



2015-16 OCC Athletic Committee Annual Report

The 2015-16 OCC Athletic Committee consisted of eleven (11) sports and fitness subcommittees. Each committee was lead by a chair and committee activities supported by the committee members. On behalf of OCC, we extend a sincere “Mahalo” for their service during the year.

Our 2015 subcommittees and chairs were:

Tom Mctigue (Canoe Racing),
Alan Lau (Volleyball),
Joe Kindrich (Surfing),
Ikaika Harbottle (Fishing & Boating),
Todd Locovelli (Swimming),
Katy Bourne (Running),
Phil Sevier (Golf),
Mike Nakano (OC-1/Surfski),
Angela Dolan/Kristen Lee Watumull (Paddleboard),
Todd Bradley/Dolan Eversole (Beach & Water Safety)
George Norcross/Jon Bryan (Fitness Center).

All subcommittee chairs coordinated activities within their approved operating budgets, and our OCC athletes competed aggressively and produced respectable results.

Canoe Racing:

The Canoe Racing subcommittee continues to support our largest contingent of participating members, both youth and adult. The Special Athletic Membership program was continued in 2015 as a way to support club competitiveness with 8 renewals and several more new athletic memberships pending. Full OCC members made up the vast majority of paddlers (93%).

-Coaching: Many thanks to our coaches for the paddling season. The dedication, professionalism and patience is paying off with the development of the paddling program and shows in the results. Thanks goes out to our lead coaches for 2015, Guy Wilding (Head/Women’s Coach) and Sean Monahan (Open Men). The OCC paddling program is a year-round effort with paddling programs that span the OC-1, regatta and long-distance season, this is largely due to the consistent effort of Guy Wilding. The program’s success could not be achieved without all the support from the age division coaches as well.

-Regatta: Outrigger had one of its best years in recent history in regards to being competitive in overall regatta results, capped by a 3rd place finish in States. We had many dominant crews across a variety of divisions. The MacFarlane regatta was very

exciting with the unusually high surf.

-Junior program: Mark Sandvold did a great job with the junior program which continues to see year to year growth. They were very competitive and the morale was as high as it's been in years.

-Distance: The open men finished first in the Duke in both the Open and Koa divisions. Outrigger also finished first in the Koa division in the Molokai Hoe for the second consecutive year. The open women came in a strong third in Dad Center with the top two crews within striking distance. While the women's channel crossing was canceled in 2015 due to conditions the overall season was a great success with a strong group of young paddlers who will compete for first place for years to come.

-Safety Sleds: The outrigger paddling program has two new safety sleds for the escorts boats. These new safety devices greatly facilitate access in and out of the escort boats and provide a greater level of safety.

-Unlimited Canoe: The outrigger paddling program is really maximizing the use of the "unlimited canoes". Their light weight allows the paddlers to get the boats in and out of the water quickly and safely. The OCC has not yet entered a canoe in the Unlimited division, but all paddlers agree it is an invaluable training tool that emphasizes blend and feel due to the hyper sensitivity of the canoe.

Volleyball:

The Volleyball subcommittee continued to do a great job developing the youth players, both indoors and on sand. The Junior 'Riggers 16 and Under Boy's Indoor team won the National Qualifier in Chicago in January. This earns them an Open bid (the highest level) at the USA Boys Junior National Championships in Dallas, Texas this summer. It is quite an accomplishment the Club can be proud of. The Volleyball committee had a great summer of sand tournaments with active participation by Club members.

Surfing:

The Surfing subcommittee held the annual OCC surf contest on, which had 52 entrants and 12 events. OCC is definitely keeping the sport of surfing alive. The Junior Surfer of the Year awards also support the growth of the jr surfing team at the OCC.

OC-1/Kayak:

The OC-1/Kayak subcommittee awarded Molokai race subsidies to twelve members, which was based on meeting the pre-established requirements of competing in four local races and at least one channel race. The subsidies are intended to foster member participation in Molokai solo craft races. OC-1 Committee is planning to revive the Jr. OC-1/Kayak program and possibly expanding it to cover other ocean sports as well.

