



Outrigger Canoe Club

2019 Athletic Committee Annual Report

The 2019 OCC Athletic Committee consisted of thirteen (13) sports and fitness subcommittees. Each committee was led by a chair and committee activities supported by the committee members. On behalf of OCC, we extend a sincere “Mahalo” for their service during the year.

Subcommittee Chairs:

Beach & Water Safety – Todd Bradley/Dolan Eversole

Canoe Racing – Walter Guild

Fishing & Boating – Jennifer Fratzke/Brad Thiessen

Fitness Center – Jon Bryan

Golf – Jarriel “JT” Tuinei

OC-1 & Kayak – Billy Pratt

Paddleboard – Peter Balding, Jr

Running & Hiking – Katy Bourne

Sailing Canoe – Billy Philpotts/Bruce Black

Softball – Art Mallet

Surfing – Brendan Bradley

Swim – Ben Komer

Volleyball – Max Clini

Board Coordinating Directors: Bret Chuckovich, Rick Piper

Club Captain/Athletic Chair: Brendan Bradley

Overview of the Athletic Committee:

The Athletic Committee is a Standing Committee provided for under the Club’s Bylaws. Its function is to have charge of all athletic sports and events. (Bylaws, 19) The Committee is responsible for the implementation of the purpose and overseeing the administration of the athletic programs. The Coordinating Directors of Athletics on the Board of Directors shall oversee the Athletic Committee. The Committee shall consist of the Club Captain, as the Chair, and the Chairs of all the Athletic Programs, as the members.

The athletic programs shall promote sports history, traditions, and skills as well as maintain competitive training programs for members in all ages.

Committee Philosophy:

- Maximize member participation
- Support competitive athletic programs
- Optimize allocation of resources

Athletic Committee Update:

Report from Brendan Bradley, Club Captain:

Following Dolan's tenure as Club Captain, I was tasked with working with Athletic CDs and Athletic Director to better define the role of Club Captain. The role has evolved to support the Athletic Director and offer as an intermediary and buffer between committees and CDs, as well as between members and committees. Over the past few years there have been changes within the Club that affected and influenced member opinion, whether true or rumor. I felt it would be best to understand the truth of what was happening and disseminate proper information to those members that were curious to learn more. Explaining what was happening and why or the reasoning behind why it was happening was very important.

The first task with regard to managing information and responding to member complaints came in the form of the Special Athletic Member (SAM) Ad Hoc. The goal of this ad hoc was to review the Bylaws of the SAMs Membership to see if there were any updates that may make it a more accurate and applicable. The years prior we saw a significant growth in SAMs and Members wanted clarity on what SAMs received. In addition to learning much about the program, we made small updates to the bylaws. This was an important task for me in the early months of the position primarily because of the information the Ad Hoc learned. There was a lot of misunderstanding regarding the SAMs and once the ad hoc had been dissolved and finished its task, I think we all realized we were missing parts of information that gave some a bias towards the SAM program. Bias that wouldn't have been there had the right information had been delivered when questions about the program arose.

Over the past year, a small group of design and brand-oriented people have been discussing the possibility of creating a central design team for the Club. A group that could essentially handle the promotion of merchandise that not only represented the Club, but was sought by the athletes and fulltime members. Since being appointed to Chair of the Surf Committee I have implemented newly designed merchandise that I thought fulltime members would want to wear. Every year since then we have sold out of shirts and hats at our Surf Jam event. It was clear we needed more athlete-centric merchandise. Thus, our Athletic Design Ad Hoc was formed with Shannon Pelkey, Tyler Roukema, Siana Hunt, Reed Dolman, and myself. While the group will likely grow and the thesis will change, at the moment we aim to better brand our Athletics with uniform merchandise and an unbreakable logo that athletic subcommittees can use.

Reed Dolman created a number of real-life examples of how brands utilize logos for their brands and sub-brands to create uniformity and similarity amongst their platforms. Within Outrigger Canoe Club, there are numerous committees, sub-committees and demographics to note, and perhaps in the future, brand audits and logos can be created for all. At this point, we are focused on a more controlled and regularly engaged 'who' Athletics are, and the sub-committees that fall under athletics is the field in which we are most attuned with and understand. To reiterate our deliverables, we discussed a few questions that brought this ad-hoc together.

Where do our athletes get OCC branded gear? Answer: primarily athletic events, and through the athletic subcommittees. How can the gear be more uniform so that the family of Outrigger soft goods have visual ties to each other? Answer: create an unbreakable design that can flow for each of the committees; secondly, elect a central design group that can assist athletic subcommittees with their merchandise seems like the best way to control what is produced.

