

APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Aloha



What's Happening at Keauhou!

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

This is a narrated canoe paddle as part of the regular rec paddle. Get into this canoe, and Bill Armer will tell you all about Keauhou Bay, surrounding areas, and associated historical information and events.

Monthly Potluck Birthday Brunch — Friday, April 24, 9:00 AM

Come and hear Kawehi Young from the Big Island Invasive Species Committee talk about how Hawai'i Island is fighting the invasive Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle and how you can help. Great tips for protecting your home and garden.

New Member Orientation — Saturday, April 25, 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.

Journal Club - has moved online!

The Journal club has moved their discussions to online, to accommodate more people. Email Kris at krisishii@aol.com to sign up.

Volunteer to Paddle with Full Life — Thursday, May 7, 8:45 AM

Come and join fellow Keauhou paddlers to volunteer to paddle for our Full Life guests. Every first Thursday of the month. It's a wonderful experience. Sign up on the website.

Monthly Huli Drill — Tuesday, May 5, 9:00AM

The Safety and Steering Committee hosts a monthly huli drill that is painless, fun, and teaches you what to do if your canoe hulis. *In general, we advise that you participate in a huli drill before paddling 6-man canoes.*

For questions, email Tom Forrest at tmforrest4@gmail.com.

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

Board News

On April 10, the board elected applicant Lawrence Goff to replace Ingrid Malone, who exited the board in March.

The club is expanding the function of its New Members meeting on the last Saturday of the month. The meeting now hosts not-so-new members and even some potential members. It provides a great overview to the club and paddling.

Vern Bieraugel and the Halau and Grounds team volunteers have been hard at work on their to do list on the white board at the halau. Vern is here from Monday-Thursday 8-11. Special Thanks to Dick and Sue Roberts, Peter Barbarich, Pat Lasswel, Sandy Branch, Roland Yamamoto, and Joe Chambers. Next Thursday, a team of volunteers will be working to repair canoe racks.

The board is collaborating with other organizations to have better security.

The guest paddling committee has simplified guest paddling rules and the board extended the pilot program. To clarify: guest paddling is only for KCC 'ohana and for safety, host members must know their guest's paddling abilities and stay with them. Guests must sign a waiver for each paddle, and it will now include the host's name. The guidelines are on the website.

The Kailua Bay Regatta Course is almost finished, and the three clubs are working to get donations to finish it.

Racing News

The racing season officially starts on May 2 with long distance races Hoemana at Spencer Park and Kawahae (May 9). Our racers will be ready. Bill Armer is Race Director for the Keauhou Regatta on May 23. If you can volunteer that day, please contact him at (808) 896-4535. We need volunteers to sell t-shirts, clean the pier & set up tents, staff the food tent, and help bring materials to and from the club.

Keiki Paddlemaking Fun

This month, paddlemaker Dick Roberts taught Keauhou keiki how to make paddles. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers, including Dick Roberts, Dean Koenig, Pat Lasswell, Todd Slepian, Ashley Kaiawe, Dave Romer, and Roland Yamamoto



Youth Paddling Fitness

Coach Meredith Ozbil has started coaching our youth paddlers! They're shown below and are at practice every Tuesday/Thursday. Reach out to volunteer to help!



Yearly Canoe Weighing

On April 11 we had some great volunteers—including a large number of wahine racers—who stepped in to un-rig and re-rig our canoes so they could be weighed. Canoes must be regulation weight in order to race.

We weighed 11 canoes. Before the weighing, because of rule changes, Vern Bieraugel and Sandy Branch went over every canoe and trimmed the shadows off of numbers with a razor blade and made sure that all of our numbers were at least 7 inches high. The weighing went well.

Yamagata Challenge

On Sunday, April 12, Keauhou hosted the Yamagata Challenge race. It was a great success.



Volunteer for Workdays!

Aloha Club Members! We need you! Vern Bieraugel and the Halau and Grounds and Canoes and Equipment committees are asking for help.

It's not hard work. You can help sand the koa canoes!

The club is hosting workdays **Monday-Thursday 8-11 AM.**

Just come to the Halau and jump in!



The West Side Clubs are Working Together

The Kailua Bay Regatta Course project changed things on the West side of Hawai'i Island. The three clubs who hold regattas on the West side: Kai 'Ehitu, Kai 'Opuia, and Keauhou worked closely together on this project, and that closeness is valued by all three clubs.

This year we are seeing collaboration between the three clubs evolve and extend. For example, in order to use the new regatta course, each club needs to complete an exhaustive application to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR.). It includes a right-of-entry permit, descriptions of where buoys and anchors are, a defined course layout, safety requirements, environmental protections, and so forth. Kai 'Ehitu did the report for all three clubs.

During the Kai 'Ehitu regatta on May 16, there will be a cruise ship in the harbor. This means that they won't be able to have their regular outside business concession stands on the cul-de-sac. Keauhou does not let outside companies run concessions. This year, however, Keauhou has agreed to let Kai 'Ehitu run their concessions on the street, as long as they don't include club clothing or food. We're looking forward to sharing more support throughout the year.

If there is anyone in the Keauhou club who might be interested in starting outside concessions at our regattas, Kai 'Ehitu has offered to show us the ropes this year. Please reach out to Bill or email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com.

Keauhou Coach List 2026

Thank you to our coaches.

We are actively recruiting additional coaches! Email us!

Keiki:
Kelly Logigian

Youth:
Meredith Ozbil

Wahine:
Dave Yamagata

Men Makule:
Moke Huanio

Men:
Nelson Estioko

