



CORA Pre-AGM Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 1:00-6:00 PM PST

Via Google Video Conference:

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Board members in attendance: Ron Chin, Jonathan Wilkins, Marianne Pilon (via Zoom), Leanne Stanley, Erik Ages, Rob Magus, Cindy Wright, Dean Dougherty, Graeme Galves,

Board members unable to attend: Mony Sy, Foruzan Veiji and Rob Varnel

The Pre-AGM meeting is a CORA Board meeting to discuss forward-looking issues surrounding racing, development of the sport of outrigger, promoting and facilitating both individual and club members.

1. Confirm Technical and AGM Meeting agenda is up-to-date and representative of current initiatives (All)

Motion to approve Agenda as amended

Ron Chin - First

Jonathan Wilkins - Second

Approved

2. Check together that 2023 reports are posted ahead of Technical Meeting and AGM (All)

3. New Board Nominations & Staggered 3 Year Terms (Ronald Chin)

- a. Review current directors and staggered timeline for re-elections

- b. Review and validate new Board nominations

- c. Maximum number of directors = 15

6 directors are continuing, with 3 seeking re-election (Cindy Wright, Erik Ages, Rob Varnel).

Up to 9 positions are to be filled (including the 3 seeking re-election).

d. New Nominations:

i. None yet

e. Discuss election process at AGM.

Acclamation if 9 or fewer candidates.

Individual votes on each candidate if greater than 9 candidates.

4. 2023 Grants Summary and Open Call RME Grant applications (Ronald Chin)

a. See report attached

b. We added funds to the Travel Grant to cover the shortfall. Some teams wanted to trailer the same type of boats that they were racing in for IVF races to get the practice.

c. RME grants we had a lot of requests this year.

i. Two of the clubs applied for grants to be done, Pearson for wood mill work and VCKC for repairs to their Calmar (concern about VCKC request as they are still pursuing an estimate), recommending that we do not accept. Leduc was late and vague in their request, thus doesn't qualify.

ii. Jonathan advised - Just over \$22,400 unspent as of this date, proposed that all should be approved.

iii. Motion:

Leanne Stanley - RME Grant for Pearson will be approved as long as they submit receipts by December 31, 2023. VCKC and Leduc's applications are for future costs that are too uncertain and will be asked to submit in 2024. A note will be given with approvals that if they do not expect to have receipts by December 31st, 2023, then wait till 2024.

Second - [Dean Dougherty](#)

Approved

5. Decide on date to open up CORA 2024 membership registrations / renewals

Motion

Jonathan Wilkins Open up registrations for 2024 CORA registrations, club, adult and junior is to now be December 1st, 2023, at the same rate as last year

Seconded - Erik Ages

Approved

6. CORA sanctioned races:

- a. Review race applications received (Ronald Chin)
 - i. Discuss CORA Cup Series races for 2024.

Races: FLCC - River Run, PRCC - Duel in the Desert, Jericho Iron - Jericho, Lat 48 - Island Iron and Lotus - Lotus Iron.

No applications for Nationals yet. Recommended Nationals should be the 3rd weekend in September, 2024.

- a. Suggestion of approaching Penticton to run Nationals
- b. Dean will check with Comox as well to see if they will run Nationals.
- c. CORA Cup Races - FLCC - River Run, PRCC - Duel in the Desert, Lat 48 - Island Iron and Lotus - Lotus Iron.

MOTION:

Cindy Wright - To accept the CORA race sanctioned applications as presented and that the following will be the CORA Cup Races for 2024 will be: FLCC - River Run, PRCC - Duel in the Desert, Lat 48 - Island Iron and Lotus - Lotus Iron and accept all other dates as presented. We will invite clubs to submit for nationals with a preference for the interior.

Second - Ron Chin

Approved.

Motion:

Ron Chin - Board authorize Graeme to enter into negotiations with Delta Deas Rowing Club for CORA to host Canadian Sprints Nationals on April 27th and 28th, 2024, and to reserve the dates for April 27/28, 2024.

Second - Cindy Wright

Approved

The following are notes that Graeme prepared and discussed during the meeting:

- ii. A spreadsheet has been compiled of all known CORA & PNWORCA & Dragon Boat & Away (Hilo; Kona; Catalina; Pailolo; etc.) dates and has been posted to this CORA AGM folder. There are several conflicts and alternatives to consider.
- iii. FLCC Spring River Run is proposed for 1 weekend before Penticton Duel In This could be the "linchpin" event that could shape the 2024 CORA Racing

Season. Based on questions about water levels at Deas Island Regional Park in late-April / early-May, I looked at Government of Canada Monthly Water Level Graph data (2021) for Fraser River at Mission (08MH024) [BC]. See the link below that shows the historical water level just upriver from Fort Langley (Mission) steadily climbing from a low in early-March to a peak in early-June and steadily dropping through June and July. If the preference is for an early May date to avail of the freshet, could we consider a Canada Day FLCC Summer River Run or a BC Day FLCC Summer River Run to provide for 3 BC Lower Mainland CORA Cup Series events and provide for spacing between all 5 proposed CORA Cup Series events?

https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/report/historical_e.html?stn=08MH024&dataType=Monthly¶meterType=Level&year=2021&mode=Graph&scale=normal

- iv. In terms of a CORA Cup Series Championship event, Lotus may be reluctant to host the event 2 consecutive years. It may be worthwhile to consider the **3-day BC Day August Weekend** (2 weeks after Lotus & 1+ week before Hilo 2024 Sprints) as a potential CORA Cup Series Championship weekend. The 2 most likely options are **Latitude 48** (giving up their early-June preferred date) or **FLCC** (giving up their early-May preferred date) and going with **BC Day August Weekend**. Penticton mid-May date is traditional and avoids Okanagan wildfire risks. Jericho late-May date is traditional and unlikely to change.
- v. FCRCC PNWORCA Winter Series race is proposed for the same Saturday as Kai Ikaika PNWORCA Winter Series race. FCRCC may consider going earlier in the schedule (Mar-2?) as the Mar-23 weekend (March Madness) and the Mar-30 weekend (SPOCC PNWORCA Winter Series race) are taken.
- vi. NOPC Crazy 8's OC6 & FGPC KAN-U-HAKIT OC6 are both proposed for the Mar-9 weekend. FGPC or NOPC may consider going to the Mar-2 weekend as there are no conflicts (yet) on the Mar-2 weekend.
- vii. FCRCC Bowen Island is proposed for the Jun-22 weekend, which is the Concord Pacific DB Festival weekend. If FCRCC wishes to compete with the Concord Pacific DB Festival, then so be it.
- viii. Lotus Iron is proposed for Jul-20 weekend. This may not be the last viable CORA Cup Series weekend, but it would mean another CORA club changing their preferred race dates or another CORA Club coming forward. **Aug 13-24 is Hilo 2024 Sprints. Aug-31 is Kona**. Every weekend in Sep is an away race. The **BC Day weekend** on Aug 3/4/5 would be the next most viable CORA Cup Series finale. Is another CORA Club going to propose a 6th CORA Cup Series Event for the BC Day Long Weekend? Would FLCC or Latitude 48 consider hosting the CORA Cup Series finale on the **BC Day Long Weekend**?

- ix. If Lotus does host the CORA Cup Series finale, then CORA would need to recruit another CORA Club to host the Sunday Small Boat event as we did in 2023, as Lotus opted not to host the 2023 Sunday Small Boat event.
 - b. Discuss whether CORA would like to host Sprints Nationals or hand back to a Host Club
 - i. See Graeme's proposal for 2024 Sprints Nationals for CORA to host Sprints at Delta. More cost effective, parking, etc., have been addressed. Suggestion of FCRCC being the contractor for this event.
 - 1. If CORA decides to host 2024 Sprints Nationals, then the Apr-27/28 weekend and the May-4/5 weekend are both enviable. If FLCC opts not to host a race on the May-4/5 weekend, then there would be zero conflicts that weekend for a Sprints Championship event at Deas Island, as there would be zero CORA, PNWORCA, or Dragon Boats events on that May-4/5 weekend. If FLCC goes with a race on the May-4/5 weekend, then the Apr-27/28 weekend would be 1 of **3 back-to-back-to-back CORA event weekends** (Sprints; FLCC; Penticton), and would conflict with a PNWORCA OC6 event that would take away potential PNWORCA Hilo 2024 Sprints paddlers / customers.
 - ii. Suggestion of arranging for National Sprints on April 27th weekend, be it Delta or any other club.
 - iii. As it is a Sprints year it is expected that there will be a lot of attendance.
 - iv. Ask Graeme to follow up with Delta to determine whether April 20th or 27th is available for the CORA Sprints [AI]. Once we have this confirmed we can set out terms of reference and send it to FCRCC as the contractor [AI]. Will pencil in dates for now [AI].
 - c. Discuss 2023 CORA Cup Series races
 - i. Review of 2023 CORA Cup Series points tabulations (Race Committee / Rob Magus) - Errors at Lotus Iron Championship event.
 - ii. **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**
 - d. Guidelines for Race Directors document (Cindy Wright)
 - i. ETA?
7. 2024 Budget Amendment Requests & Budget-Related Discussion Topics
- a. CORA 2024 Budget Requests - General
 - i. Discussion