As a group we mulled over the 21 logo designs Reed prepared. All pulling from iconic themes resonant through Outrigger and its long history in sports of Hawaii. There were a handful that stood out, a handful

that can be removed from our consideration, and a few that have a lot of potential. One aspect of our design exploration led us to realize that fonts need to be centralized and we should consider one that can be used through all mediums of Outrigger. The goal in 2020 will be to decide on logos we want to continue to move forward with, and comment on what we like and dislike about those, and bring in other members from other committees as part of the initiative. We are all very excited to help grow the team spirit within the Club, and feel that this is an exciting and necessary step to growing the brand of OCC athletics and eventually OCC in general.

Lastly, I found I was capable when it came to involving more members in the athletic subcommittees. For example, Peter Balding has made it clear he would like to retire from the Paddle Board Committee chair, and I was able to connect him with Chris Fong who will be shadowing him this year to eventually take over for him in 2021.

Athletic Subcommittees:

Beach & Water Safety:

The B&W Safety accomplished numerous safety and procedure projects in 2019, as well continued to oversee day to day risk management with the beach, equipment and facilities.

Motor Vessels:

The B&W Safety committee continues to support the new athletic subcommittee for escort boat management and policy, ***The OCC Escort Preventative Maintenance and Operational Plans***, with Greg Moss as the Chair. This new subcommittee continues to serve as an equipment and training management committee in a support function to Beach Services. It coordinates directly with the Club Captain, the Canoe Racing Chair, and the Athletic Director, and functions to support the sustainable and efficient use of the OCC escort vessels, as well as create a protocol manual and calendar to assist the Beach Services to keep the boats running as we would our own personal vessels. Several vessel operational and maintenance procedure changes have been identified and these changes are being coordinated with Beach Services staff.

Motor Boat Report:

Whaler 1 got an engine upgrade with new Suzuki 150 Hp motors, they are running well and are in proper working order. The boat is no longer under-powered and runs at a lower RPM, so it burns less fuel. An outboard motor bracket from Armstrong Marine Products was ordered to accommodate the bigger engines, and a fiberglass splash guard across the transom was also added to eliminate the flooding issues this model of Whaler suffers from. Once that was done, the back bench seat was moved back to this new wall to increase the deck space. Its trailer is in proper working order, and was adjusted to accommodate the new overall length of the boat.

Whaler 2 has the older Suzuki 115 Hp motors, which are running well and in proper working order. These motors are scheduled for replacement in early 2021, and will be mounted on an Armstrong bracket if the modifications we are making to Whaler 1 prove to be beneficial. Parts from the two old motors that came off of Whaler 1 are being used when repairs are needed, so the decision to keep the old motors is paying off. The trailer is in proper working order.

The Seablade was bottom-painted, got two new tachometers and is in proper working order. The trailer is in proper working order.

Youth Paddling Program Risk Management Guidelines: This was created in 2017 and given to the Youth Outrigger Paddling coaches as guidelines for practices at OCC, to ensure the safety of the youth paddlers. New protocols were established for canoes practice usage at the Club that limit use of canoes during “Black Flag” days at OCC. These policies are based on beach ocean conditions and meant to limit use of OCC canoes when conditions are dangerous. The Committee continues to monitor the day to day conditions and coordinate with the Athletic Director and Beach Service staff to notify the paddlers of advisories when ocean and weather conditions are high risk for using canoes at OCC beach. With the development of the Na Kama O Kapua (Girls Outrigger paddling program) and the “Quiver” program the Committee will continue working with the Outrigger Paddling committee and Beach Services on fine tuning the guidelines with the Watercraft to limit the exposure and stay in compliance with insurance coverage expectations.

King Tides: Throughout, 2019, the still water levels remained about three to twelve inches of elevated water level ABOVE predicted tides. The regional anomaly peaked on Christmas day at 12 inches above normal but has now decreased to 4-6 inches above normal. Exceptionally high tides and co-incident high surf can cause severe wave run-up and beach erosion fronting the OCC.

Seawall: A seawall structural assessment was conducted by a local Engineering firm, Sea Engineering Inc. The structural assessment revealed the need for maintenance repairs that is currently being reviewed by the Buildings and Grounds committee. The Beach and Water Safety Committee strongly supports the seawall maintenance and repairs and recommends inclusion of several additional construction projects. These include:

1. Inclusion of the fabrication, field verification and installation of an aluminum wave deflector system for the Hau Terrace portion of the seawall.
2. Addition of embedded drainage system and concrete apron for the unprotected “Ewa” portion of the backshore area behind the seawall and fronting the Hau Terrace.
3. Removal of an encroachment along the Ewa seawall fronting the beach desk.
4. Sand retention system (Sandbags) on top of the Colony groin to retain sand that washes over the groin in the summer months.
5. Beach maintenance to relocate (approximately 50 cubic yards) of sand alongside the Colony groin to the Outrigger side of the beach to cover the hau tree roots and Ewa beach stairs area.

