

Hanohano Monthly

March 2024



Malama Kai Blessing

The Malama Kai is on the way home! The first leg - 45 miles - from Redondo Beach to Newport was a success. A group of Hanohano men quickly covered the distance in six hours and said the new canoe ran great. The guys followed it up with a shorter leg from Newport to Dana the following day - a long weekend for sure but it sounds like everyone had fun! Next up is the leg from Dana Point to Oceanside (this Sunday) and then the final leg of Oceanside to Mission Bay. The plan is to paddle the last leg on Sunday March 3 and have the blessing ceremony that afternoon at the canoe site. The timeline flexible and weather dependent so we will keep you posted as to the schedule!!

Novice Camp!

This weekend we kick off the season with Novice Camp on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. If you have friends, family, co-workers, gym acquaintances, fellow water enthusiasts send them down for novice camp. We will do a land presentation giving them lots of information about paddling, what to expect at practices, what to bring, what we do and we will get in the canoes for a short paddle. This is the best opportunity for people to get an introduction to the club without the chaos of the first week of practices in the dark! There will be two days of Novice Camp - Sunday February 25 and Sunday March 3

First Practices

Men's practices - START TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20

Tuesday / Thursday 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Women's practices - START MONDAY MARCH 4

Monday / Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

- we will start moving canoes to the beach between 5:00-5:15 if you can get there a little early

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

- you should be parked, dressed, paddle in line ready to move canoes no later than 7:30 a.m.

Juniors practices - TENTATIVE START SUNDAY MARCH 31

Sunday mornings 10:30 a.m. - season schedule coming soon

Our junior program is for kids 8 - 16 years looking for a low-key, fun, safe, enjoyable introduction to outrigger paddling and racing.

Safety

Safety is a priority at Hanohano. While we like to have fun, enjoy conditions, paddle fast, play in the ocean, we need to remember that the ocean/bay/land/weather can test our limits. We need to be prepared, smart, strong, aware and willing to adapt whenever we go.

Here are some safety tips from Becky Sox (aka Safety Sox) - one of our senior Hanohano paddles, ex-lifeguard, nurse practitioner, and knowledgeable steersperson.

When prepping the canoes each canoe should have 6 lifejackets (pfd's). Human powered vessels are required to have one for each paddler. The PFD should not have torn fabric or broken straps. The PFD should not be waterlogged or moldy. If you see these issues please remove and replace that life jacket. To keep our PFD's in good shape, remove them from the traditional canoes after paddling as UV light over time breaks down the fabric. Bail the unlimited canoes until dry to ensure the PFD's are not sitting in water and can air dry over night.

Each canoe should have 2 bail buckets. These should also be inspected and swapped out if cracked.

Another tip about navigating:

The number one goal is to avoid collisions! We share the bay with many different crafts and people of varied levels of skill and experience.

Assume other users do not see you, from rowers to sailboats.

When crossing through Sail Bay, remember it has a water ski take off and landing zone. Try to travel in the middle of Sail Bay, avoid going against boat traffic through the skier take off zone. The boats travel in a counter-clockwise direction and operate according to this schedule:

- a. May 1st through October 31st - sunrise to 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. to sunset; (5 mph from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- b. November 1st through April 30th - sunrise to sunset

Fundraising

Aloha Day

Saturday April 20 Hanohano will be hosting our annual Aloha Day fundraiser at Crown Point. Wendy Teasdale is the chairperson for the event and will be at practices soon asking for your help.

Aloha Day is our chance to introduce outrigger paddling to friends, family, co-workers and the general public. Teams of five (at least two women per team) compete against each other in short sprints in a double elimination tournament. Participants get a swag bag, lunch, paddling instruction, racing and a fun day at the beach for \$180/team or \$36/individual

What you can do now - recruit teams of five or individuals to come and participate! Registration is live at hanohano.com

Crystal Pier

Race day is Saturday May 11

Sheila is our chairperson for Crystal Pier. She is already hard at work on race logistics and day of specifics as well as finalizing the logo.

Sign up to be on a “team” for race day

Parking (Steve J)

Merchandise (Lorraine)

Beer Garden (Olivia)

Raffle (Andrew)

Awards (Kelsey)

Vendors (Emi)

SCORA helpers

Things you can do now!

