OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

ABOUT THE KANAKAS

We are an easy-going group of kapunas (revered elders) who enjoy outrigger canoe paddling as a way to get out on the water, get some exercise, compete with other clubs, and give back to the community. The Kanaka Club was organized in 2009, and is the only local paddling club targeted to men over the age of 50, thereby qualifying to race in Golden Masters and Senior Masters categories.

SCORA

The Kanaka Club is a member of the Southern California Outrigger Racing Association (SCORA). Both SCORA and the Kanaka Club are 501(c)3 non-profit public benefit corporations dedicated to the perpetuation of outrigger canoe racing worldwide. SCORA provides outrigger canoe racing events for all Southern California and serves to further the rich Pacific Island culture and traditions that are at the heart of the sport.

MISSION

The mission of the Club is to provide education, skill in paddling, and a sense of cultural traditions and Aloha Spirit embodied in the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe racing. The Club also sponsors activities of community goodwill as determined by the Membership.

FOCUS

• Conditioning
• Camaraderie
• Competition
• Community

KANAKA CULTURE

The Kanakas embrace a culture of inclusion and consensus building. We work continually to strengthen our team spirit and sense of brotherhood. When something needs to be done, we all pitch in enthusiastically and do it together. We laugh a lot, we’re curious about the things around us, and we work together to make our world a better place.

ACTIVITIES


Races: Monthly in main season (May-Sept), rotating locations: Mission Bay, Oceanside, Marina del Rey, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Avila Bay.

Training: Coaching presentations from visiting experts, training films, video analysis with individual feedback, etc.

Fun Stuff: Charity races, canoe blessings, Hawaiian cultural events, BBQs, pot luck dinners, social gatherings.

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“We just want to get out on the water, have fun, be competitive, and show more Aloha Spirit than any other club!”

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsorship: Prospective members must be sponsored and presented to the general membership by a current member.

Age Eligibility: As a kupuna club, every member must be at least 50 years old to be eligible to participate in SCORA sanctioned races. New kapunas are considered eligible if they turn 50 at any point during the first year of joining.

Prior Experience: Prior paddling experience is not required, general athleticism and good physical conditioning are needed to meet the demands of the sport. Members must also be competent swimmers.

Trial Membership: During the off-season (Oct-Apr) the Club hosts prospective paddler events. These are typically on a Saturday, are free, and allow prospective members to try out the sport. Prospective members and visitors paddle free for the first time. If they want more, there is a $75 charge for up to five paddles with the club. In the Aloha Spirit, space is offered as available for no charge, to other paddlers who are visiting the San Diego area.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our club has grown dramatically since its inception, and has enjoyed many successes of both competition and fellowship. In the Spirit of Aloha, we felt that it was time to start giving back to the San Diego community. To this end, we seek local charities with shared interests and values, and introduce them to the fun of our addling activities, as well as sharing in the benefits of our fund-raising.

One of our charities is the Ocean Discovery Institute, a local non-profit organization that uses ocean exploration to engage and inspire young people toward college and science careers. By preparing them to be scientific and environmental leaders, ODI empowers those young people to protect our oceans and national environment.

Another focus of our community work is the Balboa Warrior Athlete Program at Balboa Naval Hospital. The club offers regular paddling days for them as a physically therapeutic component to their rehabilitation.

LOCATION

Kanaka Landing is located at Liberty Station (the old Naval Training Center) on beautiful San Diego Bay. Within Liberty Station, we are on the north end of the estuary, behind the Corvette Diner, which is located at 2965 Historic Decatur Road, San Diego, CA 92106. The entrance closest to Kanaka Landing is off Lytton Street (Barnett Avenue).