Beach Stairs: B&WS is developing conceptual plans for a new set of main beach stairs to extend seaward and down to the bedrock surface. The stairs will be designed to accommodate the expected beach level fluctuations from winter to summer and to allow access for larger personal watercraft and 6-person canoes year-round. Since the stairs will encroach seaward of the property line it may trigger a certified shoreline and state easement for the use of this area. The Elks Club installed a similar set of stairs 2 years ago that facilitates access to the water from their beach stairs. Dolan Eversole is coordinating with several manufacturers to develop conceptual plans for a new stairway. This project will be developed under joint consultation with B&G, B&WS, and Paddling committees as part of a larger beach access plan.

2020 B&W Safety Highlights:

1. *Facilitate the initiation of the seawall maintenance and wave deflector project.*
2. Main beach stairs access improvement and stair extension.
3. *Complete canoe surfing certification protocols to implement in 2020.*
4. Risk management and safety protocol for new OCC craft membership and youth paddling programs.

Ongoing projects:

1. Beach maintenance plan for Colony groin stem to keep sand from going to Kaimana.
2. *Monitoring tide levels for the summer months.*
3. *Development of long-term beach restoration plans and vision.*
4. Review Escort boat certification list and ADD/SUBTRACT Drivers and conduct OCC Escort (ORM) Ocean Risk Management courses as needed for new drivers that qualify.

Picture below is an example of long-term beach restoration.



Canoe Racing:

2019 was a successful year for the Canoe Racing. Walter Guild stepped in for Tom McTigue as Canoe Racing Committee Chairman, Tom remained on the committee for continuity, always willing to do whatever is needed for the good of the Club. There were many changes to the committee, as a whole, with a focus on representation (Roles as well as crews), with an emphasis on the Junior programs (Boys and Girls) which received significant investments in the 2019 budget.

Registration/OHCRA:

There were significant fee increases in 2019, confirmed after our budget was approved. The increase in costs were offset by an increase in our paddling fees (from \$150 to \$185). The process of registration was once again headed by Siana Hunt with assistance from Christen Kam and Shannon Pelkey. It is still one of the biggest challenges of the year but we have identified some of the bottlenecks and we are approaching the process as two separate pieces that each require a team approach. The first is registering with HCRA (prior to first regatta), which were able to get ahead of with "The Big Day" where we had a large segment of the paddling community around to help with prepping the Ala Wai and the canoes, and the second is race day team. Siana was the primary for both and did an excellent job but we will look to add stake holders to each to give more flexibility and prevent burning out.

Equipment:

We made some major equipment investments in 2019. In an effort to bring the junior girls program towards parity with the OKLK program, there were OC-1s and OC-2s purchased to allow for the participation in the OC-1 season and facilitate a more comprehensive training schedule. There were also new engines purchased for one of the whalers to increase safety. We purchased 2 new unlimited canoes and had the existing Puakea canoe repainted to match the Club's colors. The unlimited canoes were often

used for practices and a very useful tool when extra paddlers showed up to the beach late. The women and Jr girls used unlimited extensively in distance season.

Coaching:

We had many new coaches for the 2019 season. Dr. Blane Chong took over for the Open women, with the assistance of Liz Perry, George Wilson and Harry Newhart. Jim Beaton continued his coaching of the Open Men, Novice A's in addition to the 50s for a regatta season who split off for distance season. Liz Perry continued her amazing streak of guiding the Novice programs for regatta before folding into the Open Women. The junior girls program (NKOK), overseen and organized by Anthony Hunt, who also coached a crew was a massive success. With the help of many assistants [fill in names] and crew coaches [fill in names] the NKOK program got off to a quick and impressive start with great participation early in the year. Using the KLK as their blueprint, we are thrilled to have NKOK as the blueprint for the 2020 Junior Boys. The junior boys program in 2019 was a success and in the final year of the partnership with KLK. While the partnership was ended with the open men of KLK prior to the Molokai Hoe. Overall, OCC was able to leverage the resources and equipment of their program as a force multiplier for our own investment in the program.

