



JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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What’s Happening at Keauhou!

Monthly Pau Hana - Next Pau Hana is September 5, 4:30 PM
Come and talk to the board about volunteering, running for office, and anything else!

No potluck brunch July and August
Come and volunteer for the Ironman instead!

New Member Orientation - Saturday, August 30, 9:30 AM
Join us and learn about paddling and KCC! Sign up on the website.

Journal Club - Tuesday, September 2, 9:15 AM
The Journal club reads and discusses articles. Email Kris at krisishii@aol.com to get a copy of this month’s article.

Historical Cultural Paddle – Wednesday, August 20, 6:30 AM
Next historical paddle is August 20, 6:30-7:45, no sign-up needed. Call Bill 808-896-4535 for details.

Steering Clinic— Saturday, August 10, 9:00 AM
Come to the steering clinic if you want to learn how to steer. Email Cindy Armer at cindyarmer@gmail.com to sign up for either the huli drill or the steering clinic.

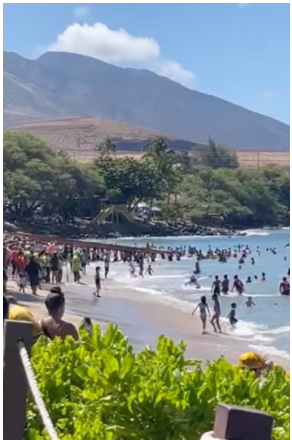
Recreational Paddling

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.



Keauhou 70's Women Are Big Island Champions!
Highest regatta score at the end of season. Congratulations!



Competitive Paddling

Wahine Long Distance
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, at 4:30 PM
Youth Long Distance
Practice is 3:30 PM on Tuesday/Thursday
Email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com to join.
Keiki
Keiki paddling is ending for the year. Wonderful job, everybody! To sign up for next year, email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com.
Men Long Distance
Men racers practice Tuesday/Thursday at 4:30 PM

Thanks to everyone who helped move canoes during our Tsunami Warning!



Keep Our Ramp Safe - Help Powerwash!

We powerwash the ramp every 7 days. We usually have 2 volunteers who work as a team, making it easier to carry the equipment. To volunteer, contact Nancy and Paul Regan at 808-282-8179

Race Report: Hawaii State Championships

The Hawaii State Championships were held on August 1. Six crews represented Keauhou Canoe Club. The day started with the Big Island Women’s 70’s Champions Team. During the season this crew had seven paddlers – Jeannie Isola, Suzanne Jarvinen, Ingrid Malone, Linda Churches, Debbie Kinder, Sherri Carney, and Cindy Hope. When Sherri Carney couldn’t paddle the last two races, Linda Churches stepped in as the Steersman and Cindy Hope moved from Novice B to the 70s crew.

Keauhou’s State Race Results: We competed in the A division (up to 6 crews) and we tied for 5th place out of 21 Division A Canoe Clubs.

- 70 Women – 6th place (5.10.67) – Linda Churches, Cindy Hope, Jeanne Isola, Suzanne Jarvinen, Debbie Kinder, Ingrid Malone
- 70 Men – 9th place (5.07.81) – Vern Bieraugel, David Case, Rich Jarvinen, Joe Lavalle, Peter Matlock, Dave Tracy
- 65 Women – 10th place (5.19.29) – Linda Churches, Suzanne Jarvinen, Joreen Knox, Ingrid Malone, Miri Sumida, Leslie Woods
- 16 Girls – 12th place (5.09.49) - Kaia Gagnon, Julia Sanchez, Peri Ozbil, Ayla Ozbil, Emalia Noble, Cheyenne Kahulamu
- 18 Girls – 13th place (5.07.57) - Tamara Young, Tia Ka`ai-Miller, Vitto Rean, Kaia Gagnon, Jocelyn Conae, Julia Sanchez
- 18 Boys – 13th place (4.26.52) - Colton Kahulamu, Slayde Thompson, Thor Jongert, Ka`ohu Lagunte, Jackson Rathje, Abram Utrera

More thank-you’s than we can fit! But let’s start with Athletic Director Chris Vasquez and Assistant Athletic Director and Women’s Coach Dave Yamagata; Youth Coaches Meredith Ozbil, Noelen Kahulamu, Spike Carroll, Ka`ai, and helper Quintin Vasquez; Men’s Coach Moke Hauanio; Keiki Coaches Vern Bieraugel, David Case, Dave Tracy, and Bill Armer; KCC Van Drivers for youth paddlers Alice & Wayne Morris, Laura & Noelen Kahulamu, Kathy Ka`ai, and Meredith Ozbil

Special thank you to Vern Bieraugel and Dick Roberts for helping get our koa canoes into great shape, and to everyone who helped!

Help KCC Fundraise! Volunteer for the Ironman Event on October 11!

Keauhou Canoe Club will be fundraising by working the Ironman event that will be held Saturday October 11, 2025. On the day of the race, we will support 2 Run Stations on Alii Drive. This year it is all female athletes here in Kona.

Vern is collecting names for both stations - and Vern and Ramona will be running the two stations.
Contact Vern Bieraugel to volunteer for an Ironman Run Course Aid Station on Saturday, October 11, 2025.

- Run 1 Aid Station. Located on Alii Drive at Mile Marker 1, just South of entrance to the Royal Kona Resort at the tennis courts.—VERN
- Run 3 Aid Station. Located on Alii Drive at Lyman’s Surf Spot.—RAMONA

Shifts are generally: 11am-3pm, 2:30pm-7pm, and 4pm-close (7:30-8). However you can customize a time that will work for you, we need help all of the time.

Shirts are MEN sized. Choose your station, shift time, select a shirt size and email Vern at: vernbbh@hawaii.rr.com
808.896.3332 is Vern’s number.

Halau Maintenance Day Was a Success!

About 26-20 members helped with our Halau cleanup. They pulled almost all of the weeds and did a lot of weed-eating, brush trimming, pole stacking, raking, and clearing of the garden and sheds. They also repaired the one-step area and cleaned the canoe area.

We still have some remaining cleanup work, in case you want to help out. Vern Bieraugel, our treasurer and tree cutter, will schedule the tree trimming days in a future week. This will take at least 2 days with pretty technical chopping, dropping of the wood, and picking up the wood.



President’s Message

On July 18, Keauhou Canoe Club held an oceanside ceremony after the Hawai’i County championship. During this ceremony, KCC presented to Aloha Mauhili, her family, and the Kailana Canoe Club a brand new canoe wheel dolly in appreciation of their unwavering support in hosting our club for the Hilo 2025 HCRA races.

Kailana offered their residence front lawns for weekly canoe and materials storage, gave KCC weekly race day space for our canoes in front of their beach halau, and gave advice, equipment, and unmatched aloha.

Keauhou Canoe Club is most appreciative and humbly salutes and honors all of them. Thank you, Mahalo, Mahalo.
Bill Armer, President, Keauhou Canoe Club