1. Junior/Novice OC paddle prizes increased to \$1,800.00
 2. IT operations is budgeted for \$5,000.00
 - a. National Team Development Grant will likely be \$6,600.00
 - b. CORA Cup Series Championship Grants?
 - i. CORA Cup Series Championship Hosting Grant
 - ii. CORA Cup Series Championship Awards Grant
 - iii. CORA Cup Series Championship Food & Entertainment Grant
 - iv. We established a precedent of 85%/15% when OC6/Small-Boat separate clubs - establish this as a guideline? **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**
 - c. CORA Hall Of Fame (5-8 Inductees in 2024)
 - i. **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame process document does not stipulate a minimum or maximum number of Inductees per year; Subject to Nominations and Awards Committee balloting.**
8. Coaching Resources.
- a. Leanne - Touched on a few ideas around coaching, regarding club coaches using benefits from mentorship, etc.
 - b. Stuff in the budget for coach to coach regional, coaching education.
 - i. How can we create a pathway for clubs to get coaches, do we need to vet coaches, how does CORA want to support clubs to get coaches.
 - ii. Curriculum for coaches - can CORA run one in 2024 via zoom.
 1. What parts of the curriculum do we feel is important as a board where we talk to other coaches, where do we fill the gaps in their knowledge, for instance how to set a boat, etc.
 2. One of the first things we need to offer is how to start being a coach, and need curriculums for the different stages of coaches' expertise. [AI]
 3. How does a club develop its coach, it is not necessarily the loudest person in the boat.
 4. How do we know whether a coach has its credentials
 5. Coach to coach meetings - suggestions of how to reinforce what you already know.
 6. Look at what is available through other bodies like NCCP and fill in the gaps for outrigger, show where CORA has contributions to make.
 7. Take some of the non sport specifics from NCCP and fill with outrigger.
 8. Coaching theories apply across the board

9. NCCP grounding is useful, CORA is overall not regulated
10. Remember being a good paddler does not make you a good coach
11. The average paddler does not know where to begin when they are interested in becoming a coach
12. We should spend a bit of time building content for paddlers to access when they are interested in coaching. [AI]
 - a. If people don't know where to begin, they don't know how to apply for coaching education grants
 - b. Need a relevant timeline
 - c. What is reasonable to accomplish - need to draw up a draft outline for the Town Hall coaches session. Could be a blend of both CORA board and guest speakers for this meeting. [AI]
 - d. Perhaps a how-to manual Part 1 can come out of the discussions.
13. Need a session for aspiring coaches which tells people how to learn how to become a coach. Perhaps in a Town Hall.
- iii. Vetting process can include conflict of interest, ensuring coaching credentials, etc.
- iv. Schedule of best practices to set the groundwork for coaches
- v. Alan Carlson did work on coaching manual as did Rick Nu'u
- vi. We need to determine who, through CORA, can be accessed for training.
- vii. You cannot hire anyone without the right credentials to work with Juniors
- viii. Coaching Credentials - Possible topic for Townhall - pathway for coaches [AI]

9. General Discussion topics

- a. Eastern Canada OC Strategy (Foruzan) - not discussed - Foruzan Absent
 - i. Registration & CORA Membership Package Deal (Erik)
 - ii. Eastern clubs have noted that it is cheaper using OMCKRA.
 - iii. CORA could look into a day package for races requiring the membership data. How can we capture the CORA Individual (Day) memberships but not make participation financially disincentivizing?
 - iv. Need to include a discussion regarding engaging Eastern clubs and getting them involved in CORA at Pre-AGM. (2023-09)
 - v. Based on TIOC & ORPC historical participation, an **Eastern Canada Waterway Series involving Ottawa and/or Montreal** does not seem viable. Ottawa River Paddle Challenge (ORPC) 2023 had only 3 Mixed OC6 crews & 3 Women OC6 crews. Ottawa has only 2 clubs with 3 OC6s in total (ORCC has 2 Bradleys & Rideau has 1 Unlimited). Montreal has only 3 clubs with 5 OC6s in total (Huanani has 1 Mirage; Onake has 1 Bradley & 1 Unlimited;

Aumakua has 1 Unlimited). Huanani travels but has no OC6 trailer. Aumakua travels and has an OC6 trailer.

- vi. TIOC historically has had many GTA (OC & DB) & Ottawa & Montreal crews. GTA has many OC & DB clubs (Wai Nui; TSCC MKO; TSCC FS; Sunnyside; Outer Harbour Dragon Boat Club (OHDBC); Mississauga Canoe Club (MCC); New Dragons Outrigger Club (NDOC); New Dragons Racing Club (NDRC); Canadian Senior Dragon Boat (CSDC); Rusty Dragon Adventures; Wahnapiatae; NPNP?) - **This is where the clubs & paddlers are.** Wai Nui has 8 OC6s & TSCC MKO has 3 OC6s & TSCC FS has 1 OC6 & MCC has 2 OC6s & Sunnyside has 3 OC6s & OHDBC has 2 OC6s - **This is where the canoes are.** It is a 4-hours Ottawa-GTA & 5-hours Montreal-GTA drive for the 2-3 competitive Ottawa & Montreal clubs.
- vii. Wai Nui Why Not runs westerly from Port Credit. TIOC runs around/through Toronto Islands; **Recommend a 3rd GTA OC race (to form a GTA OC series)** hosted by CORA Club (Sunnyside?) supported by CORA running easterly possibly round-trip Woodbine Beach-Bluffers Park. See potential racecourse visual:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12eYnIFZVJCuS7SKujX7hMZw-MyhcLF2a>

- viii. CORA could look into a day package for races requiring the membership data. (2023-10)
- ix. Northwater (Canoe Covers; Spray Decks) interested in supporting Eastern Canada OC Clubs & being more involved as a 2024 sponsor / vendor.
- x. **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**

b. Absentee Board Members as of Feb-2021 (Graeme)

- i. Lack of quorum & lack of participation & no By-Law for removal & Motion-by-Silence-Is-Consent (Graeme)
- ii. 4 of 11 CORA 2023 Monthly Board Meetings (so far) did not have Quorum.
- iii. *Contact Mony Sy to ask what are his barriers with respect to attendance (2022-11)*
 - 1. **Ron to look at Bylaws to see if there is something there about absentee [AI]**
 - 2. **No response to any communication**

c. Insurance Summary (13 Action Items) as of Feb-2021 (Ron)

- i. ETA? Holding up roll-out of FAQs

1. Ron to get this out soon
 - ii. *Benefits of joining CORA will be sent out when new Insurance has been finalized (2021-02)*
 - iii. *Draft a memo as a reminder that if clubs have members engaging in activities that all clubs should ensure to keep membership up to date to be reviewed by Ron and then issued to all clubs (2021-03)*
 - iv. *Insurance guidelines will be posted in the context of discussion on TIOC 2021 feedback (2021-10)*
 - v. *All clubs MUST put together and submit to CORA, for sanctioning, an operating plan/outline of their practices (2021-11)*
 - vi. *Guidelines should be posted advising what is to be in the outline, cover points such as all CORA club members MUST be members with CORA (2021-11)*
 - vii. *Plain language regarding our Insurance coverage will be posted on the CORA website (2021-11)*
 - viii. *Unaffiliated members (not with a CORA club) will be apprised when they register that certain training is not an insurable activity (2021-11)*
 - ix. *Plain language regarding our Insurance coverage will be posted on the CORA website." On the Action Items (5-6 Insurance Action Items - since Nov-2021) - Ron to provide within 30 days (before next board meeting) (2022-06)*
 - x. *Need to keep a list of Member Clubs up to date so we don't pay a higher insurance premium than we need to. At the AGM, decide which clubs to drop from the Member Club list on the policy, as well as on the CORA website, etc. (2022-09)*
 - xi. *Ron to complete Insurance Summary for January 2023 Board Meeting. (2022-12)*
 - xii. *Do an email to Eastern clubs on the conditions of sanctioning for a race, such as everyone who races must be a member of CORA. Also include the requirements for a club being a member of CORA. This is also a chance to outline the benefits of being members (including the club) of CORA. (2023-09)*
 - xiii. *Ron to follow-up Dec-2023 [AI]*
- d. Race Directors Guidebook (13 Action Items) as of May-2021 (Cindy)
 - i. ETA? Holding up roll-out of FAQs
 1. *Cindy sent Race Director Guidebook to Ron*

2. Cindy has made comments, Ron to review again. [AI]
- e. CORA Sprints Race Rules (1 Action Items) as of Oct-2021 (Graeme)
 - i. Will incorporate Lessons Learned from Burnaby Lake 2002 by 2024-Jan-15
 - ii. *Update CORA Sprints Race Rules as per Distance Race Rules Revisions 2021-July (2021-10)*
 1. *Graeme to send old Rules to Cindy [AI]*
 - f. CORA General FAQs (2 Action Items) as of Oct-2021 (Graeme)
 - i. Awaiting **Insurance Summary & Race Director Guidebook**
 - ii. *Begin compiling 2020 / 2021 / 2022 Membership FAQs for self-service via FAQ Plugin (2022-05)*
 - iii. *CORA General FAQs almost ready for review. Requesting 1 or more volunteers to review FAQs (many, many of them) for political correctness to be distributed for review after AGM & before Dec-2022 Board Meeting. Graeme to circulate when further revised. (2022-11)*
 - iv. **Awaiting completion of Insurance Summary & Race Director Guidebook**
 - g. Strategic Planning Initiative (2 Action Items) as of Nov-2022 (Erik / Cindy)
 - i. ETA?
 1. Add a day to race weekend or find a day or weekend where the board can have time together to have a facilitated discussion similar to what we did yesterday regarding Team Canada Program.
 2. **Keep in budget as funding required for travel/accommodation/food**
 - ii. *Budget provided for Strategic Planning initiative. (2021-11)*
 - iii. *Hire a Strategic Planning specialist to organize and start us off. CORA will need to write a statement of work which includes hire merit criteria, should include some experience with sport. Cindy, Erik and Leanne are willing to take on writing up the job description. (2022-11)*
 - iv. **Meeting to be held at a race TBD to discuss CORA direction [AI]**
 - v. **Close the Action Item to Hire a Strategic Planning specialist**
 - h. Website Operation - Hire someone other than Paul of FGPC to handle this (1 Action Item) as of Nov-2022 (Erik)
 - i. Game Plan?

