



Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Center Newsletter

February 2016

Happy New Year Lokahi Ohana!!

Lokahi hopes this newsletter finds you all well after a healthy and happy Holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all back and ready to paddle this upcoming season.

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General Membership Meeting

This year Lokahi would like to invite you all to a General Membership meeting, where we will discuss the upcoming season, sign waivers and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming season. This year we would like to manage all the pre-season paperwork ahead of time so everyone can enjoy the Blessing without all the added stress.

The meeting will be held on

February 20th, 2016 from 10am -12 noon
@ The Lucchesi Park Community Center
320 N. McDowell Blvd.
Petaluma, CA

Blessing of the Canoes

This year's Blessing of the Canoes will be held on **March 5th, 2016**. At the **Petaluma Marina** from **11 to 2**. We look forward to seeing you all there!!!

Moving the Canoes from Winter Storage

We will be transporting the canoes from their winter storage at Mary Martinelli's house to the Marina on **Saturday Feb 27th**. We will need as many bodies as we can get. We will meet at the **Marina at 8:45am** to carpool in order to be up at Mary's by 9am.

Opening Week Dry Practice

The week following the Blessing, March 7th to the 11th we will be holding a series of dry practices. These will be walk-through and training on how to rig the canoes, proper stroke technique and canoe huli procedures. The schedule for the week is as follows: **All Days** we will meet at the **Petaluma Marina from 5:30-6:45**

Monday the 7th – Canoe rigging training

Tuesday the 8th – Stroke Technique and Dry Huli Training

Wednesday the 9th – Canoe Rigging Training

Thursday the 10th – Stroke Technique and Dry Huli Training

Newly sanctioned 501(c)(3) Non Profit Status

Thanks to our very own Pua Bredahl and hours and hours of her hard work, we are now a certified 501(c)(3) Non-profit. This new designation allows many more opportunities for donations from larger businesses and sponsorships. This is a very big milestone for Lokahi and it could not have been done without the tireless hard work of our Treasurer Pua!!!!

New Board of Director Officers

Please help us welcome our two new members of the Lokahi OCC Board of Directors.

Leah Reed – Race Representative

I am a wife, a mother, a sister, and a paddler. I met my husband Chris, 28 years ago, and we have been married for 22 years. I have been blessed with two fabulous children, most of you know my daughter, Keara, who has paddled with Lokahi, I also have a son, Shane, who is a junior at UCSD. I have just a few sisters that I enjoy many traveling adventures with. Lastly, I am entering my fifth year of paddling (so a rookie) I started paddling to support a friend and found my passion. I decided last year with a change in my career that it was time to give back to the sport I enjoy so much. I decided that I would help fill in as race secretary. Many years of herding a large extended family has helped me to transition to this new role. I look forward to helping the board with running Lokahi. See you on the water!

Chris Howe – Public Relations Officer

Chris is returning to Lokahi after he joined with his father Mark back in 1995 at the age of 14. He served on the board of directors at the age of 16 as a Board Member at Large for 2 years. He was a full time member until joining the US Navy in 2000. Chris and his 5 children have returned to Lokahi off and on as time and family obligations allow.