Raffle prizes - solicit your favorite stores, companies for raffle prizes: hats, t-shirts, bikes, boards, canoes, plane tickets, coolers, gift certificates, wetsuits, paddles... whatever you can think that would make a cool raffle prize

Silent “Art” Auction - many of you have artistic talent and we showcase that at the silent auction! If you can draw, paint, sew, photograph, knit... whatever your specialty is - we hope that you will donate one of your masterpieces to the silent auction!

Sweet Shack - it is a little early to create your sweet treats but not to start thinking about them! People love a little sugar at the race and we

hope that you can donate cookies, brownies, a cake (yes people really will buy a whole cake to take back to their team!)... homemade is best!

Book Club

Did you know that Hanohano has a book club? On the first Sunday of each month a group gets together to discuss the book of the month and have some snacks. Depending on the month the meeting may be at the beach after practice or at someone's house. If you are interested in being part of book club please email BJ at bjwilliston61@gmail.com

The book for the April is *Circe* by Madeleine Miller

Plan your summer!!

The SCORA race schedule is out - take a look and plan your summer. If you plan to race in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Catalina it is a good idea to make your hotel/ campsite reservations early if you plan to stay overnight.

Crystal Pier (San Diego) - Saturday May 11

Rig Run (Santa Barbara) - Saturday May 18

Kahanamoku Klassic (Marina del Rey) - Saturday June 1

Ventura Outrigger Challenge (Ventura) - Saturday June 8

Battle of the Breakwater (Long Beach) - Saturday June 15

Iron Champs (San Diego) - Saturday June 22

Whitey Harrison (Dana Point) - Saturday August 10

Paopao (Oceanside) - Saturday August 24

Catalina (Newport-Catalina) - Saturday/Sunday Sept 7-8



Current Hanohano Canoes

Po'okela - 89

“To be excellent, superior, the greatest”

Bradley

We purchased this canoe from Outrigger Team California in 2009 - we are guessing that it was approximately 3 years old. We changed to racing number 89 to stay with Hanohano tradition of canoe numbers ending in 9.

Kilohana - 99

“Excellent, best, beautiful”

Bradley (purchased new in 1992)

The Kilohana was Hanohano's first Bradley canoe. It was originally painted green/yellow and white - when it came home from getting

painted one year we were all surprised by the bright green color that it is today.

Puamana -129

“Ocean Breeze”

Bradley (purchased new in 1997)

The Puamana and Lei Halia were twin yellow Bradley canoes that were purchased a year apart.

Na Makua o Hanohano - 159

“Parents of Hanohano”

Mirage (purchased new in 2004)

This canoe was purchased shortly after Rena and Egon Horcajo, the founders of Hanohano in 1981, moved back to Hawaii and was named in their honor.

Mikimiki - 169

“Energetic, quick”

Mirage (purchased new in 2007)

Manao’i’o - 179

“Faith, full confidence” also a Tahitian chief

Mirage (purchased used from AZ club in 2008 - guessing it was one or two years old)

Pana O Ke Kai -199

“Heartbeat of the Sea”

Pure Unlimited (purchased new in 2013)

This canoe was purchased in Hawaii - Suzanne rattled off her credit card number from the back seat of a rental car to pay the balance - and raced in the Olamau race before shipping it to California.

Hokualohi - 299

“Shining Star”

Puakea Unlimited (purchased new in 2014)

Alekanekelo -399

“The protector”

Puakea Unlimited (donated new in 2016)

This canoe was donated to the club by Pat Hosey and his family. During a pre-season scrimmage Pat suffered a cardiac event and was resuscitated by Hanohano club members who were on scene - active firefighters/lifeguards. The names on the canoe represent the club members who were at practice that day and Pat's family.

Paulele - 499

“To trust in, lean or rely on, to have faith”

Puakea Unlimited (purchased new in 2016)

Lele Pi'i -599

“Soar with beauty and grace”

Puakea Unlimited (purchased used from NAC North in 2021)

Malama Kai - 699

“To care for, protect, nurture the sea”

Puakea Unlimited (purchased new in 2024)

Past Hanohano Canoes

Patches / Huapala

“Blossom”

Malia

The first canoe Hanohano purchased was from Bud Hohl and originally named Patches. It was a Malia and the first foam core canoe that he attempted to build. He didn't use enough resin so there were a lot of dry spots that he had to patch, thus the name. We painted it the same color as the newly built Kaleponi Makani and renamed her Huapala after Rena. The name giver's intent/meaning was “Blossom”.