- ii. *Website Operation - Suggestion of hiring someone other than Paul of FGPC to handle this (2022-11) Discuss at 2023 Pre-AGM as to what to do with support of CORA website moving forward.*
 - iii. **Cost recovery via Paul & Erik & Jonathan**
 - iv. **Close the Action Item to Hire someone other than Paul of FGPC to handle this**
- i. CORA Director Acknowledgement form to come from Dean (1 Action Item) as of Feb-2023 (Dean / Ron)
 - i. ETA?
 - 1. **Acknowledgement Form finally provided by Dean to Ron**
 - ii. *CORA Director Acknowledgement form to come from Dean. (2023-02)*
 - iii. *Dean Dougherty to send in Acknowledgement Form. (2023-05)*
 - iv. *Acknowledgement Form still needed from Dean. (2023-11)*
- j. Safety Review (2 Action Items) as of Feb-2023 (Erik / Rob V / Adrian)
 - i. ETA?
 - 1. **Ron & Erik to follow-up with Adrian Lee (PFDs still a concern) [AI]**
 - ii. *Safety Review - Rob V. has not reviewed updates from Adrian Lee yet, recommends that someone with a good eye should review. Suggestion of asking Erik to review since FGPC has very good safety procedures. (2023-02)*
 - iii. *Erik will review the updated Safety Plan received from Adrian Lee as well as PFD info. (2023-05)*
- k. Photo-ops from the PNWORCA Winter Series FCRCC Race #5 (1 Action Item) as of Mar-2023 (Ron)
 - i. ETA?
 - 1. **Rob M and Ron to follow-up with photographer [AI]**
 - ii. *Photo-ops from the PNWORCA Winter Series FCRCC Race #5 event to be collected from FCRCC photographers for CORA website publication by Ron Chin (2023-05)*
- l. CORA Cup Series 2023 / 2024 Expectations (Jonathan)

- i. What are CORA Cup Series Host Clubs expected to deliver / provide in exchange for CORA Cup Series approval / cachet / revenue?
 - ii. *Take time at the Technical Meeting to discuss changes to the grants. Outline the expectations for the budget that should be issued to Race Directors. (2023-09)*
 - iii. *Do CORA Swag Prize Grants disincentivize CORA Cup Series Host Clubs from providing Prizes (as distinguished from Awards)? - **GG***
 - iv. *CORA Cup Series Hosts should support other CORA Cup Series events - **Reciprocity** (2023: Penticton only did Penticton; Jericho only did Jericho; Comox did Jericho & Comox & Lotus; Lotus did Penticton & Jericho & Lotus; VOS did not even do Lotus) - **GG***
 - v. Quality of the food is important (but there is food cost inflation)
 - vi. CORA Cup Series Swag Grant for 2024?
 - vii. CORA Cup Series Junior / Novice OC Paddle Grant for 2024?
 - viii. CORA Cup Series Junior Subsidy Grant for 2024?
 - ix. **Ron to write-up memo on CORA Cup Series hosts expectations [AI]**
- m. Canadian National Sprints 2024 Venues (Graeme)
- i. Proposal TBD
 - 1. **Discussed with the Race schedule. Delta Deas with potential date of April 27.**
- n. Limit on CORA Sanctioned Event weekends (proposal is 3 max) - **Graeme**
- i. Has any club exceeded the limit? - **Event Sanctioning Requests outstanding; Race Committee to ensure compliance**
- o. Safety Incidents / Concerns? - (Anyone)
- i. **Cindy to add Turn rule & Impeding / overtaking high priority rules to Race Director Guidebook [AI]**
 - ii. **Emphasize these specific rules**
 - iii. **Erik - suggested Town Hall on Race Safety (mostly for Junior / Novice Short Course)**
- p. CORA Cup Series Eligibility Motion (Graeme)
- i. Respond to requests from CORA Cup Series participating crews

- ii. It was asked by several Team Canada crews why they are not eligible for CORA Cup Series participation. Which CORA crews are eligible? Star Nation? Geronimo? Island Brave? Wolf Pack? Team Canada?
 - iii. *A Team Canada (any given) crew may earn CORA Cup Series Points and be eligible for a CORA Cup Series Division Title when **every** member of the Team Canada (any given) crew has a (Full? Associate? Seasonal?) club membership with a common CORA Member Club.*
 - iv. *There is a hole in the CORA Cup Series Rules for Clubs that acquire CORA Club Membership part-way through the CORA Cup Series (happening more often). Suggestions?*
 - v. **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**
- q. CORA Sanctioned Race Expectations (Graeme)
- i. These issues are specifically concerning 2023 FCRCC Round Bowen Race
 - ii. Race Results should be provided to the CORA Board within a reasonable amount of time for publication to the CORA website; Race Results should be in a format that minimizes the effort by CORA Board to publish these results; Race Results should be in accordance with the Distance Race Rules regarding capturing Canoe / Gender / Age Divisions accurately
 - iii. CORA had not received 2023-Jul-29 Round Bowen Race Results as of 2023-Nov-15; Round Bowen Race Results were not on WebScorer or PaddleGuru or FCRCC website or FCRCC social media - only on the Jericho website; Round Bowen Race Results did not accurately present Age Divisions (missing; incorrect); FCRCC Race Directors should be aware of the Distance Race Rules and should provide Race Results in a timely / accurate manner.
 - iv. **Will be addressed via 2023 Inbound Communication Report and Memo from Ron Chin to CORA Sanctioned Event Host clubs (expectations)**

10. Business Continuity Checklist (Ronald) for on/offboarding directors/officers and SOP sheet.

- a. Only a concern for 2023 / 2024 in the event new Directors onboarded

11. Awards Committee Report & Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award (Graeme Galves)

- a. Recent Process Changes - Foruzan joined Awards Committee; Invitations to join Awards Committee to be put forward to paddling community members from various regions

12. Club Recruitment in 2023

- a. Eastern Canada

- i. Any new clubs other than Ottawa River Canoe Club?
- ii. **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**

b. First Nations

- i. How / why did River Spirit (Chilliwack) qualify for Team USAORCA Hilo 2024 Sprints?
- ii. **Deferred until a later Monthly Board Meeting for discussion**

13. Board Member Responsibilities

- a. Action Item Review (Ownership / Timelines / "Should")
- b. Policy on Outstanding Forever tasks (time limit)

14. Other Business (Anyone)

- a.

Adjourned at 5:16PM by Ron; Seconded by Cindy.

Assignee	Action Item	Due Date	Comments
Raised Nov-25 / 2023 (Pre-AGM)			
Erik / Board (1)	Open up registrations for 2024 CORA registrations as of December 1st, 2023. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron / Race Committee (2)	Approach Penticton to run CORA Distance Championships (OC6 & Small-boat). (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Dean (3)	Dean to check with Comox if they will run CORA Distance Championships (OC6 & Small-boat). (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron / Race Committee (4)	Invite clubs to submit for CORA Distance Championships (OC6 & Small-boat) with a preference for the interior. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing

Race Committee / Graeme (5)	Graeme to enter into negotiations with Delta Deas Rowing Club for CORA to host Canadian Sprints Championships (OC6 & Small-boat) on April 27th and 28th, 2024, and to reserve the dates for April 27/28, 2024. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
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IVF Committee (7)	One of the first things we need to offer is how to start being a coach, and need curriculums for the different stages of coaches' expertise. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
IVF Committee (8)	We should spend a bit of time building content for paddlers to access when they are interested in coaching. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing

Ron (9)	Ron to look at Bylaws to see if there is something there about Absentee Board Members. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron (10)	Ron to get the Insurance Summary out soon. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron (11)	Ron to review comments from the Race Directors Guidebook from Cindy again. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Graeme (12)	Graeme to send old CORA Sprints Race Rules to Cindy. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Board (13)	Strategic Planning Initiative Action Item to Hire a Strategic Planning specialist to be Closed. Add a day to race weekend or find a day or weekend where the board can have time together to have a facilitated discussion similar to what was done 2023-Nov-24 regarding Team Canada Program. Keep in budget as funding required for travel/accommodation/food. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing

Board (14)	Close the Action Item to Hire someone other than Paul of FGPC to handle Website Operation as Cost Recovery has been handled via Paul & Erik & Jonathan. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Dean / Ron (15)	CORA Director Acknowledgement Form finally provided by Dean to Ron. Close Action Item. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron / Erik (16)	Ron & Erik to follow-up with Adrian Lee on Safety Review (PFDs still a concern). (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Ron (17)	Ron to write-up memo on CORA Cup Series hosts expectations (Reciprocity; Race Results; Meals; etc.). (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Cindy (18)	Cindy to add Turn rule & Impeding / overtaking high priority rules regarding Safety Incidents to Race Director Guidebook and emphasize these specific rules. (2023-11)	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing
Erik (19)	Erik suggested Town Hall on Race Safety (mostly for	In-Progress	Nov-25: Ongoing

	Junior / Novice Short Course). (2023-11)		



CORA PRESIDENT'S AGM ADDRESS 2023

November 26, 2023

In 2023 we emerged from the Covid era with a full slate of familiar local and regional outrigger races, including the Lotus Icebreaker, Nanaimo's Crazy 8s and FCRCC's Around Bowen races.

