



NEWSLETTER

**THURSDAY
4/17/2025**



News

Our KCC Board held their April Board Meeting on **Sunday, April 13**. Club membership is now 662, with 33 new this month

Yes, the board has voted to bring back **guest paddling**, specifically for relatives of KCC, and now they're working out how to structure it. We'll keep you posted.

KCC does allow **Memorial Services**, in the model of the Mary MacCheyne memorial.

- Must be associated with Keauhou members
- No cremains in Hawaiian canoes
- Cremains taken out in power boat 3 miles out before release

KCC is offering **three \$2,000 college scholarships** to high school or club paddlers: the J.R. Rogers, Mike Haines, and Mary MacCheyne Scholarships. Since 2008, we've awarded over \$40,000 to more than thirty students. Please tell friends and neighbors who paddle and email Bill Armer for more information: billandcindyarmer@gmail.com.

Keauhou Events

Monthly Pau Hana - Next One is Friday, May 2

The board holds a monthly Pau Hana. It is a casual event where people in the club can hang out, talk story and get to know one another, and get to know their board. The April Pau Hana on April 4 was definitely a listening meeting.

We hope to see you at our Pau Hana on **Friday, May 2**. We provide water & juice. Bring a pupu to share.

Last Friday Potluck Brunch, 8:30am Friday, April 25

The March Potluck Birthday Brunch on Friday, March 28 featured Fern and John Gavelek speaking on whale count experiences. See you on **April 25!**

New Member Orientation, Saturday, April 26

Join us on the last Saturday of each month for our New Member Orientation—sign up on the website. You'll learn about the cultural roots of paddling in Hawai'i and Keauhou Bay, get tips for paddling strong and safely, hear about club culture, and connect with fellow paddlers and upcoming events.



Competitive Paddling

Competitive Paddling practices are happening daily!

Wahine

Wahine team has close to 52 signups
Coach Dave holds practices on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, at 4:30 and a little later

Youth and Keiki

40 youth paddlers 12-18 and still growing
23 keiki paddlers and still growing.
This year, 10-year-olds will be allowed to steer koa canoes (!)
Practice is 3:15 on Tuesday/Thursday
The Keauhou van picks kids up from school.
Email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com for information about joining.

Men and Kupuna Men

The men's team practices Tuesday/Thursday at 4:30.
Kupuna men practice on Thursday at 4:30

Upcoming Races

Yamagata Challenge Race - Saturday, April 26: The race, sponsored by Dave Yamagata, will start at the Harbor and end at Keauhou Bay.

Keauhou Canoe Club Long Distance Race: Saturday, May 24: Keauhou is hosting a long distance race at the pier and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with t-shirt sales, set-up, and clean-up. We're also selling food and concessions. Please contact Chris, Coach Dave, or Bill to volunteer, or email contactkeauhouncanoecub@gmail.com.



Recreational Paddling

Recreational paddling times stay the same all year long.

- Join us for recreational paddling on:
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 a.m.
 - Tuesday, Thursday: 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.
 - Saturday: 7:30 a.m.



Huli Drills

If you're a recreational paddler who wants to paddle in 6-man canoes, it's a good idea to complete a Huli Drill. A Huli Drill is a fun, confidence-building experience where you'll learn what to do if a canoe hulis—how to stay safe, right the canoe, bail it out, and climb back in. **Our next Huli Drill is Sunday, May 18, 9:00-10:00.**

If you'd like to participate, email Cindy Armer at cindyarmer@gmail.com.

Become a Steersman

Interested in becoming a Steersman? **Join our upcoming Steering Clinic—Saturday, July 26, 9:00-10:00.** You'll learn on land and in the water, then receive paperwork to begin practicing with experienced Steersmen. Once your practice is complete, the Steering Committee can approve you as an official Recreational Steersman.

To participate—or if you attended earlier but didn't receive your paperwork—email Cindy Armer at cindyarmer@gmail.com.

President's Message

For a long time, we were the only canoe club on this island offering a scholarship and now we offer three—each created to remember a giving person who went before their time should have been up—J.R. Rogers, Mike Haines, and Mary MacCheyne. Yesterday's mail carried word about two Bo Campos \$2000 scholarships being offered by Kai Opua Canoe Club. Both clubs are excelling in helping young people get a good start on the next stage of their lives.

A few weeks ago, a number of Keauhou adults and children joined Kai Opua and Kai Ehitu youth in the HI-PAL paddling event with the Hawaii Police department, a great example of the spirit of togetherness for good. Every day we see our more senior adults working with the younger generation to teach skills like huli recovery, paddle repair, skill development, steering, and coaching keiki and youth and there is nothing like a youngster wearing a medal for doing well. We see people grooming the grounds, rigging canoes, fixing the plumbing, inflating the tires, attaching number decals, rigging and unrigging the canoes, bailing out the canoes and fixing whatever has worn out or broken.

This is such a good time to be in this place called Keauhou—with new beginnings and new learnings as the ancestors did theirs. Enjoy your time at this time in this place. I even had to rewrite this piece from scratch because I hit the wrong button after the first draft. Be thankful and enjoy even your funkiest moments.
Aloha, Bill