Solo Craft Season:

The juniors made a presence in the solo craft season this year with 46 junior members participating, the season concluded with the Maui Jim Molokai Challenge which saw 60 of juniors (47 boys & 13 girls) and with about 25 of open men and women participate representing OCC.

Regatta:

Before the Regatta season began the CRC spent time deliberating whether the Club would participate in States on Kauai due to the conditions following the flooding from the prior year. It was decided it would have been to the detriment of the community of Hanalei and potentially disastrous for the Club if there were any issues/delays in the rebuilding effort. We had another successful regatta season finishing 2nd place in regattas. We have significantly fewer paddlers than Lanikai which has made it challenging for us to compete in the masters/golden masters divisions later in the day. We also made a conscious decision to focus on qualifying crews for MacFarlane over maximum points in those events in order to give us the best chance at winning our Regatta...and it worked! We won the 4th of July MacFarlane regatta again this year, which was very exciting.

Distance:

Our distance season with all of the programs fully committing did create some scheduling bottlenecks but overall we were able to have a majority of programs work out of the Club most of the time. We looking ahead to attempt to manage the issue as it may become more prevalent in 2020 as the KLK program ran many of their workouts from Hawaii Kai using Alan Pflueger's whalers.

The club overall was very well represented and had good finishes in all of the Distance races. The women/NKOK put the new unlimited canoes to great use racing in them often throughout the season. Paula Crabb once again put on an amazing Dad Center race. She will be travelling this summer for the Tokyo Olympics so she has already sent the information needed, including timelines and costs, so we can put the race on in her absence. The E Lau Hoe race had strong conditions so we only entered our first two crews on the amended course, they finished 5th and 10 respectively. We have continued to emphasize a safety baseline as the programs have grown and become more inclusive to ensure positive experiences as well as preserving the Clubs reputation. The men's 55s decided to compete in the Pailolo Challenge in place of the Molokai Hoe. The budget was unaffected by the decision as costs offset.

Na Wahine & Molokai Hoe:

The crossings were the culmination of a great season. The Open Women finished a strong 2nd place in a battle with Lanikai (Team Bradley took first convincingly). The NKOK first crew came in 17th overall in an inspiring performance. The Open men, in a break from tradition, had their first crew in the Koa, winning the division and ending up 16th overall. The OCC junior boys first crew won their division and finished two places ahead of the Koa.

Fishing and Boating:

The year kicked off at the OCC athletic banquet in January where we awarded the first Menehune Award to Poet Gentry and introduced our new chair Jennifer Fratzke. The first goal for 2019 was to involve more one-man human-powered approach fishing at OCC, but also maintain what has already been positive in the past. The Committee this year had a mix of both OC1 fishermen-women and motorized fishermen-women, all bringing knowledge and input to bring to the table. The second goal was to provide free clinics to create more excitement and therefore more participation. Early in the year, the Committee focused on the current fishing and boating laws, it is important everyone knows the current rules for the year and share this knowledge to keep everyone on the water safe. Brainstorming took place for 2019 Fishing Tournament ideas, and what clinics would be helpful and exciting to give before the tournament to get more people hyped. The clinics were to include knot tying, lures and safety, and will have staff from POP Fishing & Marine to help with clinics.

On April 5th and 6th, POP Fishing and Marine held free fishing clinics for OCC members and their guests. The Fishing tournament was held on Saturday, May 11th. The Committee decided to hold the tournament earlier in the year to hit the active fishing season. There was a little concern with the big Mother's Day Banquet happening the next day, but with 38 entries, it worked out well. It was a very eventful day with the first boat calling in an Ono at 10am, and the second boat calling in a Mahi shortly after. Throughout the rest of the day, there were about a dozen fish caught coming from all competitors. By 4pm the winning catch was a 47" Ono, and all but 3 motorboats with a fish to show. Out of 10 human-powered crafts, 1 landed a fish and the others had several bites and close calls. At 6pm we held the banquet at the OCC Snack Bar with plenty of awards and raffles to give away. The venue was the perfect size for the amount of entries. The raffle left everyone with something to take home and ticket proceeds helped to raise money for the committee.

At the Committee meeting in August, the committee discussed next year's tournament and pre ordered tee shirts with the surplus budget from this year. We also discussed rule changes and feedback we got from this year's tournament. Jennifer will step down as chair for now, and will hopefully return soon. Brad Thiessen will assume Chair in 2020. The Fishing and Boating Committee is dedicated to analyzing feedback from this year's event and making 2020 and beyond even greater. We will continue to build on what was good, what needs to change, and what else we can do throughout the year to keep Fishing and Boating active.