The spectacular rise of the unlimited canoe at our long course races continued unabated, and was amplified by the IVF World Distance Championships in Samoa, which led to peak demand for the Are Matahina OC6s among Team Canada crews.

Their tireless training and racing in the Matahinas certainly paid off, as Team Canada placed 4th in the medal tally in Samoa, with 5 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 4 bronze medals.

Congratulations to the athletes and Leanne, Rob, Cindy, Kamini, Scott and James on the IVF Committee and Area Coordinator Rick for their time and dedication in supporting Team Canada. The IVF Committee is already in high gear with selection for 2024 IVF World Sprint Championships in Hilo.

This Summer, we inducted 7 athletes, coaches and community builders into the Canadian Outrigger Hall of Fame, which recently capped off with a Town Hall videoconference and whose detailed biographies are available on the CORA website.

We salute you, Ruth Matson, Nancy Botting, David Hill, Lynda Roberts, Norman MacDonell, Leanne Stanley and Len Morris Jr.

I'd like to thank each of the CORA directors, officers and volunteers who have donated their time to make the organization run smoothly. Our finances are in check thanks to Jonathan Wilkins. Leanne Stanley and the IVF Committee for our successes abroad as we look forward to Hilo. Graeme Galves for his extensive work in CORA's historical review, the Hall of Fame and other awards. We have an ongoing debt of gratitude to Erik Ages and his team at Fairway Gorge for their work in managing the CORA website, video conferencing and other technical aspects of our operations.

Regards,

Ronald Chin
President

Treasurer's Report to CORA AGM November 26, 2023

I am pleased to present the financial report for the Year to December 31, 2022.

Looking first at the Balance sheet for the General Account, you will see that CORA continues to maintain a healthy balance at the bank.

During 2022, CORA took advantage of a 'free' credit card from RBC in order to simplify much of our spending. The proviso was that CORA transfer some funds to a GIC that matches the credit limit on the card. At a rate of 2.8%, we were pleased to do so.

The BS also shows how we transfer the funds available for RME grants to a Reserved Fund, in order to 'protect it' from other discretionary spending. We encourage clubs, especially the smaller clubs, to take up their potential RME Grants.

The IVF programs – for paddlers to represent Canada at the Sprint and Distance World Championships – are maintained in a separate account.

Each cycle of the Sprint or Distance events is operated as separate funds in a second bank account. This is because each program is intended to break even, with the registering and competing paddlers paying all the costs of that program.

And the Income Statements for London 2022 and Samoa 2023 reflect that intention.

The CORA Board has been considering the financing of these programs over the last few months with the intention of making the whole process much clearer to all participants. More on this will be published to the hundreds of paddlers who have registered for Hilo 2024.

The Board has also been working on its Budget for 2024. Again, it shows that we plan to make a modest loss by providing a budget for all the opportunities that we anticipate, especially those that we haven't quite accomplished in 2023.

If you have any questions, do please ask. I prefer emailed questions, as I can no longer keep all these numbers in my head.

Rest assured, we are frugal.

In fact, we are like the bow seat of a Bradley – a tight ship.



Financial Statements of

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

**For the 12 months to
December 31, 2022**

**And for the year to
December 31, 2021**

(Unaudited)

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

General Account
Balance Sheet (unaudited) as at
December 31, 2022

	General	Reserved Funds RME Grants	Total	2021-12-31
	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Cash at RBC	57,233	5,431	62,664	86,068
Cash at Square	-		-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	432		432	385
Term Investments	10,000		10,000	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>67,665</u>	<u>5,431</u>	<u>73,096</u>	<u>86,453</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	-		-	4,018
Government Funds (GST payable)	3,518		3,518	3,191
Retained earnings	64,147	5,431	69,578	90,528
NET ASSETS	<u>67,665</u>	<u>5,431</u>	<u>73,096</u>	<u>97,737</u>

Jonathan Wilkins

Director

<p>[2] Term Investment GIC to guarantee Credit Card. Non-Red 2yr GIC to 6/10/24 @2.8%</p>
<p>[1] The Grant for Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment (RME) is allocated annually to a Reserved Fund. This Fund is held in the General Account at RBC.</p>

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations - General Account

For the period to December 31, 2022

	Total y-t-d	Budget 2022	Variance	Actual 2021
REVENUES (Net of GST)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Membership - Annual Adult	32,891	40,000	(7,109)	27,982
Membership - Annual Junior	573	1,200	(627)	271
Membership - One Day Adult	3,758	4,500	(742)	2,186
Membership - One Day Junior	306	300	6	4
Club Fees	5,257	6,500	(1,243)	4,699
Entries - National Sprint (net of GST & Sq fees)	7,419 #	-	7,419	
Other	-	-	-	609
Input Tax Credit (GST Refund)	432	200	232	268
TOTAL REVENUES	50,636	52,700	(2,064)	36,019
EXPENSES (Net of GST)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grant - National Team development	5,000	5,000	-	-
Grant - Repair, Maintenance, Equipment	15,000	15,000	-	5,986
Grant - Clinic	1,880	4,000	(2,120)	-
Grant - Coaching Education	-	3,000	(3,000)	216
Grant - Regional Coach the Coaches	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Grant - Canoe Trailing	5,651	10,000	(4,349)	1,975
Grant - National Distance - Hosting	2,000	2,000	-	-
Grant - National Distance - Medals	910	1,000	(90)	-
Grant - National Distance - Food & Entertainment	450	1,500	(1,050)	-
Grant - National Sprint - Hosting	15,023 #	3,000	12,023	-
Grant - National Sprint - Boat Rental/Cartage	1,713	1,500	213	-
CORA Cup West - hosting & prize. 4 x \$800	3,144	3,200	(56)	-
CORA Cup East - hosting & prize. 2 x \$800	800	1,600	(800)	2,800
CORA Cup - Medals	4,614	2,000	2,614	-
Prizes for Novice/Junior. Eg Paddle/PFD	1,600	1,600	-	-
Bank Charges - RBC	(22)	100	(122)	95
Bank Charges - Square	2,726	2,500	226	2,008
Town Halls - Guest Expenses	-	1,000	(1,000)	41
Town Halls - Zoom licences	1,246	1,500	(254)	1,258
Hall of Fame plaques & postage	406	250	156	883
College Student Stipends	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
IVF Membership & Expenses	327	1,400	(1,073)	389
Strategic Planning - Visioning - Consultation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
AGM Expenses	2,111	5,000	(2,889)	3,152
Insurance	11,641	12,000	(359)	10,180
Legal and Accounting	-	700	(700)	404
Office, Admin & Telephone	1,250	400	850	679
Website Operation	922	1,000	(78)	832
Website Enhancement	-	1,200	(1,200)	-
Social Media Advertising	-	1,200	(1,200)	-
Translation Services	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Webscorer Licence- Winter Series	-	300	(300)	n/a
	78,392	101,950	(23,559)	30,898
Excess/(Deficiency) Revenue over Expenses	(27,755)	(49,250)	21,495	5,121

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

IVF Account

**Balance Sheet (unaudited) as at
December 31, 2022**

	Reserved funds London 2022	Reserved funds Samoa 2023	Total	2021-12-31
	\$	\$	\$	
ASSETS				
Cash at RBC	(267) [1]	5,297 [2]	5,030	17,060
Cash at Square	-	-	-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	201		201	
Accounts receivable				
- Final Payments (@\$15)	165		165	
- Hat sales	-		-	-
- Entry fees	-		-	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>99</u>	<u>5,297</u>	<u>5,396</u>	<u>17,060</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-
Government Funds (GST payable)	64	(15)	49	-
Contingency fee to IFV ???	-		-	
Retained earnings	35	5,312	5,347	17,060
NET ASSETS	<u>99</u>	<u>5,297</u>	<u>5,396</u>	<u>17,060</u>

Jonathan Wilkins

Director

[1] Following the completion of the London 2022 event, the remaining balance in the London 2022 Sprint Account will be transferred to, and reserved in, the Hilo 2024 Sprint Account.

[2] Following the cancellation of the Samoa 2021 event, the remaining balance in the Samoa 2021 Sprint Account was transferred to, and reserved in, the Samoa 2023 Sprint Account.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Sprint London 2022

Statement of Operations - IVF Division

For the period ended **December 31, 2022**

	2 year Program		Program Tahiti 2018
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
REVENUES (Net of GST)			
Intent/Trial Camp Fees	14,891	3,680	1,520
Commit/Race Fees	1,826	15,000	6,260
Training Camp Fees	-	3,320	-
Race Cap Sales & Issued	4,201	-	-
Other income	-	-	-
	20,918	22,000	7,780
Grant from General	5,000	5,000	5,000
Balance ex Hilo	5,487	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	31,405	27,000	12,780
EXPENSES (Net of GST)			
Bank Charges - RBC	103	100	112
Bank Charges -Square	487	200	517
Camps - Expenses	1,000	2,000	1,373
Camps - Coaching	-	4,000	1,000
IVF Race Fees	20,731	15,000	6,263
AC & Coach Allowance	4,500	5,000	4,500
Event Expenses	420	500	-
Race Cap Purchase	4,296	-	-
Admin	-	200	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,537	27,000	13,765
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(132)	-	(5,985)

Following the cancellation of the Hilo 2020 event, and the return of all entry fees to paddlers, and the return of the \$5,000 National Team development grant to the General Account, the remaining balance in the Hilo 2020 Sprint Account was transferred to, and reserved in, the London 2022 Sprint Account.

