

# Paddle Registration Saturday, April 10

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Days are getting warmer and the sun is setting later, and we all know that means! Paddling season is upon us once again! If you missed Register and Rage, don't despair: We will have registration in the Boardroom on April 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Register by April 10 and it will be \$110; after April 10 registration rises to \$160. Bring your ID to register; either a birth certificate, passport or driver's license. If you're under 18 you must have a parent's signature. New paddlers will have a digital photo taken at the time of registration.

2010 promises to be another great season! Our focus this year will be to build our youth and novice program, and at the same time strive for another excellent summer for our open and masters crews.

## Attention Junior 'Riggers

Looking for something fun this summer? Try paddling! Regatta season is a great way to make new friends and experience the adventure of being part of a team. (It's also an excuse to hang out at the beach and get out of the house!)

## Adults!

Become a member of the Outrigger team! Our Club has a great program with lots of history, great facilities, and some pretty excellent canoes! What's not to love?

Thinking about paddling? Here are a few words from last year's Novice B's:

**Misty Lam:** My husband suggested that I go out for paddling and I decided to give it a try, mostly because I always thought paddling looked fun and that it would be a good way to meet people. The regattas were a thrill for me. I went to some beaches I hadn't been to before and I had no idea how many people/teams there are around the island.

Paddling itself was much harder, physically and technically than I thought it would be which made it even more fun and challenging. I really enjoyed being part of a team and competing, something I hadn't done since college.

My advice would be to go out for paddling and give it a try! The coaches and other paddlers are welcoming, positive and fun!

**Thomas Cox:** I decided to paddle because I had been a member for several years, but was never around to experience the benefits of paddling; so when I finally had the chance to paddle, I couldn't pass it up. I also paddled because it is a great way to socialize with fellow Club members and to get into good shape.

The entire adventure of Novice B was an amazing learning experience. I learned a lot about what it takes to paddle, and it reminded me how great it was to be involved with a team again. In the end it was better than anything I had imagined and gained a lot from it.

**Chris Garwood:** Paddling was a great way to meet a broad cross section of members, some young, some older, some in great shape, some trying hard. All abilities were welcome and participated in a great team building spirit. We all got along very well and I really enjoyed the friends I made.

Paddling is a fantastic experience and there are memories of being off Waikiki at sunset in a six-man canoe that I will never forget. Paddling is what the Club is all about; it's a way to learn about the ocean, your fellow members and start a new sport that can last a lifetime. New paddlers should feel very comfortable about joining up. Your fellow members and the fantastic coaches will make this an experience of a lifetime!

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