



# FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Aloha



### What's Happening at Keauhou!

#### Kumu Keala Ching for King Kamehameha III Birthday— Thursday, March 19, 5:00 PM

Keauhou is the birthplace of King Kamehameha III, also called Kauikeaouli. This year, Kumu Ching will explore stories of Kauikeaouli from birth through his ruling of Hawaii. Come and learn and celebrate! Bring pupu to share!

#### Monthly Potluck Birthday Brunch — March 27, 9:15 AM

This month, Keauhou will be presenting a check for the amount of \$13,000 to Kona's Rebecca Vandaele, the Associate Director of Development for the American Cancer Society. Come and hear Rebecca talk to us about how the donation helps Big Island patients.

#### Whale Count - Saturday, March 28, 7:30 AM - Noon

Sign up at halau or email [ferng@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ferng@hawaii.rr.com)

#### New Member Orientation - Saturday, March 28, 9:30 AM - Sign up in Events

Join us and learn about paddling and KCC! Sign up on the website.

#### Journal Club - is moving to online!

The Journal club reads and discusses one article a month. Their last article was: "Environmental Impacts Due to the Use of Sunscreen Products: a Mini Review." The Journal club is moving their discussions to online, to accommodate more people. Email Kris at [krisishii@aol.com](mailto:krisishii@aol.com) to get a copy of this month's article and sign up.

#### Volunteer to Paddle with Full Life — Thursday, April 2, 8:45 AM

Come and join fellow Keauhou paddlers to volunteer to paddle for our Full Life guests. It's a wonderful experience.

#### Historical Cultural Paddle — Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 AM

Hop into Bill's canoe for historic narration.

### 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

#### Wahine

Monday, Wednesday, Friday—5:00 to 6:30 PM

#### Youth

Tuesday/Thursday—3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

#### Keiki

Tuesday/Thursday—3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

#### Men

Tuesday/Thursday—5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Questions @ [contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com](mailto:contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com)

### Board News

Summary of recent board news:

Youth/Keiki registration was energetic and fun, with a solid turnout,

Paddle Against Cancer was a great success and made \$13,000, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society at the Monthly Potluck on March 27 at 9:30 AM. Wonderful job, Events team and volunteers, and Shell Juhola, who organized the auction. Thank you to Kumu Keala Ching for offering the blessing for the event.

The Events team and Joe Chambers cleaned and reorganized storage room 4, and we're very grateful. Covered holes, bleached, got rid of vermin. Keep food out of it!

We have an upcoming event with Kumu Keala Ching to celebrate the birthday of Kauikeaouli.

The Kauikeaouli race has been rescheduled because of projected thunderstorms.

Safety and steering have ordered a blood pressure cuff and pulse oximeter. The board approved purchasing air horns for canoes, to provide an alert in case of medical emergency. New procedures for safety/steering being released this month.

Vern and Dave are addressing security issues, with some vandalism and are taking steps to keep the club, club members, and club materials safe. Reach out to help.

We will keep guest paddling, but only for KCC ohana and occasional hosted guest paddlers from other clubs. Documents are coming soon.

### Volunteer for Workdays!

Vern Bieraugel and the Halau and Grounds and Canoes and Equipment committees are asking everybody to come and help. The club is hosting workdays Monday-Thursday 8-11 AM. Just come to the Halau and jump in!

### Paddle Against Cancer

We had a wonderful turnout for the Paddle Against Cancer. Thank you to Fern Gavelek and others for taking pictures for us, thanks to all volunteers, and thanks to everyone who participated.



### Keauhou Hosts the Ku'uiipo Race

On March 7, Keauhou hosted the Ku'uiipo OC-1 race with thanks to our volunteers.



### World Sprints Tryouts, March 7

Every two years, the International Va'a Federation (IVF) — the global governing body for outrigger canoe racing — hosts the World Sprint Championships, which brings together elite and club paddlers from more than 35 countries. It is the Olympics of sprint outrigger racing. The 2026 edition are scheduled for August 17–31 in Singapore.

Hawai'i competes as its own independent team, separate from the United States — a recognition of the islands' role in the sport and its distinct paddling culture. To represent Team Hawai'i, paddlers must qualify through a tryout process.

On March 7, trials were held at Ke'ehi Lagoon in Honolulu. The following Keauhou members qualified for World Sprints teams and will be flying to Singapore!

#### Men 75 crew V6 Category

- Peter Lasich,
- John Wright,
- Kleber Mota,
- with Joe Lavelle alternate.
- Rudi Bertschi,
- Joe Chambers,
- Vern Bieraugel,

#### VI Category:

- Ramona Crivello in W-40 and
- Shaun Roth in M-60.

Keauhou paddlers that qualified as part of Kai Ehitu teams are

- Rich Jarvinen M-70,
- Suzanne Jarvinen W-70,
- Meredith Ozbil and Ramona Crivello in W-40.

Congratulations to all paddlers who participated, including Moke Hauanio, Peter Matlock, Tom Campbell,, and Dave Tracy

### Keauhou Coach List 2026

Welcome to new coaches. We are actively recruiting additional coaches! Email us!

#### Keiki:

- Kelly Logigian
- Ashley Kaiawe
- Bill Armer
- David Case
- Dave Tracey

#### Youth:

- Meredith Ozbil
- Kathy Kaai
- Spike (John Carroll)

#### Wahine:

- Dave Yamagata
- Sam Varron
- Ramona Crivello
- Miri Sumida

#### Men Makule:

- Moke Hauanio
- Peter Lasich

#### Men:

- Nelson Estioko

