

New Club Captain: Bill Bright

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Our new Club Captain, Bill Bright, enthusiastically looks forward to getting more people involved in Club athletics this year. Bill views the Club Captain's job as primarily to "support and encourage athletics." That can be accomplished, he believes, by "getting more people involved in sports."

He intends to do this by making contact with Club members and educating them about Outrigger sports programs. Bill, who has been an OCC member since the 1960s, wants more people to understand the important contribution the Club has made to water sports in Hawaii.

For example, without the Club's support of paddleboard racing, it would most likely be a dead sport in Hawaii. Similarly, he feels that many people "don't realize how important the Outrigger has been to canoe racing in Hawaii."

While the emphasis of any Club Captain is on canoe racing and volleyball, Bill will strongly support all the Club sports activities, such as golf, running, kayaking, swimming and water polo.

Bill is a kamaaina. He was born on Oahu 40 years ago and graduated from Hawaii Prep Academy in 1967. He is a family man, with a wife, Faith, and two sons, Nick, 8, and Scott, 6. He is active in coaching youth sports programs, including soccer, midget basketball and Little League. He is president of a commercial property management company.

Bill's many Outrigger activities include canoe racing and kayaking. He was the Kayak Committee chairman and received the Club's Outstanding Paddler Award in

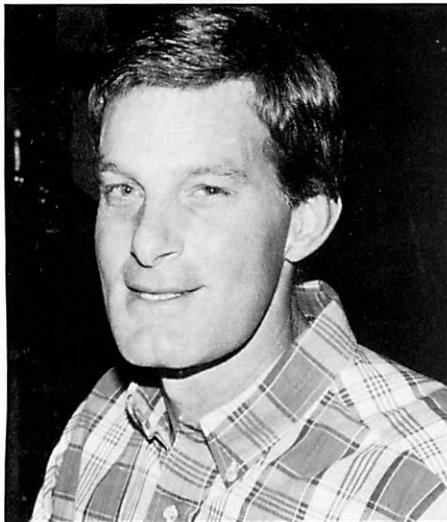
1974. He has also been on five winning Outrigger Molokai-to-Oahu race crews.

While Bill looks forward to some major challenges as Club Captain, he feels that it is "easy for me to take over an organization than Ron Li ran."

Additionally, he is grateful that the

Outrigger Board has always been "very supportive of athletics."

On a personal note, he explains that over the years, "I've gotten a lot out of the Outrigger sports programs, and now, as Club Captain, it's time I put something back."



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