



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

KEAUHOU CANOE CLUB NEWSLETTER



Aloha



What's Happening at Keauhou!

Potluck brunch - Friday October 31, 9:15 AM

Steve Jefferson, Founder/CEO of Kuleana Rum Works will be here to talk about this local business that's making it big, what makes rum special, and how they honor the 'aina.

Huli Clinic - Saturday, November 1, 9 AM

Baili, Joe, and BC are hosting a huli clinic for Keauhou members. Everyone is welcome!

Steering Clinic - Saturday, November 1, 10 AM

This SATURDAY, November 1, starting at 10 AM (right after the huli drill), is a drill for steersmen-in-training. Join if you've paddled at least one year.

Journal Club - Tuesday, November 4, 9:15 AM

The Journal club reads and discusses one article a month. Email Kris at krisishii@aol.com to get a copy of this month's article.

Monthly Pau Hana - Friday November 7, 4:30 PM

Come to the Next Pau Hana! *Come and talk to the board about volunteering, running for office, and anything else!*

Historical Cultural Paddle — Wednesday, November 19 6:30 AM

This is a narrated canoe tour of the area as part of the regular paddle.

New Member Orientation - Saturday, November 29, 9:30 AM

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

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.



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Board News

On October 18, Keauhou Canoe Club held a Special Meeting to vote on adding online voting to the bylaws. The motion did not pass (83-17).

At the October 19 board meeting, the Board addressed rising capital expenses, such as canoe and halau maintenance. To offset costs, adult dues for 2026 will increase 8%, from \$130 to \$140 per year. This does not affect registration fees for keiki, youth, or 80+ members, which remain mid-range compared to other clubs.

Because the Kailua Pier mooring blocks for race flags were found to harm coral, there have been no regattas in Kailua-Kona for two years. A new committee is now restoring the flags, benefiting all Western racers and local schools. The three home clubs: Keauhou, Kai'Opua, and Kai'Ehitu will each contribute about \$17,000 toward the project.

The club will be fund-raising and accepting donations to support this effort. If you'd like to donate or volunteer to fundraise, please email contactkeauhouncanoecub.com.

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!

Great Volunteering at IronMan!

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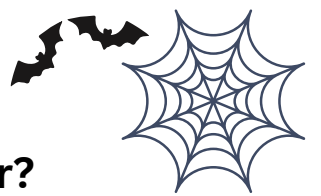
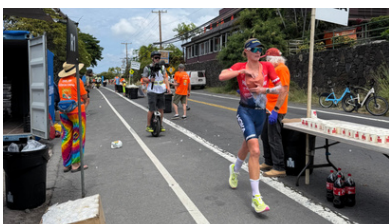
Thanks to Bill and Cindy Armer, to Vern Bieraugel, Ramona Crivello, and Dave Yamagata for organizing our stations, and to every club member who got involved.

Keauhou Pictures From the Past

Here are some pictures of Keauhou Members from back around 2005. Do you recognize them?



Pictures from the **Keauhou Canoe Club Member Pictures and News Facebook page**. Use the QR Code to join!



Have You Volunteered This Year?

If you haven't volunteered this year, now is the time to do it – or to plan to do it next year. Take time to come to the upcoming Pau Hana on November 7 to learn more about all of the volunteer positions in the club. If not now, then you can get ready to volunteer in the coming year.

We're also grateful to every single one of the people who help us throughout the year. Every person at every event, Everyone doing something – you're all volunteers.

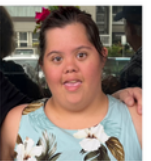
Full Life Paddlers: One of Keauhou's Most Meaningful Partnerships

If you've heard the terms *First Thursday* or *Full Life*, you've heard about one of the most joyful experiences at Keauhou Canoe Club. Every month, our members and volunteers come together to share the water with paddlers from Full Life, a Hawai'i Island agency that helps people with developmental disabilities lead happy, self-directed lives. Full Life supports belonging and fulfillment through aloha, empowerment, respect, and joy. Full Life mornings are filled with laughter, teamwork, and connection.

Full Life days are coordinated by Tim Collins. To participate, login to the KCC website. On the members center, you can register for FULL LIFE Events → Full Life Paddle on our website, or email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com, and Stacey, our Membership Secretary, will connect you with Tim and the committee.

Spotlight: Kayla's Story

Kayla was a reluctant paddler at first. She came to our First Thursday sessions to cheer on her friends, always asking, "Is it fun?" A few months later, she finally gave it a try—and was hooked. Now she tells everyone how much fun paddling is and proudly notes she's the only one in her family who does it! You may recognize Kayla from Ali'i Gardens Marketplace, where she runs Kayla's Creations, selling her jewelry, paintings, and crochet work. She's also active in Special Olympics and will compete in the World Powerlifting Competition on Wednesday, November 5 at the Outrigger Kona. Come cheer for Kayla and her teammates!



Meet Keauhou Member Denise Lindsay.

Denise joined KCC in 1996. Soon afterwards, she was invited to help with special events paddling by the Special Olympics Area Director for West Hawai'i. Denise began helping, and never looked back. In 2018, she began working for Full Life, and she encourages everyone to get involved with special needs paddling and Full Life.



President's Message

It's been a great year of paddling, and we're happily ending it up with real progress in getting the race flags installed at Kailua harbor. In addition to the clubs who have agreed to pay for this restoration, we want to thank Palani Greenwell, Jack's Diving Locker, and West Hawaii Concrete which has graciously offered to donate concrete blocks, and everyone involved in making this happen. Several of our Keauhou members have volunteered to help us raise money for the project, so stay tuned for more information.

We have a busy two months until the end of the year. This Friday, we host a Halloween-themed Monthly Brunch with Steve Jefferson, Founder/CEO of Kuleana Rum as our speaker. On Saturday, we are holding a huli drill, and steering training.

This year, Keauhou Canoe Club hosts the 26th annual Abbott Galaher Seaman Memorial Race, a fundraiser for the Hawai'i Island Food Basket. Later 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 — a time-honored way of bringing people together in gratitude and community.

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