The surplus/(loss) from this event will be carried forward to the next Sprint event.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Distance Samoa 2023

Statement of Operations - IVF Division

For the period ended

December 31, 2022

	2 year Program		Program Mooloolaba 2019
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
REVENUES (Net of GST)			
Jericho - Selection 110 @ \$52.5	4,571	5,000	900
Victoria Race-off 40 @ 75	-	3,000	-
Vancouver camp 40 @ 75	-	4,000	
Jericho camp 70 @ nil	-	-	
IVF Entry Fees deposit 70 @ \$100	-	7,000	-
IVF Entry Fee Final 70 @ \$105	-	7,350	6,620
Other	-	-	-
	4,571	26,350	7,520
NT Grant from General	5,000	5,000	5,000
Balance ex Samoa 21	3,976	3,976	
Other income	-		-
TOTAL REVENUES	13,548	35,326	12,520
EXPENSES (Net of GST)			
Bank Charges - RBC	20	100	107
Bank Charges - Square	170	400	-
Jericho Selection Expenses 110 pax	3,069	3,600	
Victoria Race-off expenses 40 pax	-	3,635	
Vancouver Camp - Expenses 40 pax	-	4,040	553
Jericho Camp - Expenses 70 pax	-	4,750	1,258
IVF Race Fees	-	14,350	
AC Travel & Allowance TBC	-	3,500	7,537
Coaching at Event Allowance TBC	-	3,000	4,500
Event Protests - IVF	-	400	
other - gifts etc	-	200	-
Admin	-	50	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,259	38,025	13,955
Surplus/(Shortfall)	10,288	(2,699)	(1,435)

Following the cancellation of the Samoa 2021 event, and the return of the \$5,000 NT development grant to the General Account, the remaining balance of \$3,976.33 in the Samoa 2021 Sprint Account was transferred to the Samoa 2023 Distance Account.
The surplus/(loss) from this event will be carried forward to the next Distance event.



Financial Statements of

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

**For the 10 months to
October 31, 2023**

**And for the year to
December 31, 2022
(Unaudited)**

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

General Account

**Balance Sheet as at
October 31, 2023**

	General	Reserved Funds RME Grants	Total	2022-12-31
	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
Cash at RBC	50,796 [1]	22,431	73,227	62,664
Cash at Square	-		-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	219		219	432
Term Investments	10,000 [2]		10,000	10,000
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>61,015</u>	<u>22,431</u>	<u>83,446</u>	<u>73,096</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	-		-	-
Government Funds (GST payable)	2,931		2,931	3,518
Retained earnings	58,084	22,431	80,515	69,578
NET ASSETS	<u>61,015</u>	<u>22,431</u>	<u>83,446</u>	<u>73,096</u>

Jonathan Wilkins
Director

[2]	Term Investment GIC to guarantee Credit Card. Non-Red 2yr GIC to 6/10/24 @2.8%
[1]	The Grant for Repairs and Maintenance of Equipment (RME) is allocated annually to a Reserved Fund. This Fund is held in the General Account at RBC.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Statement of Operations - General Account

For the period to October 31, 2023

	<u>Total y-t-d</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual 2022</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES (Net of GST)				
Membership - Annual Adult	43,982	45,000	(1,018)	32,891
Membership - Annual Junior	654	750	(96)	573
Membership - One Day Adult	3,574	3,000	574	3,758
Membership - One Day Junior	159	200	(41)	306
Club Fees	5,101	5,500	(399)	5,257
Other - 2022 Sprint entries				7,419
Other - GST Refunds (ITC)				432
Other - GIC Interest	280	-	280	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>53,750</u>	<u>54,450</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>50,636</u>
EXPENSES (Net of GST)				
* Grant - National Team development	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
* Grant - Repair, Maintenance, Equipment	10,000	10,000	-	15,000
Grant - Clinic	-	4,000	(4,000)	1,880
Grant - Coaching Education	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Grant - Regional Coach the Coaches	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Grant - Canoe Trailing	9,691	10,000	(309)	5,651
Grant - National Distance - Hosting	2,075	2,500	(425)	2,000
Grant - National Distance - Medals	425	500	(75)	910
Grant - National Distance - Food & Entertainment	1,275	1,500	(225)	450
Grant - National Sprint - Hosting	-	4,000	(4,000)	15,023
Grant - National Sprint - Boat Rental/Cartage	-	2,000	(2,000)	1,713
CORA Cup West - hosting & prize. 4 x \$800	3,135	3,200	(65)	3,144
CORA Cup East - hosting & prize. 2 x \$800	-	1,600	(1,600)	800
CORA Cup - Medals	1,261	2,000	(739)	4,614
CORA Cup - Junior Entry Fees	503	-	503	-
Prizes for Novice/Junior. Eg Paddle/PFD	1,600	1,600	-	1,600
Bank Charges - RBC	58	100	(42)	(22)
Bank Charges - Square	2,257	3,000	(743)	2,726
Town Halls - Guest Expenses	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Town Halls - 1/3 Zoom	299	1,200	(901)	1,246
Hall of Fame plaques & postage	457	400	57	406
College Student Stipends	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
IVF Membership & Expenses	413	1,000	(587)	327
Strategic Planning - Visioning - Consultation	-	8,000	(8,000)	-
AGM Expenses	-	5,000	(5,000)	2,111
Insurance	9,930	13,500	(3,570)	11,641
Legal and Accounting	387	500	(114)	-
Office, Admin & 2/3 Zoom	598	700	(102)	1,250
IT - Operations	2,374	5,000	(2,626)	922
IT - Enhancements	-	400	(400)	-
Social Media Advertising	-	700	(700)	-
Translation Services	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>51,737</u>	<u>98,400</u>	<u>(46,663)</u>	<u>78,392</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) Revenue over Expenses	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(43,950)</u>	<u>45,963</u>	<u>(27,756)</u>

Aug 2. Trailing Grant increased to \$10,000 by Board Meeting and e-vote **

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

IVF Account

**Balance Sheet as at
October 31, 2023**

	Reserved funds Samoa 2023 / Rio 2025	Reserved funds Hilo 2024	Total	2022-12-31
ASSETS	\$	\$	\$	
Cash at RBC	407 [1]	11,354	11,760	5,030
Cash at Square	-	-	-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	95	75	170	201
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	165
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>501</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>11,930</u>	<u>5,396</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-
Government Funds (GST payable)	(15)	-	(15)	49
Retained earnings	516	11,429	11,945	5,347
NET ASSETS	<u>501</u>	<u>11,429</u>	<u>11,930</u>	<u>5,396</u>

Jonathan Wilkins

Director

[1] The Surplus/(Shortfall) from each Distance and Sprint cycle is carried forward to the following Distance or Sprint cycle, respectively.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Distance Samoa 2023

Statement of Operations - IVF Division

For the 22 month period ended

October 31, 2023

	2 year Program		Cancelled Samoa 2021
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
REVENUES (Net of GST)			
Jericho - #1 Selection	4,521	5,000	
Victoria - #2 Race-off	4,160	4,000	2,475
Vancouver - #3 camp	1,875	4,000	
Jericho - #4 camp	-	-	
IVF Entry Fees deposit 70 @ \$100	12,716	7,000	-
IVF Entry Fee Final 70 @ \$105	7,350	7,350	-
Sale of Caps	1,523		
Final fee \$35.03	2,173	-	-
	26,969	27,350	2,475
NT Grant from General	5,000	5,000	
Balance ex Samoa 21	3,976	3,976	2,000
Other income	-		-
TOTAL REVENUES	35,945	36,326	4,475
EXPENSES (Net of GST)			
Bank Charges - RBC	60	100	50
Bank Charges - Square	719	400	102
Jericho #1 Selection Expenses 110 pax	3,069	3,600	
Victoria #2 Race-off expenses 40 pax	3,647	3,900	347
Vancouver #3 Camp - Expenses 40 pax	2,243	3,550	
Jericho #4 Camp - Expenses 70 pax	3,884	4,750	
IVF Race Fees	13,219	14,350	
AC Travel & Allowance	6,800	3,500	
Coaching at Event Allowance	3,000	3,000	
Event Protests - IVF	-	400	
Purchase of Caps	1,924	-	
other - gifts etc	117	200	-
Admin	23	50	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,705	37,800	499
Surplus/(Shortfall)	240.57	(1,474)	3,976

Following the cancellation of the Samoa 2021 event, and the return of the \$5,000 NT development grant to the General Account, the remaining balance of \$3,976.33 in the Samoa 2021 Sprint Account was transferred to the Samoa 2023 Distance Account.
The surplus/(loss) from this event will be carried forward to the next Distance event.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION

Sprint Hilo 2024

Statement of Operations - IVF Division

For the period ended

October 31, 2023

Temp Budget	2 year Program		Program London 2022
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
REVENUES (Net of GST)			
Registration \$33	15,209		}
Camp 1	-		} 16,717
Camp 2	-		}
Camp 3	-		
Uniform Sales & Issued	-		4,201
Other Income	-		
	15,209		20,918
NT Grant from General			5,000
Balance ex London 22	(132)		5,487
TOTAL REVENUES	15,077		31,405
EXPENSES (Net of GST)			
Bank Charges - RBC	5		103
Bank Charges -Square	495		487
Calgary Trials - Expenses	3,548		}
Selection # 2 - Expenses	-		} 1,000
Selection # 3 - Expenses	-		}
Selection # 4 - Expenses	-		}
IVF Race Fees	-		20,731
AC & Coach Allowance	-		4,500
Uniform purchases	-		4,296
Event Expenses	-		420
Admin	-		-
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,047		31,537
Surplus/(Shortfall)	11,030		(132)

The surplus/(loss) from the London event was brought forward to this Sprint event.

