



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

KEAUHOU CANOE CLUB NEWSLETTER



Aloha



What's Happening at Keauhou!

Halloween Potluck Brunch — Friday, October 30, 9:00 AM We have some new volunteers who are stepping in to set up the October brunch. Please come in and help! Feel free to wear costumes, and bring your favorite Halloween brunch dish!

New Member Orientation — Saturday, October 31, 9:30 AM

Join us and learn about paddling, the rich history of the Keauhou club location and area, and KCC! Sign up in Events on the website.

Volunteer to Paddle with Full Life — Thursday, November 5 8:45 AM

Come and join fellow Keauhou paddlers to volunteer to paddle for our Full Life guests. Every first Thursday. Sign up on the Keauhou website

Monthly Huli Drill — Tuesday, November 6 9:00AM

Come to the monthly huli drill! Painless, fun, and teaches you what to do if your canoe hulis. Questions? Email Tom -tmforrest4@gmail.com.

Journal Club — The Keauhou Journal Club reads and discusses a selected article every month about paddling or Hawaiian culture. Sign up with Kris (krisishii@aol.com), she will send you an article for the upcoming month. Contact the group if you're available for a discussion!

Recreational Paddling

Recreational paddling times stay the same all year long.

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
- Saturday: 7:30 a.m.

Competitive Paddling

Competitive 6-man is finished for the year!

Off-season practice continues for wahine and men. Check with coaches to get onto the WhatsApp lists.



Special Early Bird Signup for New Members

Keauhou Canoe Club is offering a special deal for new members right now. From November 1 until the end of year, new members who sign up and pay for a full 2027 year's membership get November and December for free! Sign up at website/membership/newmemberregistration.

Board News

- Membership reached 701 members in October.
- Approved 2027 membership and storage fee increases. Adult dues rise from \$140 to \$165, youth dues from \$35 to \$40, covered canoe racks from \$100 to \$150, and trailer racks from \$50 to \$100. Free for kupuna 80 and older.
- Approved an early-bird membership offer: new members who purchase a 2027 membership get Nov/Dec at no charge, starting November 1.
- Reviewed the 2027 budget and rising costs for canoe maintenance, security, and equipment storage.
- Approved \$1,400 for a security fence and locking gate at the generator shed following two break-ins.
- Worked on warehouse lease and halau security. Gave report to Kamehameha Schools on seawall damage.
- Six weeks without safety incidents. Huli drills monthly.
- \$250 donation to Kaiola Canoe Club for Hurricane relief.
- Continued work on the KCC cookbook, with over 60 recipes collected.
- Remembered Jody Wheeler, longtime Recording Secretary, Events Committee chair, wahine racer, and former Board member.

Friday, October 30 Potluck Brunch!



**Bring a dish to share.
Starts at 9:00.
Costumes are welcome!**



To make an end-of-year donation to Keauhou Canoe Club

Go to the website, and click the Donations page, in the About Keauhou section. You can donate to general, canoe/halau maintenance, scholarships, racing, recreational or our Ohana fund. Mahalo

Seeking Coaches and Volunteers for 2027 Competitive Paddling

Keauhou is actively looking for coaches and volunteers for every segment of competitive paddling next year. If you are interested in volunteering with Kupuna men, Main men, Wahine, Youth, or Keiki paddling, please reach out to Vern Bieraugel or email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com. This is a great time to find coaches. If you have suggestions for people, let us know!

Great Volunteering During IronMan!

Wonderful job, IronMan Volunteers! On 11/4, two double canoes paddled up to the bay to provide safety lanes for Ironman swimmers

On race day, we had 130 volunteers at two stations this year: 469 hours of volunteer work, and we staffed Registration for 2 weeks before. Thanks to Vern Bieraugel and Connie Sizemore for leading our stations, and to Cindy Armer, who led registration, and to every club member who volunteered.



Keauhou Bay Ocean Cleanup was a Success!

On Wednesday, October 21, Ocean Defender's Alliance and Keauhou Canoe Club hosted a bay cleanup for the Keauhou Bay. Organized by Sarah Milliken, from ODA, and Stacey Woods from KCC, the event brought in approximately 30 divers, many OC1's and a double canoe rigged to hold trash. Thank you to all for your participation, and a special thanks to Stacey Woods for her work organizing.



President's Message

Aloha KCC 'Ohana,

It's been a busy and rewarding year at Keauhou Canoe Club, and we have much to be proud of. From our paddling programs and races to community events and volunteer efforts, our members continue to make KCC a special place. Please volunteer!

Like many organizations, we're facing rising costs for security, vandalism, maintenance, and storage, in addition to equipment maintenance. We have had our sheds broken into and many items stolen and damaged, including our boats and trailers. Members have reported coming into the halau in the morning to see that people have been sleeping beneath and smoking beneath two koa canoes, which are irreplaceable, and have a value of around \$250,000 dollars.

As a result, the board is renting a secure storage warehouse for our canoes, and we're raising rates for 2027. Thank you to the many club volunteers whose hands-on efforts and contributions help us to keep our expenses down, and accomplish far more than our budget alone would allow. On November 21, the entire club will gather for the annual KCC grounds cleanup before Thanksgiving. Please join us.

In November, KCC will prepare an imu and hold a Thanksgiving luncheon. An imu is a traditional Hawaiian underground oven used to slow-cook food in the earth and a great KCC tradition. On December 5, Keauhou Canoe Club hosts the 27th annual Abbott Galaher Seaman Memorial Race, a fundraiser for the Hawai'i Island Food Basket.

We will also host a Christmas gathering and paddle, and an afternoon New Year's gathering. We're looking forward to spending time with you all.

