



COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (OUTBOUND)

TO THE MEMBERSHIP
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The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association is tasked with receiving, interpreting and distributing information relevant to its mandate and membership, including policy and procedures as well as opportunities and challenges to and between member clubs, among external Canadian and international organizations, and to individual members across Canada.

CORA's outbound communications initiatives for 2020 began normally over the winter of 2019/20 with the provision of the society's proceedings from its 2019 annual general meeting, followed by the preparation, broadcast and confirmation of the society's annual membership renewals among club, club-affiliated individual members and unaffiliated members. These regular orders-of-business were accompanied by the curation, consolidation and provision of CORA's annual schedule of outrigger racing for the 2020 year.

CORA's board of directors became aware of COVID 19 along with all Canadians in the early months of 2020. The last head-to-head race sanctioned by CORA and held by a CORA member club was held on 8 March 2020 (FGPC Kan-U-Hakit, Victoria BC). On or around mid-March 2020, CORA clubs, teams and solo paddlers were subject to regional and national lock-downs and closure measures that applied to sports along with institutions and businesses across Canada.

Over the remaining months of 2020, CORA's board worked carefully to draw from and adhere to regional and national public health directives and orders as



they evolved in response to the CoV2 pandemic. The board also worked with national and provincial sport organizations in order to provide public health information as it applied to our individual members and clubs. The association consolidated guidelines applicable to regions across Canada and released specific guidance to outrigger clubs, paddlers and teams in British Columbia (Canada's most active and populated outrigger region) as that province's "return to sport" phases were articulated from viaSport to sport organizations over the latter half of 2020.

CORA has sought to provide clubs and paddlers with guidance over the 2020 year, and forward guidance in 2021. As part of this effort, the association has provided race directors with flexible opportunities to submit, revise and reschedule CORA-sanctioned races as hosted by member clubs over the 2020-21 years in response to changing competitive restrictions in Canada.

The CORA board looks forward to communicating with its membership, including clubs and individuals, as Canada adapts to therapeutics, vaccines and what's anticipated to be a cautious return to head-to-head training and racing within organized sports over the second half of 2021 year. The society will monitor and broadcast national and provincial guidance as it emerges in order to balance matters of public health with the future vitality of our sport.