

Why These Names for Our Canoes? By Kawika Grant

Most of the names of Outrigger's canoes, koa and fiberglass, racers and surfers, are closely tied to the Club's history, either to place or personality. Here are the names of the Club's current canoes, what they mean, and why they have the names they do:



Ka Moi, Kakina, Leilani

ALAPAINA - IRONWOOD ROAD

Force Five, 1999. The ironwood tree-lined road through Kapi'olani Park leading to the Club.

'ĀPUAKĒHAU - MIST CATCHER

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1993. The fresh-water stream and pond in Waikīkī on the western banks of which the first Club was built.



Cline - Four Man

CLINE

Four-man fiberglass surfing canoe. OCC's tribute and memorial to the late Cline Mann, Club president, one of the driving forces behind the building of our present Club, and great supporter of Club sports.

DAD

Two-man fiberglass surfing canoe. OCC's tribute and memorial to George 'Dad' Center, one of the Club's great water sportsman and long-time Club Captain.

DUKE

Two-man fiberglass surfing canoe. OCC's tribute and memorial to its most famous athlete, Duke Kahanamoku.

'ELEU - LIVELY

Mirage, 2002. The name of one of the Club's long-time surfing canoes, given to a 6-man racer when the surfer was replaced by a new one named for Cline Mann.

HELUMOA - CHICKEN SCRATCH

Mirage, 2001. The huge coconut grove in Waikīkī once belonging to Kamehameha V, at the eastern edge of which the old Club stood.



Kaulele - Hawaiian Class Racer

HENRY KEAWE AYAU

Mirage, 2002. OCC's tribute and memorial to a great friend, gifted athlete and ambassador of aloha.

HŌKŪLOA - MORNING STAR

Force Five, 1996. The name given to the Club's first Force Five canoe, a new generation of fiberglass racer developed by Walter Guild. The name of the bright star that heralds the dawning of a new day.

HŌKŪWELOWELO - COMET

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1986. The name speaks for itself.

KAINALU - ROLLING SEA

Mirage, 2004. The name of the Castle Estate at Diamond Head, on the land of which the present Club stands.

KAKINA - CATHERINE

Koa, 1930s. Name given by Lorin Thurston, who won the honor of naming the canoe as the highest contributor in the fundraiser for its purchase.

KA LEO O KE KAI - VOICE OF THE SEA

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1989. The last OCC canoe named by Auntie Eva Pomroy.

KA MŌ'Ī - THE KING

Koa. Unique in size and shape, this koa surfing canoe is suspended from the ceiling of the Bar. It surfed the waves in front of both the old and new Clubs for nearly 50

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years to the great delight of generations of members and guests.

KAOLOA – JAVELIN

Koa, 1986. OCC's newest koa racing canoe; named by Auntie Eva Pomroy, and designed and built by Joe Quigg.

KAULELE - TAKE FLIGHT

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1992. The name speaks for itself.

LĒ'AHĪ - DIAMOND HEAD

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1992. The second fiberglass canoe to bear this name since the Club moved to its present site at the foot of Diamond Head.

LEILANI - HEAVENLY CHILD

Koa, 1930s. Name given by Bob Topping, who won the honor of naming the canoe as the highest contributor in the fundraiser for its purchase.

MOANA - BROAD OCEAN

Force Five, 1995. A double name, honoring both the blue ocean surrounding us and the Moana Hotel, a good neighbor of the old Club for many years.

'ONIPA'A – STEADFAST

Hawaiian Class Racer, 1985. The motto of Queen Lili'uokalani.

STEPHANIE

Koa. The outrigger canoe long on display at the old Club, and in the Bar of the new Club until restoration of Ka Mō'ī. Currently on display at the Outrigger Wailea on Maui, this canoe bears the name of the daughter of the Club's manager during the early 1940s, Henry de Gorog.

'ULUNIU - COCONUT GROVE

Mirage, 2004. The former Waikīkī estate of King Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani, which formed the eastern boundary of the Club's original site.