for updates on future trainings that are interesting, informative, and include learning how to operate an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator).

Exciting Club Changes and Updates

Our club continues to move towards its' goal of becoming a 501c3 Non Profit organization (currently Lokahi holds a 501c4 status). The IRS does not allow the word "club" in the names of 501c3 organizations so Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Club has been changed to Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Center.

Our website (www.lokahi.us) has been updated and it looks great! Go there to register for email updates from your division. As the season progresses look for an electronic survey that will be sent to all members via email—this feedback will help the board as they continue to make changes and improve the paddling club experience.

Canoe Repairs

Canoe repairs are almost completed. Many thanks to everyone for their patience and support—the weather did not cooperate for quite some time and will have canoes ready for practice after the blessing. A HUGE thanks to those who went to the Martinelli ranch on cold mornings, those who refinished all the club paddles, cleaned life vests, and prepared the iakos for this coming season. Our canoes served us well this past season in both sprints and long distance races. However, they also required a great deal of repairs due to the amount of use they received. As we enter a new season remember to treat all the canoes with care and respect — small damages over a long season can result in costly and time consuming repairs.

Marina Clean Up and Moving Canoes

In preparation for the upcoming Blessing (and Season) the club will gather on February 28th at the Marina in order to clean up the practice and canoe storage areas. While the Marina cleaning is ongoing we will also be moving canoes from the Martinelli Ranch. Look for an email and Facebook update with details.

****PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO HELP OUT—MORE PEOPLE AVAILABLE MEANS WE CAN GET THIS DONE QUICKLY****

Steering and Rigging Clinics

Prior to the first regatta the club will be scheduling clinics to learn how to both steer and rig a canoe. Look for email updates.

Coaches Message

If you haven't started already, begin conditioning and stretching—the better shape you are in at the beginning of the season the easier and more productive practice will be. Let's have fun this season and invite friends and family that would enjoy paddling!

FUNDRAISING—Suggestions Please!

If you have suggestions for club fundraising activities please send them to ohana@lokahi.us. MUCH APPRECIATED!