Step Toward a New Millennium -Leap back to tradition

By Genie Kincaid

ecause of the commitment the Club and its membership make to the sport, Outrigger has a winning tradition in outrigger canoe racing. The 2000 Canoe Racing Committee is eager to continue this winning tradition, and invites all members to get involved whether you pick up a paddle and race, or stand at the water's edge and cheer our crews to the finish line.

The 2000 season officially opens next month, but preparations for the new season have been ongoing the past few months. This year's regatta fees are undetermined; however, because the Blue Hawaiian Moonlight Concert will not be held this summer, the overall

cost to each paddler will be significantly reduced.

The Canoe Racing Committee would like to emphasize its policy that any paddler who races for the Outrigger Canoe Club in the 2000 season will not be allowed to transfer to race for another club unless a hardship case is established. The Committee considers all hardship cases.

The following members have volunteered to serve on the Committee. If you are interested in assisting the paddling program in any way, feel free to contact any of the committee members. Chairperson: Courtney Seto Registration: Paula Crabb,

Janna Arakaki, Pam Zak

Secretary: Tricia Nagatani Jenn McTigue Travel: Equipment: (open)

Paddler t-shirts: Sasha MacNaughton Budget/Finance: Bill Bright

OHCRA Rep: Walter Guild

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach Kehau Kali Men's Open Colin Perry Women's Open Tom McTigue & Liz

Girls 12, 13 Steve & Laura

Van Lier Ribbink

Girls 14 Katy Bourne

Girls 15 Kehau Kali Girls 16 Mike Town Girls 18 Tracy Selling Keoni Kino Boys 12, 13 Boys 14 Scott Rolles Boys 15-16 Ikaika Kincaid Boys 18 Bill Bright Novice B Men Paki Vaughan Andrew Glatzel Novice A Men Novice B Women TBA Novice A Women Donna Kahakui & Sasha MacNaughton Masters Women 35 Tom McTigue & Liz Perry

Masters Women 45 & 53 Kisi Haine Masters Men 35 Kala Judd

Masters Men 45 & 53 Tay Perry



Members of the Canoe Racing Committee are Kala Judd, Paula Crabb, Tom McTigue, Tricia Nagatani, Courtney Seto, chair, and Walter Guild. Not pictured: Janna Arakaki, Pam Zak, Sasha MacNaughton, Jenn McTigue, Kehau Kali, head coach, and Bill Bright.

Colin Perry Is New Men's Canoe Coach

ongtime paddler Colin Perry has been named men's coach for the **≠**2000 canoe racing season. He started paddling in 1953 for Lanikai Canoe Club (then Lanikai Association) under his father, George Perry, who cofounded the club. In 1956 Colin and brother Tay joined the Outrigger and paddled under George Downing.

"After graduating from college on the mainland and serving as a pilot in the USAF, I joined Pan American World Airways in 1966 and later moved back to Hawaii in 1975. In 1977 I rejoined the Outrigger paddling program and was on the winning crew that year, which broke up a long period of Tahitian dominance," he said.

After the demise of Pan Am, Colin joined an insurance agency and became more involved in the paddling scene, primarily by coaching men's and women's crews at Lanikai Canoe Club.

"My own personal objective will be to continue the performance and traditions that the Club has brought to the sport over its history," he said.

"The last few years have seen a dynamic growth in one-man outrigger canoe (OC1) participation in Hawaii. This growth has presented wonderful training and evaluation tools for the athlete and coach. We plan on utilizing the OC1 plus all the modern tools that endurance sports science has to

offer in preparing our paddlers for this season. The emphasis will be on individual preparation early in the season, and will shift towards team readiness as the season finale nears in October.

"We hope to utilize the Outrigger website and e-mail to augment our normal communication system for training schedules and general information dissemination.

"The Outrigger is blessed with a great number of young members who also happen to be very serious about paddling. Unfortunately, too many of them, for different reasons, have chosen to paddle for other clubs or organizations. One of our primary goals for this year will be to provide a program where measurable, objective individual performance for crew selection will draw some of these people back into our program. The decision this year by some of our heretofore best paddlers to move up to the masters category should provide additional incentive for some of the youngsters to step into their shoes and carry on the winning ways of the

"1999 men's coach Kala Judd and the core group of paddlers that are moving up will prove to be a hard act to follow. I am confident however, that as it always has before, the torch will be passed and the tradition of excellence will continue," he added.

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