The surplus/(loss) from this event will be carried forward to the next Sprint event.

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board
From: Ronald Chin

Re: Grants Summary for 2023

Date: November 25, 2023

The following is a summary of the 2023 CORA Grants to date.

<u>2023 CLINIC GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	N/A			
CLINIC GRANTS PAID			\$0.00	
<u>2023 COACHING EDUCATION GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Coach / Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	N/A			
EDUCATION GRANTS PAID			\$0.00	
<u>2023 REGIONAL COACH THE COACHES GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Coach / Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	N/A			
COACH THE COACHES GRANTS PAID			\$0.00	
NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PAID			\$0.00	
<u>2023 TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Guest</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	N/A			
TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS PAID			\$0.00	

2023 Clinic Grant Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00
2023 Coaching Education Grant Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00
2023 Regional Coach the Coaches Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00
2023 Town Hall Guests Budget Allocation: \$1000.00

2023 NATIONALS HOSTING GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Lotus	Lotus Iron / CORA Nationals (Hosting)	\$1,399.86	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
2.	Lotus	Lotus Iron / CORA Nationals (Medals)	\$425.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
3.	Lotus	Lotus Iron / CORA Nationals (Food & Entertainment)	\$1,275.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
4.	VOS	CORA Small Boats Championships (Hosting)	\$375.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
5.	VOS	CORA Small Boats Championships (Medals)	\$75.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
6.	VOS	CORA Small Boats Championships (Food & Entertainment)	\$225.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 12, 2023.
NATIONALS HOSTING TOTAL PAID			\$3,774.86	

2023 Nationals (Distance) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$2,500.00 (Lotus OC6: \$2,125.00; VOS Small Boats: \$375.00)

2023 Nationals (Distance) Medals Budget Allocation: \$500.00 (Lotus OC6: \$425.00; VOS Small Boats: \$75.00)

2023 Nationals (Distance) Food & Entertainment Budget Allocation: \$1,500.00 (Lotus OC6: \$1,275.00; VOS Small Boats: \$225.00)

2023 Nationals (Sprint) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00

2023 Nationals (Sprint) Boat Rental Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00

2023 CORA CUP DRAW PRIZES				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>CORA CUP West</u>				
1.	PRCC	Duel in Desert	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer May 24, 2023
2.	Jericho	Jericho iron	\$800.00	Prizes via Graeme
3.	Comox	Island Iron	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer June 23, 2023
4.	Lotus	Lotus Iron Nationals	\$800.00	Prizes via Graeme
<u>Eastern Canada Race</u>				
1.	N/A			
CORA CUP AWARDS TOTAL PAID			\$3200.00	

2023 CORA Cup West – Hosting & prizing (4 x \$800)

2023 CORA Cup East – Hosting & prizing (2 x \$800)

2023 CANOE TRAILERING GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Latitude 48	Crazy 8s	\$234.60	Paid by e-transfer April 8, 2023.
2.	FGPC	Crazy 8s	\$141.00	Paid by e-transfer April 8, 2023.
3.	Powell River	Crazy 8s	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer April 8, 2023.
4.	Lotus	FLCC River Run	\$266.41	Paid by e-transfer May 5, 2023.
5.	Vernon	Duel in the Desert	\$156.00	Paid by e-transfer May 23, 2023
6.	Lotus	Duel in the Desert	\$498.00	Paid by e-transfer May 23, 2023
7.	Pacific Reach	Duel in the Desert	\$516.00	Paid by e-transfer May 23, 2023
8.	Kelowna	Duel in the Desert	\$86.40.	Paid by e-transfer May 28, 2023
9.	FGPC	Jericho Iron	\$615.15	Paid by e-transfer May 28, 2023.
10.	Powell River	Jericho Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 6, 2023
11.	Comox	Jericho Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 11, 2023
12.	Powell River	Island Iron	\$560.25	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2023
13.	FGPC	Island Iron	\$225.00	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2023
14.	Pacific Reach	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 23, 2023
15.	FCRCC	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 23, 2023
16.	Latitude 48	Island Iron	\$353.40	Paid by e-transfer June 23, 2023
17.	Calgary	Lotus Iron/Nationals	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer August 1, 2023
18.	FGPC	Lotus Iron/Nationals	\$676.50.	Paid by e-transfer Sept 15, 2023
19.	Kelowna	Lotus Iron/Nationals	\$462.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 15, 2023
20.	Suncoast (Powell River)	Around Bowen	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 15, 2023
21.	Latitude 48	L48 Bridges		In 2021 L48 claimed \$212. In 2022 they did not.
TOTAL PAID			\$9690.71	

2023 Canoe Trailering Grant Budget Allocation: \$8,000.00

2023 RME GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
2023 Eligible Clubs RME Applications				
1.	Vernon Paddling Centre	Small Boats repairs	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer October 30, 2023
2.	Club Bon Accueil	Vortex Repairs	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer June 23, 2023
3.	Kelowna	OC6 and OC1 boat repairs and paddle purchases	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer October 14, 2023
4.	Aumakua	Paddles and PFDs	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer October 13, 2023
ELIGIBLE 2023 GRANTS APPROVED OR PAID			\$4000.00	
2023 Open Call RME Applications				
5.	Sproat Lake	Replacement OC6 & OC4 covers	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
6.	Jericho	Malolo repairs	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
7.	FLCC	OC1 Maintenance	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
8.	FGPC	8 x 2-step fenders for disabled re-entry to Spec canoes	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
9.	Suncoast	1 Matahina cover and 2 ama covers	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
10.	FVPC	OC6 repairs	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
11.	FCRCC	OC4/OC6 iako repairs (past)+ ZJ paddles for Novices (future)	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
12.	NOPC	OC6, OC4 and small boat maintenance	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
13.	Pearson College	Wood and milling for new Malia iakos	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
14.	VOS	2 x OC1 iakos, leashes, dolly axles, lighting, boat stands, and OC6 covers	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
15.	Haunani	3 paddles, storage and OC6 repairs	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
16.	VCKC	Calmar OC6 repairs	\$0.00	Not approved. Should be submitted in 2024.
17.	L48	Bow & stern lights, material for OC6 covers.	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
18.	Wailua	OC2 ama repairs	\$1000.00	Approved November 25, 2023
19.	Leduc (Late)	Equipment repairs	\$0.00	Submitted late. Not approved.
OPEN CALL GRANTS PROPOSED			\$13000.00	
TOTAL PROPOSED, APPROVED OR PAID			\$17,000.00	

2023 RME Grant Budget Allocation: \$10,000.00

plus \$16,431.00 carried forward into RME Protected Fund from past years

2023 TOTAL GRANTS SUMMARY			
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Paid or Approved</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Clinic Grants	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Coaching Education Grants	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Regional Coach the Coaches	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Town Hall Guests	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Nationals Hosting Grants	\$10,500.00	\$3,774.86	\$6725.14
CORA Cup Draw Prizes	\$4,800.00	\$3200.00	\$1600.00
Canoe Trailering Grants	\$8,000.00	\$9690.71	-\$1690.71
RME Grants	\$26,431.00	\$4000.00	\$9,431.00
RME Grants (Open Call)		\$13000.00	
TOTALS	\$61,731.00	\$33,665.57	\$28,065.43

CORA Membership Report 2023

CORA Club	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aumakua - Club Nautique	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	13
Calgary Canoe Club	36	19	40	27	42
Club Bon Accueil	6	4	11	3	10
Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club	49	45	49	55	59
Delta Outrigger Kanu Association	19	17	19	12	13
Fairway Gorge Paddling Club	105	94	42	76	99
False Creek Racing Canoe Club	234	158	103	148	141
Fort Langley Canoe Club	104	96	48	74	109
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	52	26	17	17	32
Gibsons Paddle Club	16	4	13	16	20
Haunani Outrigger Club	n/a	14	26	19	22
Jericho Paddling Club	39	35	46	67	73
Kelowna Paddle Centre	58	20	17	17	62
Latitude 48 Paddling Club	65	66	86	94	90
Leduc Boat Club	49	23	12	dnr	9
Lotus Sports Club	58	53	45	64	75
Maple Bay Ocean Canoe Club	32	17	22	23	18
Nanaimo Ocean Paddling Club	116	121	126	145	140
Nanaimo Paddling Centre	12	5	4	dnr	10
Pacific Reach Paddling Club	34	32	29	23	25
Pearson College	n/a	23	2	18	14
Pemberton Canoe Association	2	1	2	3	5
Penticton Racing Canoe Club	66	19	28	43	35
Powell River OC Society	29	25	21	18	25
Prince Rupert Outrigger Association	23	13	14	18	20
River Runners	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	26
Sproat Lake Canoe Club	39	35	38	41	44
Star Nation Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	13
Sunnyside Paddling Club	n/a	n/a	2	3	10
TSCC Maka Koa Outrigger	46	9	25	71	60
Thunder Bay Outrigger	19	2	0	2	4
Vancouver Ocean Sports	24	8	4	9	26
Vernon Paddling Centre	19	8	9	13	15
Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	34	13	7	13	23
Victoria Youth Paddling Club	10	7	11	7	6
Wailua Outrigger Canoe Club	35	17	29	28	42
Other (Ottawa River Canoe Club)	27	17	9	dnr	1
Other Non-CORA Club	62	33	26	37	114
Unaffiliated	73	44	53	86	115