Kaleponi Makani-8

“California wind”

Malia

Ikaika -80

“Strong, Powerful”

Malia

Named in honor of Polly and Wendel Pidot's first son Kyle Ikaika who paddled for Hanohano when he was old enough

Lokahi

“Unity”

Longboat

Keauhou

Placename for beach in Kona

Literal translation “new era”

Longboat

The Keauhou was fun boat to paddle in and was easy to pick out of crowd with its wood gunnels

Kahoa o Ke Kai-109

“Friend of the Sea

Bradley

Lei Halia -119

“Garland of fond memories”

Bradley

Named in honor of Rena and Egon’s granddaughter Mikayla the Lei Halia was the first of the twin yellow Bradleys (followed by the Puamana)

Malolo -139

“Flying Fish”

Mirage

This was our first Mirage canoe and came with a magnificent paint job that faded from yellow to green. It quickly became a favorite of many club members although we could never keep the gunnels from delaminating and it was constant repair job.

Kekoanui O Kaleponi- 149

“Mighty Warrior of Hanohano”

Bradley Striker

The striker was a big, fun canoe to paddle - in an iron race! For nine-man it was tough because the gunnels were square and “sharp”

Fred-64

Malia

Dee VanWinkle gifted Fred to Hanohano when he came back to the club in the early 2000s. Hanohano gifted Fred back to San Diego Outrigger a few years later.

Teiva- 89

The Teiva was a traditional canoe that we were given by its owner after it was sitting in a backyard not being used. We cleaned it up and used it mostly as a practice canoe - although it did race at Crystal Pier and Iron Champs more than once. When Kapolioa'ehukai formed their canoe club we donated the Teiva to them.

Winter Series Racing

With a Personal Invitation from Danny Ching - the final races of the winter series are coming up! Our Hanohano Ocean Challenge is part of this series and we like our members to show support for the other races in the series by participating. If you have not/are the series this year think about getting ready for next year!!

Winter Series Racing Schedule

LANAKILA CLASSIC FEB 24th

VAA CALIFORNIA MAR 2nd

DANA POINT OCEAN CHALLENGE MAR 16th

WILD BUFFALO CATALINA RELAY APR 7th

These are all great opportunities to get your club members on the water and get some early season training in. There are races for all skill levels.

FEB 24th LANAKILA CLASSIC

This Saturday is the Lanakila Classic in Redondo Beach. There is a mini course 1mile for kids/novice, a sup and prone race 5miles, a short course for oc/surfskis 5 miles and a long course for oc/surfskis 10miles. It's only \$35 for all the races or just \$10 for the mini course and lunch is included.

MAR 2nd VAA CALIFORNIA

This is a 20mile V1 race from Long Beach to NAC. It is the final race in Vaa California series. This is for your skilled and well trained paddlers. This race is V1 only and there is a big after party after the race. There will also be a number of international champions from Tahiti, Hawaii, Brazil, and New Zealand competing at this race.

MAR 16th DANA POINT OCEAN CHALLENGE

Dana Outrigger host another great race out of baby beach CA. This is one of the larger winter series races. There is a short course 4-6miles and a competitive long course 8-12miles. They also have some great vendors and awards. It's a perfect tune up to the last winter series race and/or the beginning of OC6 season.

APR 7th WILD BUFFALO CATALINA RELAY

This race is a 32mile course. It is the same course as our oc6 Catalina race but done in Oc1's OC2s and Surfskis as a relay. We all start on Catalina Island in Avalon and race back Sunday to NAC. This can be done relay with multiple partners to help break up the distance or potentially solo. There will also be a number of

international racers from around the world that will come out to attend this race, so it's a great test to see how you rank among some of the world's best.

All sign ups and more details can be found at

Paddleguru.com

Paddling has seemed to boom in recent years and We would love to see as many SCORA paddlers as possible at each of the up coming races.

I hope to see you guys there,

Danny Ching

Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club

Coming up in the April edition.... All about Aloha Day and Crystal Pier, photos from the blessing of the Malama Kai, Hanohano Juniors start practice, steering tips and more ... if you have ideas or something to add to the newsletter or would like to see something in the newsletter please email robin at robinmacl@aol.com