Fitness Center:

At the beginning of 2019, the TVs on the cardio equipment were not working because they were upgraded to HD when the big TVs were upgraded, but needed to stay analogue. After patiently waiting, Spectrum came and repaired it, so the control panels will work and separate remote controls are not needed. Total Fitness updated the software on all cardio machines to improve audio sound and functionality. Plexiglass was installed to the bottom two feet of the full wall mirrors to protect the mirrors from breaking. This should help reduce breakage when members lean free weights or equipment onto the mirrors.

The new equipment in 2019 started with two new cardio bikes in March. When new equipment is purchased for the Fitness Center, it is recycled to the Men's and Women's locker rooms. The two old bikes were moved to the men's and women's locker rooms fitness areas. The new Life Fitness Cross-Trainer was delivered in October, and the current Cross-Trainer moved into the men's locker room. Member Ron Hochuli donated several pieces of equipment, including several different cable pulldown bars, handles and curl bars. Big mahalo to Ron for making this donation and for making our Fitness Center even better for other members to enjoy.

Two new racks were purchased, one with new dumbbells to house all the kettlebells and properly store three stability balls. Because of the tight space, the goal was to get the kettlebells and stability balls off the floor to provide more space and less clutter in the gym.

Golf:

Another successful year overall for our golf group. For the 1st time as Chair, we had 2 cancelled tournaments due to really bad weather and course conditions, one of which a couple of us die-hards stayed and played in the rain! We did add a tournament to the double points list to help offset the loss of those tournaments. It allowed for players to make the cut to qualify for the points list for the club championship. It also let in several players to make that cut, one of which ultimately became our men's club champion. So, after successfully defending the men's and women's club championship, SE Lee and myself are pleased to present to you, OCC's new golf champions, Uli Frowein and Edwina Moscatelli. Congrats to you both!

On a side note, I will officially be turning the reins of the golf chairmanship over to Mark Thomas. He was been with the golf group just as long as I've been playing with the group, I believe 6+ years now. We first met at Ewa Beach Golf Course back in 2013 and Phil Sevier, Chair at the time, paired us together. At 9 am, we were popping beers and said to each other that this is how golf should be played, with the consumption of adult water beverages. Mark is excited about the golf group and participates each month. As a regular member, he will do his best to get more members to participate and successfully organize our tournaments for 2020 and beyond. Aloha Mark!

OC1 & Kayak:

The year started out with reassigning the watercraft lockers for 2019. Many hours were put in to move boats out, relocate boats because of the reallocation of space, and chase people to get their boats out who did not qualify for renewal. We are continually working to create space for those who want it, we have successfully encouraged some to cease their rental agreement due to lack of use, and some decide to terminate their locker due to cost, which has allowed us to continue to move the list of those members on the waiting list, or wanting back in. Space was made for 6 paddleboard lockers in the new ama rack, that can now be additional space allocated for canoes. The Committee elected to have a minimum rental age of 15 years old, as this is consistent with the age requirement to rent a surfboard or sign-out the four-man canoes. (The Water Safety Committee is also in support of this age minimum requirement).

In August, the Pilot Quiver Rental Program was launched, and the "Quiver" consists of four OC1's and one OC2. It is a subscription-based watercraft rental program that requires a year-long commitment, and will give members access to top-of-the-line equipment without having to bear the burden of purchasing and owning it themselves. The program requires the member to be certified via a classroom session, a water session, and a swim test. As the Club tries to maximize members' experiences, this rental program will create easier access to watercraft, beyond the surfboards already available. Not only does it open the door for those who are new to paddling and not ready to fully invest in their own canoe, but It will also give

those who own watercraft, that they are currently storing but not using regularly, an alternative way to get out on the water. The possibilities for the expansion of the QUIVER program are endless as we strive to make the amenities of the Outrigger Canoe Club extend well beyond its world-class facilities, to world-class personal watercraft of all kinds available to its membership. The mission is to take full advantage of the beautiful beachfront location and continue to develop world class watermen and women.

Seven members applied and qualified for Molokai subsidies. Members of the OC1 & Kayak Committee reviewed the request for reimbursement from OCC members participating in OC1/kayak solo races for the 2018/2019 solo season and received a subsidy for participating in races. These subsidies will not only aide our paddlers in off-setting the high level of expenses required to complete a channel crossing, but also keep them motivated to compete and represent the OCC with pride! The Committee started working on a design and print for new OC-1/Kayak logowear. This logowear will be instrumental in identifying our competing OCC athletes starting in 2020.