Age Division	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Junior	74	114	72	35	67	75
Open	201	318	211	108	156	287
Masters 40+	248	292	159	151	187	192
Masters 50+	409	439	299	241	308	370
Masters 60+	256	482	386	355	418	486
Masters 70+	125	135	152	160	200	251

Total Annual Memberships	
2002	621
2003	875
2004	988
2005	1002
2006	875
2007	880
2008	904
2009	956
2010	1171
2011	1123
2012	1325
2013	1371
2014	1422
2015	1450
2016	1462
2017	1483
2018	1483
2019	1780
2020	1279
2021	1050
2022	1336
2023	1661

2023 Gender	
Female	979
Male	680
Other	2

2022 Single Event Memberships	
Adult	221
Junior	25

*dnr - did not renew club membership



CORA OUTBOUND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

CORA'S board and supporting volunteers worked to manage the provincial, national and international full return (post COVID) as regions, clubs and international races assumed full programming over the 2023 paddling season.

SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERACTIVE BROADCASTING

CORA engaged with members and non-members, both within and beyond Canada, through a variety of interactive townhall and clinic sessions over the year. These sessions continue to meet a number of objectives, including keeping our members connected and communicating with each other through discussions relevant to our sport.

The CORA board intends to continue with these interactive video-based townhalls and clinics going forward in 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

The CORA board will continue to invest in improvements to speed, responsiveness and security of our platforms (web, direct email, social media) over the coming year. Our website was renovated with new security and anti-spam services over the 2023 year



CORA INBOUND COMMUNICATION REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

There was a time when the CORA Email Inbox necessitated constant monitoring due to the volume of enquiries for CORA Board activity that flowed through this channel.

The adoption of Google Workspace (formerly G Suite) with Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Chat, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms has simplified internal / external communication. The migration to a new CORA website with many self-service capabilities has also reduced the workload on the CORA Board:

- **RME / Trailering / Coaching / Clinic Grant Applications** that had previously been submitted to the CORA Email Inbox and then forwarded to the Grants Officer are now sent directly to the Grants Officer via online forms.
- **Event Sanctioning Applications** that had previously been submitted to the CORA Email Inbox in the weeks prior to the AGM and then forwarded to the Race Committee are now managed directly by CORA Club Reps through the **CORA Website Race Calendar**.
- Enquiries for **CORA Membership Lists by Race Directors** prior to Sanctioned Events are now readily available from the Membership Officer.

There are presently 2 Board Members who receive notifications when messages flow into the CORA general enquiries email address. The COVID Pandemic of 2020/2021/2022 substantially reduced the historical volume of inbound messages. Return To Sport 2022 through 2023 led to a significant reduction in COVID related enquiries and a notable increase in typical COVID pre-Pandemic enquiries.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS

This section is a Summary of **Inbound Communication Trends / Highlights**:

- Much of the CORA Inbound communication has been consolidated into a **CORA General FAQs** that will be published shortly with references to the soon-to-be published CORA Insurance Summary and CORA Race Directors Guide.
- Many of the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** related to Membership, Clubs, Forums, Resources, Racing, Grants, IVF, Town Halls, and Safety from past years have continued through 2023.
- CORA Inbox **SPAM communication** has continued to **decrease** due to more filters introduced by the CORA Website Admins (Thank you Erik & Paul) – This is a good thing.
- CORA Inbox **COVID communication** has continued to **decrease** due to vaccines facilitating "Return To Sport" - This is a good thing.
- CORA Inbox **Insurance communication** has continued to **increase** due to CORA Sanctioned Events increasing with "Return To Sport" - This is a good thing.
- CORA Inbox **Race Results communication** has continued to **decrease** even with CORA Sanctioned Events increasing - This is **NOT** a good thing. This topic may have belonged with the Race Committee Report, but that report has to do with Event participation. This topic has to do with Event responsibilities. The CORA Race Committee goes to great efforts to publish CORA Sanctioned Event Results in a timely manner and in a consistent format for 2 reasons: 1) To provide the paddling community a **single source of information** on the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series standings & the CORA Cup Series standings & every other OC6 / Small-Boat event so that the racing community can assess their performance in relation to other

clubs / paddlers; 2) To provide the CORA Board with year-over-year data analytics to assess the direction of the sport of outrigger canoeing. The CORA Board provides much support to the outrigger canoeing community including establishing a balanced annual outrigger canoe racing schedule, promotion on CORA social media for CORA Sanctioned Events, CORA insurance for canoeing activities and insurance certificates for CORA Sanctioned Events, Grants for National Hosting events and OC6 Transport and OC Paddle Prizes and Swag Prizes and Junior Subsidies, as well as awards at National Hosting events. In exchange for the efforts by the CORA Race Committee, CORA has certain expectations of the Host Clubs including hosting a safe event, hosting a "quality" event, and submitting event results to the CORA Inbox in a **timely manner** (within 48-96 hours) and in a **manageable format** (website link, TXT, Word, Excel, PDF – not photographs of white-boards or pieces of paper). Far too often in 2022 and even more so in 2023, the CORA Race Committee has not received event results into the CORA Inbox in a timely manner or in a manageable format. Far too often in 2022 and even more so in 2023, the CORA Race Committee has had to visit the **CORA Sanctioned Event Host Club website** or **Webscorer** or **PaddleGuru** or the **Jericho website** to find CORA Sanctioned Event results. Hopefully this oversight will be highlighted in the upcoming 2024 CORA **Sanctioned Event expectations**.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IDEAS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2021/2022/2023)

Many of these types of enquiries have been flowing into the CORA Email Inbox for many years. Some of these enquiries do necessitate action by Board Members such as posting Race Results and issuing Insurance Certificates and so on. However, some of these enquiries could be handled by the membership themselves with a certain level of knowledge transfer. Some of these enquiries for information do not necessitate action by Board Members or Club Reps, and could be addressed by **providing a website page of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to commonly asked questions**.

CORA Board had an Action Item from 2021/2022/2023 to add FAQ functionality to the CORA website. The CORA Communications Officers investigated several options for WordPress FAQ capability (plugins) for the CORA website in early 2022. CORA installed a simple WordPress Accordion FAQ plugin on the CORA website in Mar-2022. This WordPress Accordion FAQ plugin was found to be very robust and was used for the 2022 CORA Burnaby Lake Sprints to distribute answers and resources in a timely manner and to a broad audience in response to a huge volume of enquires about this end-of-April 2022 CORA managed 2-day event.

Canadian 2022 OC Sprints Championships FAQ

– Where are the race results?

[Click here](#) for all of CORA's race results.

+ What OC6s will we be racing in?

+ Where do I find the Race Schedule?

+ When does Registration close?

+ How can we register?

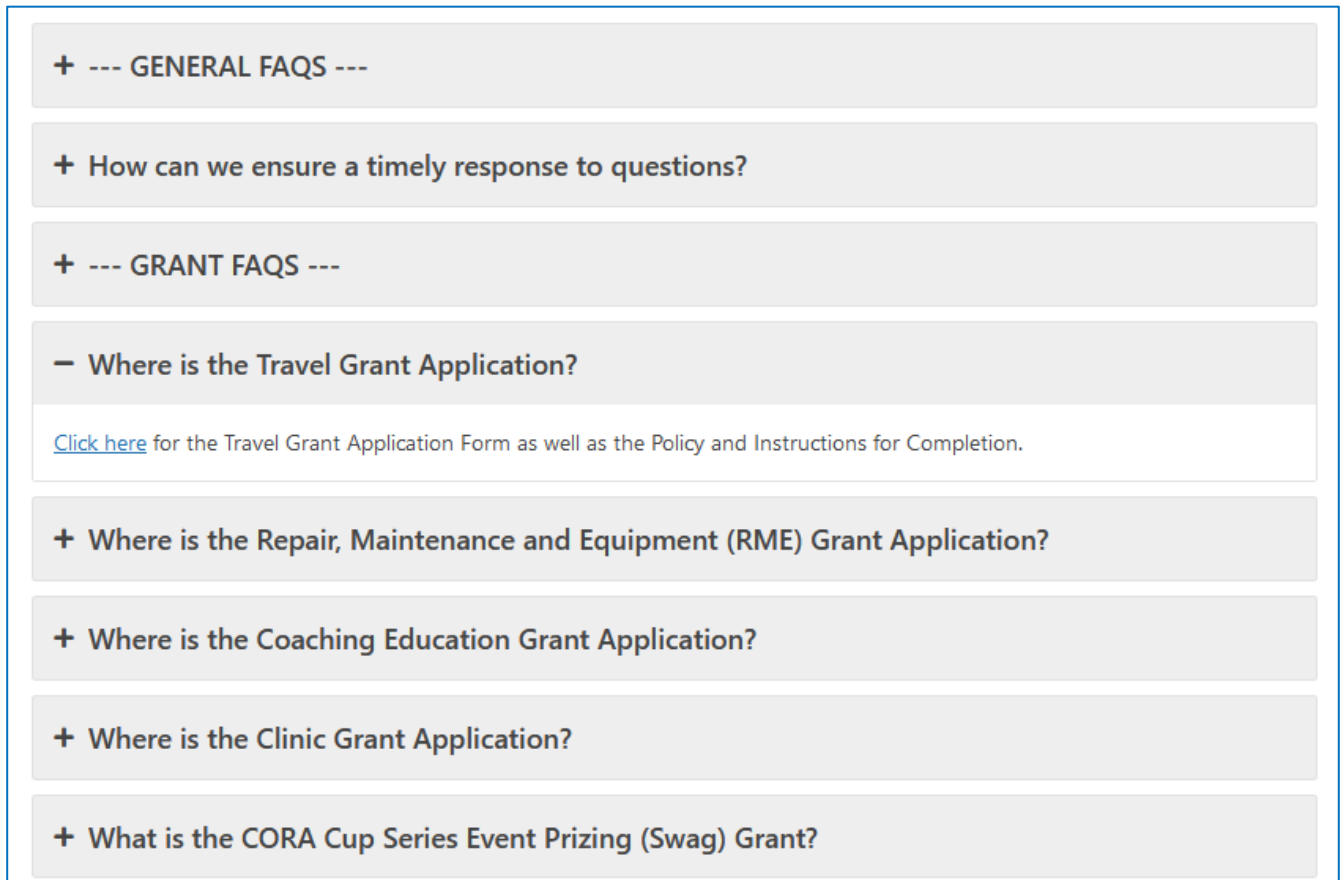
+ Can out-of-town teams have Saturday later start times?

