

New Page in Outrigger History: First Woman Club Captain

By Joe Teipel

For the first time in Outrigger's long history, a woman has been selected as Club Captain. She is Paula Carbone, 33, a Club member for more than 10 years.

Paula is a native of New Britain, Connecticut. She traveled to Hawaii in 1974 to take a teaching job at Punahou School in the physical education department and as gymnastics coach.

In 1978/79 she took a year out for a brief coaching stint at UC Berkeley and took a sabbatical leave in 1983/84 at Southern Connecticut University where she earned her master's degree in human performance. She wrote her thesis on board sailing injuries.

Paula has been an active OCC



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member since 1975 and has participated in many of our athletic programs.

She has been a paddler. She steered her crew to an undefeated season in 1978, and has paddled in three Na Wahine O Ke Kai, Molokai to Oahu races, winning twice and finishing second in the other.

Regarding her new position as Club Captain, Paula says:

"I guess my life is athletics. I grew up as a typical jock—cheerleading, competitive track and field, gymnastics, etc. and I've taught all those sports for 12 years, including running summer camp programs.

"The OCC is well known for its excellence in sports and I intend to maintain that. However, I plan to improve and bolster our foundational sports of canoeing and surfing. They are especially important."

Good luck, Paula! I think we're all going to be in better shape thanks to this lovely Club Captain!

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