Paddleboard:

Paddleboarding is a sport that was created in the 40's and 50's as a way for surfers and lifeguards to maintain and improve their fitness levels in the water for rescues and greater proficiency. John Cline Mann continued to promote and provide opportunities in the sport of paddleboarding at the club. He successfully bridged his generation to the current one and we are the beneficiaries of his effort. The paddleboard committee holds two events, Scratchfest and The Cline Mann race. Both events were created by him and in 2019, Scratchfest was well attended. The Cline Mann race was cancelled due to unsafe high surf conditions.

Due to the rise of insurance costs for Ocean Safety and their business of escorting participants, Aloha Life Saving's fee has increased. As a result, Shannon Pelkey has proposed to Kenny Rust, Owner of Aloha Life Saving, a contract for all Outrigger sponsored events with a discount. We are the beneficiaries of this forward thinking by Shannon. Thank you.

Based on the recommendation of the committee in 2018 to make the Cline Mann Event a paddleboard only event in 2019 we will continue in this direction for 2020. There were many trophies left over in the 2018 event due to no participants in many standup divisions. The recommendation includes doing more advertising for this event in the lead up to the July race.

The 2020 budget request includes a line item for the Beach Staff nourishment during the race with appropriate food and hydration while working to keep all participants safe. The 2020 budget also does not have a line item for shirts for the Cline Mann race as those not used for the 2019 race will be used for the July 2020 event. The shirts were purchased through O'iwi Ocean Gear. Also, the trophies ordered for the 2019 event will be used as well with an adjustment made to the plates on the trophy to reflect the date change.

The Committee is looking forward to another good summer of paddleboarding at the club and thanks the board for allowing us to continue to promote this sport at the Outrigger.

Running & Hiking:

Here's a recap of what we did every month in 2019. We had between 5-15 on most hikes and always a dog or two. Rain or shine, we hiked on, made new friends and spent quality time with old pals in beautiful awe-inspiring environments.

Hike Dates

Feb. 24 Ualaka'a / Maunalaha
 March 10 Hanauma Bay Trail
 Apr 21 Pu'u pia
 May 26 Wa'ahila ridge
 June 30 Lanipo
 July 28 Peacock flats
 Aug 18 Judd Trail
 Sept 29 Lulumalu falls
 Oct 20 Maunalaha
 Nov 10 Moanalua Valley
 Dec 29 Maunawili falls
 Jan 1, 2020 Sunrise on Hanauma Bay Ridge

Sailing Canoe:

The mission of the Sailing Canoe Committee, that had its inaugural year in 2019, is to perpetuate the traditional sport of canoe sailing through training, education and sailing activities. The OCC's sailing program and committee shall leverage the Club's seasoned sailors to provide members opportunities to safely sail at OCC and within Hawaii's abundant and diverse sailing communities. The Committee accomplished its first year initiatives by getting the sailing canoe in the water and moored at the Club, scheduled and coordinated regular monthly/weekly sails, and created a certification process with a policy and procedure for use of the Club's sailing canoe (in coordination with Beach and Ocean Safety Committee).

The Committee believes that best way to gain traction for the canoe sailing program is get members sailing. Introductory educational sails on the Holoholo were offered twice a month from April - December (weather and surf permitting), given by Bruce Black every second Saturday, and by Sam Clemens (the Beach Captain), every last Saturday. The surf and wind conditions continued to push back the weekend training sessions, but we were still able to get in 9 rides with two sail groups a day (with 4 participating in each group). The sign-up for sail training was positive and there have been a number very happy and eager participants that have gone sailing with Sam and Bruce.

On October 23rd in the Board Room, the Committee offered its first classroom training session to certify captains and crew for use of the Club sailing canoe, it was well attended with 14 members. There were an additional 20 members interested who still need to attend the classroom session. Billy and Bruce covered safety expectations, equipment, rigging knots, sail plans, weather forecasting, channel navigation, and maintenance responsibilities. The Committee proceeded to expedite certification of targeted members with canoe sailing experience and thereby expand the training capacity of the program, and get more members involved to enjoy the canoe. Robi Solmssen, the original owner of the Holoholo, was the first to be a certified Captain, and John Wacker came second, they completed the requirements and demonstrated the Captain skills and familiarity with the Holoholo sailing canoe. Chris Laird and Mike Durkin will be the next qualifying captains. A Sail Plan notebook will be kept at the beach desk, and a sail plan must be filed each time the sailing canoe is taken out to track the usage and create documentation on who is using the canoe.

