



## Kuk's Newsletter

### President's Message

Aloha!

February has been a busy month for Kukui'ula Outrigger. We held two newbie recruitment days on February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to formally welcome our new recruits Anne, Brandon, JP and Patrick. Also a warm welcome to some new to Kukui'ula returning paddlers Kim, Kai, Jr., and Carrie. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone, if I did, be sure to hit me up for a beer later.

We also had our first distance race of the season on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Waimea. Congratulations to all five crews that competed. Big CHEERS to our open men's crew who came home with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.

A special MAHALO to Nelia who has coordinated two canoe ride expeditions with her visiting friends. Nelia's friends donated a combined total of \$400 to Kukui'ula Outrigger in the month of February.

We also had a strong showing of Kukui'ula paddlers at our sister club Pu'uwai's triathlon. Many thanks to the almost 20 people who volunteered their time on Saturday and Sunday. We also had three of our paddlers compete, Kenny, Nelia and Ramon. Way to go!

See you on the water,

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### Vice-President's Message

Our club cannot be a success without each and everyone of you. Please remember to help the club by doing your part to be on time, carry canoes, rig and unrig canoes, sign up for fundraisers, come to practice, take your trash with you and lastly respect and care for each of your teammates.

Mahalo Tony

### Secretary's Memo

Be sure to check out our club website - <http://kukuiulaoutrigger.com/> You will find lots of club information, race pictures and links to other paddling related sites.

### Treasurer's Note

Aloha Kakou,

Mahalo to those who have paid their membership dues. Please know that your contributions help the club function during the entire year. Your dollars are well spent on such things as equipment, maintenance, repairs, insurance, shipping, fund raising supplies, paying off debts, and saving for future canoes. We appreciate everyone's efforts in making payments in a timely fashion. Please see me if you would like to establish a payment schedule.

We currently have t-shirts and tank tops for sale for \$10.00 and some women's tank tops from last years Paddle Fest for \$5.00, they make excellent gifts to friends and family and they help expose the club to our island community.

Ho'omaika'i 'ana (congratulations) to all that participated in last Saturdays, Town Celebration/Warren Rescuer long distance race and mahalo nui loa for everyone's help on and off the water. Maoli kahiau – to genuinely give generously with heart and not with expectation of return.

A hui hou, Tenley

## Coach's Corner

Aloha paddlahs!

Congratulations too all of you that raced last Saturday in the Warren Resquer long distance race. You all did very well for the first race of the season. Now that we know where we're at I feel we'll only get better from here on in. I wanted to thank Tim Hardesty for waking up really early to tow our boats down and back up to our site. This is no easy job let me tell yah. It's an all day thing pretty much. Much mahalos Tim.

Technique tips for the month. Lets all keep working on the catch. Work on placing our blades deep in the water before we pull. Once you anchor your blades then accelerate your pull. Think 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> gear. You should be at your top speed when your blades about mid thigh. Then get out.

I also wanted to thank Dana, Tenly, Laola and Tim Cotchay for pitching in to help with the coaching. Without all of your help practices would be really hard. So when you see these paddlers show them your gratitude.

Aloha, Keone

## Paddler Information

Kuks will be having three fundraising car washes this season. We need everyone's help! Please plan to participate in at least two of the three carwashes planned to be held at Kukui Grove in March, May and August. The first car wash will be Sunday, March 22nd.

Please volunteer to chair this car wash or sign up to wash cars by calling or emailing Fran at 635-0165 or [franinkauai@aol.com](mailto:franinkauai@aol.com)

Our sponsor club, Pu'uwai, hosts the Bright Stars Double Hull Canoe Race for the Handicapped on the Wailua River on March 28th. Please try to support Pu'uwai and participate in this worthy community service by attending and assisting handicapped paddlers. It's a great dav on the water for all!

## This Month's Spotlight



**Marvin Otsuji**

**Kukui'ula Outrigger Board of Directors and Charter Member**

Marvin was born on Molokai and moved to Kauai in 1975. In 1982 he purchased a 4 man surfing canoe and opened a beach concession at Waiohai and Sheraton Hotels and gave sailing canoe rides off the beach until 1990. He did his first sailing race in 1987 and has been racing consistently ever since. With Marvin as captain and steersman his team has won the Hawaiian Sailing Canoe Sailing Series for the past 13 years in a row! Jason, Kenny Denton and Scott Wagner, are some of his team members.

Marvin was President of Koloa Outrigger Canoe Club and Women's Coach for 10 years in the 80's. He then moved to Kaiola Canoe Club and served as Women's Coach for 10 years there. Under his coaching, the women's crews dominated.

Marvin has been proprietor of the successful business of Seasport Divers since 2001. Sea Sport has locations in both Koloa and Kapaa.

Marvin was instrumental in starting up our club, Kukui'ula Outrigger Surf and Sail Club. Through his relationship with Kukui'ula Development Marvin was given permission to start up a small paddling club at Kukui'ula Harbor. Kukui'ula gave us the use of their property for storing our canoes. Marvin's company and Kukui'ula Development gave us their support, both financially and otherwise, to purchase our first canoes and equipment and to start up our club in late 2006. Marvin's advise as a Board member and his influence in the paddling community has been essential to the young existence of our club. Mahalo Marvin Otsuji.

## Upcoming Events

- March 7<sup>th</sup> Durgh Kane Long Distance Race Kaiola
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Kauai Hoe Wa'a OC-1 Race
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Prince Kuhio Long Distance Race
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Kukui'ula Outrigger Car Wash at Kukui Grove sign up with Fran
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Pu'uwai Bright Stars Double Hull Canoe Race for the Handicapped at Wailua River
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Kauai Hoe Wa'a Island Championship