



Wai Nui
O Kanakā

Outrigger Canoe Club

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Mission Statement

Wai Nui Canoe Club brings the sports of Outrigger Canoe, Stand Up Paddling (SUP), and Surfski (open water kayaks) to our community, offering programs from introductory to high performance training, coached by paddlers with international experience. As well as adult programming, we offer very popular children summer camps, and serve the growing seniors' population with our daytime Kupuna stable boat program, increasing active living and participation. Our club was a pioneer in disabled paddling, and we continue to develop organizational volunteer and coaching capacity, and membership.

Wai Nui has become an established organization, considered a leader in paddlesport in Eastern Canada.

We continue to build community recreational and sport active paddling capacity, including competence in coaches, volunteers, members, and the community.

In response to COVID:

We adopted on-line booking and small-group sessions, and tripled our coaches to accommodate more sessions. Purchased sanitization supplies and signage, trained coaches and members in their use. Purchased more single boats and SUP (vs crew boats), many paddles and other equipment.

- We successfully adapted many members, old and new, to single small boats (many had only paddled crew boats in the past)
- We ran our summer camps with altered COVID protocols
- We suspended: hosting and participating in regattas from Burlington to Montreal and the USA
- We hosted popular free KARMA SUP programs for healthcare workers as a community give-back.

We drew down 50% of our contingency funds to operate in 2019 and have worked to build them back up.

Priorities this operating season:

We are doubling our operating dock space with the support of the Town of Oakville and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Our goal is:

- to maximize operations to run smoothly through this expansion phase, in coordination with the Town and with our dock partners, the CharterAbility pontoon boat charity.
- to celebrate the support that has enabled this expansion and our successful operation during COVID;
- and to minimize scheduling conflicts within the club and with our dock partners as we return to operating crew boats.