On Christmas morning there was an unusually strong southerly storm with gale force winds (39-54 mph), coupled with storm surf and an overnight super high tide. Just about all the boats and canoes were sunk on their moorings. Upon retrieving the Holoholo, and inspecting the damage, it was discovered that the canoe

hull had some structural damage and a lot of cosmetic damage, the main ama was completely gone except for one small piece connected to the riser, and one of the iako spars had been broken in half. Immediate action was taken to get the canoe fixed, which will include updating the bottom paint, and replacing the ama and iakos.

Softball:

The first game of 2019 was in February, it was a riveting event, filled with suspense and drama. We won 2 of the 6 innings, although the overall score was fairly lopsided, we showed a lot of potential and even held a practice over the weekend. The next game is on Wed, March 5th. The 2019 Softball season is well underway and do we have some big news! We have won, not one, but TWO games so far. While traditionally we tallied winning innings due to our lack of any actual full game victories this season things are really coming together. Word of our renaissance must have gotten around, because Bill Kilcoyne, who played and coached the original OCC Softball team is back and is hasn't lost his touch.

Outrigger softball is on the rise. While the spirit of competition has always been strong with the team, the actual competing has always been a bit of a challenge. I can say with confidence that we are trending up. With some great additions to the team, some from the original Outrigger squad we have won 4 games this year so far and stand just under .500 with a 4-5 record. We no longer tally innings that we are winning since we actually win games almost half the time. We would like to thank the board and the membership for supporting our group and we hope to see you all on the field soon!

The 2019 OCC softball season has come to an end. It was one for the record books. After a few winless seasons, we finally broke the streak and went on to win almost half of our games. A big part of this was due to a new team entering the league that was beyond novice, that we happened to play 3 times, luckily, they were managed by the owner of a bar near the field so we were able to impart our wisdom and previous losing experience in exchange for free adult beverages. This year was especially fun because our player demographic expanded beyond the paddler world to a better reflection of the diversified interests of our membership. In all seriousness, it has been an incredible experience seeing the team improve so dramatically in such a short period. While we have a long way to go, the support we showed each other at our worst was even more enthusiastic than our cheers for our successes. I was very proud of how we represented the club outside its walls. Thank you so much for the support of the Board and the membership and we hope to see you on the field with us one day.

Surf:

The Surf Committee again focused on continuing their two main events, The OCC Surf Jam Contest, formerly known as the OCC Surf Contest, and the Surf Movie Night ("Surf Night") that includes the unveiling of the Junior Surfer of the Year.

The 3rd Annual Surf Jam was held in July. It was another great year for surf!! We had initially planned to run in June, but due to less than ideal conditions, needed to push back the event until the right opportunity presented itself. We had great participants and even better spectators of all age. Many hung out with us all day and cheered on their favorite surfers. As usual, the canoe surfing event did not disappoint. Some of the best wipeouts were seen during this event, but thanks to our great lifeguard crew in the water on Jet Skis there was no injuries, and plenty of smiles.

The Committee wrapped up its last event of the summer with the Surf Night, this time in December. In the past, the Surf Night was held on the Koa Lanai and many thought it had to formal of a feel for the event.

This year, with the help of the F&B staff and the other outrigger crews, we were able to move the event to the beach and utilize the space at the snack bar to host our attendees. It was a beautiful venue and shows a lot of potential for the future events. The turnout was less than spectacular with only about 30 of the projected 60 attendees, but we were happy to have the new location. Junior Surfer of the year Sam Owen was announced at the event and he was stoked to accept with friends and family there. Sam is a great person in and out of the water and embodies the attitude and talent that is synonymous with the John McMahon Junior Surf of the Year Perpetual Trophy.

Swim:

The OCC Invitational race was held on Saturday, May 25th. We had 56 participants and the t-shirt, dri fit, and goggle sales were good. Everyone had a good time and luckily the conditions cooperated and besides some sets rolling through the channel everything went well.

The 102nd annual Castle Swim was held on Sunday, December 1st, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. 26 swimmers had a great time participating. 34 had signed up online but only 24 of those showed up plus 2 walk ins. We think it was because it was overcast and rainy so it turned some people off. Next year we will charge for the race when members sign up online, hopefully that will keep people from dropping out day of.

Had our first Swim Committee meeting in a few years. Got some new blood coming to the meetings. Some liked the idea of the Triathlon with the surf committee, others didn't and were pushing for a 3rd race. Ideas were thrown around. Nothing was even remotely solidified.

Volleyball:

Boys Indoor

The 2019 season was a remarkable year for the Club's volleyball program. For starters, the boys indoor experienced growth unlike anything we have seen in decades. The number of teams has grown five-fold; this evolution and growth of the program is great testament to the level of trust and support provided by the Club's Board of Directors and its Athletic Coordinating Directors. Unlike other athletic endeavors at the Club, which often deal with finite resources reducing the allowance for participation in competition, in the volleyball arena the increase in the number of teams has expanded the Club's capacity to serve more of its members and provide additional opportunities for competitive play-time and also to be 'seen' by coaches at regional and national tournaments.

