



Canadian Outrigger Racing Association

IVF Committee



2020 CORA AGM

IVF Director Report

SPINTS – Hilo 2020:

In March, the IVF and HCRA World Sprints organizing committee had decided that the 2020 IVF World Sprint Championships, slated to be held in August, would be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was with great disappointment that we had to inform those that had been selected to represent CANADA that we would not have a Team Canada this year. At the time, we did not know the trajectory of the pandemic but in hindsight, we all know that it was the right call and are glad they made it that early.

Recent communications from the IVF state that London will remain as host for the 2022 IVF World Sprints. As such, Canadian paddlers interested in trying out for Team Canada should look for 2022 Selection documents and Intent to Compete in Spring 2021 with trials anticipated late summer/early fall (pandemic permitting of course) and Elite selection continuing into spring 2022. Hopefully, no snow at trials this time!

DISTANCE – Samoa 2021:

With the ongoing pandemic, the team selection process for Samoa 2021 was adjusted for physical distancing and registration opened spring 2020. Interested paddlers committed to individual time trials that were submitted monthly with the hope that we would hold a V6 selection camp in October. Unfortunately, it became obvious in August that a camp would not be possible with the local, provincial and federal COVID restrictions. As such the camp was postponed until the spring.

Western paddlers trying out for a V1 position did have the opportunity to race-off on October 18th in Vancouver with strict COVID protocols in place and the generous donation of time from the Jericho Search & Rescue, Jan Chev and her team of volunteers from Jericho, and members of the CORA Board.

Unbeknownst to all of us, at the same time as the V1 race-offs, IVF and SOCA (Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association) were determining the fate of the 2021 World Distance Championships scheduled for August 2021. On November 5th, the announcement came, Samoa 2021 would be postponed until 2023 – there will be no IVF World Championships in 2021. Team selections for 2023 will take place during the summer/fall 2022 into spring 2023.

At this time, there are no published event dates for London 2022 or Samoa 2023.

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