Paddleboard:

The Paddleboard subcommittee hosted the 16th Annual Cline Mann race on July 18. The committee is also planning a 3rd Paddleboard event this year to include the Clinemann, the Scratchfest and a new Jr event Keiki Xmas event. Scratchfest has been held for the last 3 years, this past year we had 70 entries. The committee has also supported complimentary Jr paddleboarding events as part of the Clinemann and

Scratchfest races.

Beach and Water Safety:

The Beach & Water Safety subcommittee continues to guide junior members, as well as adults, through the annual Ko' Kainalu Jr. Waterman program. The B&WS Committee has been busy reviewing several water safety incidents over the summer to establish improved risk management and safety protocols. The B&WS intends to host a risk management and breath-holding training in 2016.

Other new initiatives in 2015 include the offering of surf lessons and Outrigger sailing canoes as part of the suite of offerings provided by the OCC Beach Services. The Beach Service staff offer scheduled outrigger canoe surfing and sailing canoe rides as well as surf and canoe steering lessons for members and guests. The goal is to eventually qualify members to captain these craft themselves. Special thanks to Don Issacs for the success with the Ko' Kainalu program as well as the development of new ocean sports offerings.

Running:

The Running subcommittee continued to participate and finish well in the Hana Relay and Swamp Romp. The subcommittee plans to revive a monthly running/hiking adventure that is quite popular with the membership.

Golf:

Our OCC Golf subcommittee scheduled well-attended monthly golf outings. The highlight for 2015 is the new golf club trophy, customized by OCC. It features both a men and women's club champ every year, beginning 2015. Jon Anderson and Judy Jordan are the 1st names on the trophy for 2015. A big congrats to the both of them!

The Golf committee has lots in store for 2016. More outreach, more tournaments, a points system for play towards the club champion are some of the tweaks implemented to encourage more participation from the members. The Golf Committee has its own golf page on the OCC website and plans to post and publish monthly pics and updates of previous tournaments, in hopes of informing members of another activity OCC embraces. One of the new tournaments added this year is Turtle Bay.

All-in-all, the Golf Committee goal this year is to increase participation of members and to win the Alkane Cup. The Golf Committee appreciates all the support as well as the sponsorship of the Club for our monthly tournaments.

Fishing and Boating:

Fishing & Boating hosted OCC's fifth Annual Fishing Tournament in 2015. As is customary now, prizes are awarded for the largest Mahi and the largest tuna. The committee is focused on growing this event as a way to engage our membership.

Swimming:

The Swimming subcommittee successfully hosted the annual OCC Invitational on May 9 with a field of over 70 swimmers for the 1.1-mile race. The committee is also considering hosting a new swim race for 2016-17.

Fitness:

During 2014, the Fitness subcommittee continued initiatives on equipment repairs and upgrades, as well as fitness classes. A variety of exercise programs aimed at improving overall health and fitness continue to be available to members.

We extend a special mahalo to our outgoing OCC committee Chairs, Phil Sevier and George Norcross, for their significant time, effort, and commitment to OCC's canoe racing program, and all of the volunteer coaches for their dedication and passion.

As always, we thank the members of Outrigger Canoe Club for your patience and understanding during the spring and summer when the expansive paddling program challenges the capacity of the club staff and facilities. On behalf of the Athletic Committees, coaches and athletes, we'd like to thank you for your generous financial support during the past season and for your continued commitment to the future of our sports programs.

The Athletic Committee would also like to recognize the OCC Maintenance and Beach & Water Safety staff, and all OCC employees for their hard work and ongoing and tireless support of all OCC athletic endeavors. We thank our Board Coordinating Directors, Rob Durkin and Rick Humphries, for their guidance and passion; Gary Oliviera, Joyce Nobriga, JoAnne Huber, Don Isaacs, Sam Clemens, and all of the other extraordinary OCC staff for their cooperation and support of our excellent athletic programs.

Mahalo,
Dolan Eversole,
Club Captain