The Outrigger Canoe Club sent 5 teams to compete in the USA Boy's Junior National Championships in Dallas, Texas the first week of July 2019. All teams competed hard and represented the Club well. Highlights from the tournament include a very impressive 5th place finish by the 14's squad in the Open division, the highest level of competition. Also a 5th place finish by the 16's team in the Club division. The other 3 teams finished as follows: OCC 16s took 17th in the Open Division, OCC 17s took 33rd in the Open Division and OCC 18s took 31st in the Open Division. While the 18's team final standing fell short of expectations, it is important to note that on day 1 of competition our team battled and beat the top seeded team of Mountain View Volleyball Club (MVVC) which ended up winning the entire tournament crowning themselves as the #1 team in the country.

Given the momentum and success of the indoor program our team count increased from 5 to 7 in the Fall 2019. This upcoming season we plan to field the following groups: 12's (developmental), 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's (x2) and 18's. The boys program is suited to continue on its very positive trajectory.

Fundraising Activities

The volleyball program successfully organized 3 main fundraising activities in 2019 helping to boost its funding by about \$5,000. The main activities included:

- Volleyfest tournament which hosted other teams playing OCC squads and funds raised via food concessions.
- Booster T-shirts sale prior to Qualifier and Nationals tournaments.
- Portuguese Horseshoe tournament held at the Club's sand courts.
- The plan is to continue expand our fundraising reach in 2020 to help defray the financial expense of running our program.

Girls Sand

What an amazing year for our Beach Volleyball program and the girls that participated. Led by Head Coaches Lia Hunt and Evan Silberstein, our girls consistently took the top spots during local tournaments and had our best summer of competition in our short history. We again had around 40 girls participating with us ranging from ages 12-18. Our Squads of Jaclyn Matias & Ella Connor, Tayli Ikenaga & Alyssa Muraoka, Kassidy Chun & Emi Erickson and Hie Loui & Kamaluhia Garcia all brought home gold medals at several local tournaments throughout the year. The program traveled to Hermosa beach to compete in the AAU Junior Nationals and the BVCA Championships. We traveled 12 teams of girls (the most in our program history) to these two tournaments and they competed hard in unfamiliar conditions against the top teams in the country. We had some amazing finishes with the majority of our teams making it to Gold or Silver Bracket out of pool play. Jaclyn Matias and Ella Connor were the standout team for Club placing top 10 over all in both tournaments and taking home a 5th in the BVCA Tournament which is the biggest and most competitive tournament of the year. They took down teams with girls committed to Stanford, UCLA, Pepperdine and USC. The best achievement of the summer was that our girls received interest from Division 1 colleges coaches for scholarships! Here are some of our highlight finishes from the tournaments:

12U:

- **Kahea Moriwaki and Natalie Fukumoto**
 - AAU: 5th Overall out of 80+ Teams!
 - BVCA: 1st Place in Silver Bracket out of 60+ Teams- got to play on Centre Court on Live TV!

14U:

- **Hie Loui and Kamaluhia Garcia**
 - BVCA: 2nd Place in Silver Bracket out of 125+ Teams!- got to play on Centre Court on Live TV!
- **Rella Binney and Dylan Hall**
 - BVCA: 1st Place in the Bronze Bracket out of 125+ Teams! got to play on Centre Court on Live TV!

16U:

- **Jaclyn Matias and Ella Connor**
 - AAU: GOLD 9th overall out of 113 teams
 - BVCA: GOLD 5th overall out of 180 teams!!
- **Alyssa Muraoka and Tayli Ikenaga**
 - AAU: 9th in Silver Bracket out of 113 teams
 - BVCA 9th in Silver Bracket out of 180 teams

Summary:

On behalf of the all the athletic committees, coaches and athletes, we'd like to recognize the OCC maintenance and beach services staff, and all OCC employees for their hard work and ongoing and tireless support of all OCC athletic endeavors. The athletic committee thanks our OCC Board Athletic Coordinating Directors, Bret Chuckovich and Rick Piper for their guidance and passion. We also thank the Beach Services staff and all the other dedicated OCC staff for their cooperation and support of our excellent athletic programs. Last but not least is a huge Mahalo to Shannon Pelkey who is the glue that binds all these efforts and has been instrumental as the Athletic Director in keeping the various athletic programs on track and on budget.