+ Where can I find a V1?

[Sample of Canadian 2022 OC Sprints Championships FAQ](#)

The successful experiment with this WordPress Accordion FAQ plugin has led to these outcomes:

- A review of the 100's of CORA Contact Us emails for the past 12-24 months has resulted in a set of very Frequently Asked Questions - and standard answers / responses provided.
- There will be a new CORA General FAQ published to the CORA website in early December 2023 with FAQs organized by Grants, Membership, Insurance, Safety, Clubs, IVF, Forums, Town Halls, Results, Racing, Resources, Awards, Historical and other categories.
- Most of the FAQ Answers will contain links to pages / sections / forms on the CORA website.



The screenshot displays a WordPress Accordion FAQ plugin interface. It features a main header with a plus sign and the text "GENERAL FAQs". Below this, there are several accordion items, each with a plus sign and a question. The first item is "How can we ensure a timely response to questions?". The second item is "GRANT FAQs", which is expanded to show a minus sign and the question "Where is the Travel Grant Application?". Below this question is a link: "Click here for the Travel Grant Application Form as well as the Policy and Instructions for Completion." The remaining items are "Where is the Repair, Maintenance and Equipment (RME) Grant Application?", "Where is the Coaching Education Grant Application?", "Where is the Clinic Grant Application?", and "What is the CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) Grant?".

Sample of CORA General FAQs

There are several goals for this initiative:

- Provide Self-Service for CORA website visitors.
- Provide knowledge transfer for the next CORA Inbound Communications Officer as there have been over 7 years worth of enquiries from CORA website visitors accumulating in the CORA Email Inbox of the current CORA Inbound Communications Officer.

2023 CORA Off-the-Water Forum Report

The CORA Off-the-Water forum started in 2020/21 to help bring together paddlers during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. In that first season, we hosted 14 sessions. Though we don't host as many sessions anymore, recordings of all the sessions remain posted on the CORA website and [CORA YouTube channel](#).

In 2023, we hosted 3 sessions:

- Members Q&A
- Meet the 1985 Na Wahine O Ke Kai Canadian Crew Reunion
- Recognition East to West - CORA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2023



We have a few ideas as we move into 2024, but the committee of Ron Chin, Erik Ages, and Leanne Stanley wants to hear from you about more topics and ideas that YOU want to hear about!

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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CORA

The position of secretary has morphed over the past few years, particularly as it has moved more and more into an entirely google based system. Depending on skill sets different members of the board have taken on some of the duties of the role of secretary.

I have continued to type the minutes for the meetings for CORA, but have deferred to other board members for their expertise, particularly as my google skills are limited.

I would recommend that whoever takes on this role receive google based training.



CORA BUSINESS CONTINUITY REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

The Business Continuity Report for 2021/2022/2023 has been substantially revamped from the Business Continuity Report of previous years. This Business Continuity Report has usually served as a checklist of what the CORA Secretary needs to ensure that the CORA Board does leading up to and moving forward from the AGM signifying the transition from ending of the current year to beginning of the coming year.

There is substantial "institutional knowledge" carried by each of the CORA Board Members with regards to tasks related to their duties such as Grants, Financial, Secretarial, Insurance, Membership, IVF, Town Halls / Education, Event Scheduling, Website Administration, Information Systems Security, Awards, and Racing.

The current CORA Board has gone to great lengths during this COVID Pandemic hiatus to document and record as much as possible of this "institutional knowledge" so as to ensure Business Continuity and smooth transition as CORA Board Members complete their "tour of duty" and hand-off duties to the next generation.

RECRUITMENT

The CORA Board contingent has varied over the years and presently provides for 12 Board Members with each Board Member asked to commit to a 3-year term. There is a set of CORA Board Members who have served multiple 3-year terms and accumulated a wealth of "institutional knowledge". Serving on the CORA Board as a Director and/or Committee Member is an opportunity to share new ideas and make contributions to the paddling community. The CORA Board has made requests via direct email to CORA Club Reps and CORA website posts for individuals from every club from all across the country to come forward and take on a role with the CORA Board in the coming years. The CORA Board will continue these recruiting efforts to bring on board new voices and provide knowledge transfer to support the membership.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER (LATEST INITIATIVES)

- CORA has compiled a Properties Registry to track the whereabouts of all CORA "Properties" such as the Peter Forand Trophy, the Hugh Town Trophy, the CORA Weight Scale, the CORA Feather Banners, 2023 CORA Cup Series Medals, and CORA Small-Boat Number Decals, so that CORA Board Members know exactly where to find each of these Properties.
- CORA has compiled a Contacts Registry for all Vendors / sponsors that have provided goods and services as well as all Authorities (Burnaby; Fortis; Burnaby Lake Rowing Club; etc.) so as to expedite locating contact information for these parties in the future.
- CORA has compiled a Small-Boat Number Decal Registry so that ordering new Small-Boat Number Decals is just a matter of checking for the sequence of the last 100 pairs of small-boat numbers and finding contact information for the vendor.
- CORA has compiled a Burnaby Lake Sprints Registry. The CORA Board has kept a record of every piece of documentation and communication related to hosting the Burnaby Lake Sprints. The intent of this Burnaby Lake Sprints Registry is to provide a step-by step guide for the CORA Board or any CORA Club that might be interested in hosting this event at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Venue in the future. The information that was collected includes documents for: Planning; Contacts; Vendors; Sponsors; Budgets; Applications; Insurance;

Contracts; Communication; Safety; Waivers; Scheduling; Registrations; Refunds; Lessons Learned; Awards; Medals; Banners; Jerseys; Invoices; Receipts; Claims; Course; Rules; Protests; Venue; Visuals.

- CORA has compiled a CORA Secretary Guide in early 2022 to provide each incoming CORA Secretary with an inventory and guidance on every task that the CORA Secretary needs to perform each month as well as before / after the AGM.
- CORA has compiled a CORA General FAQ to provide a set of answers / responses to the 100's of Frequently Asked Questions that arrive every year at the CORA Email Inbox. This is noted in the CORA Inbound Communication Report (AGM) 2023.
- CORA has continued to compile a Canoe Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023. This catalogue has details for the club, vendor, model, age, colour, weight, name, identifying markings, and lineage of every "big-boat" (OC6 / OC4) in Canada. This is referenced in the CORA Canoe Registry Report (AGM) 2023.
- CORA has continued to compile a Club Logo Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023. This catalogue has details for the club and branding of every club in Canada that has participated in outrigger canoeing. This is referenced in the CORA Canoe Registry Report (AGM) 2023.
- CORA has continued to compile a Canoe Photo Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023. This catalogue has 1-2 photos for every "big-boat" (OC6 / OC4) in Canada so as to provide a visual catalogue to support the Canoe Registry. This is noted in the CORA Canoe Registry Report (AGM) 2023.

GOOGLE SHARED DRIVE STRUCTURE (ONGOING INITIATIVE)

CORA Board Members periodically go through the CORA Google Shared Drive to rename folders and organize files into "meaningful" folders. The CORA Google Shared Drive structure has organically taken a functional / historical hierarchy where the convention has been high-level topic (Meetings / Incorporation / Insurance / IVF / Memberships / Races) and then year (2018/2019/2020/2021/2022/2023) and then specific documents within that topic / year.

Conventions have been noted for creating / naming functional / historical folders and adding specific documents within those folders in a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) spreadsheet.

WEBSITE STRUCTURE (ONGOING INITIATIVE)

The CORA Website structure has systematically taken a functional / historical hierarchy where the convention has been high-level topic (Race Results / Minutes) and then year / month (2000-2023) where applicable and then specific pages within that topic / year to a lesser extent, with a focus on the current season.

Conventions have been noted for creating and naming functional / historical levels and adding specific pages within those folders in a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) spreadsheet.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) SPREADSHEET (ONGOING INITIATIVE)

Many yearly / monthly / periodic tasks from the CORA Google Shared Drive structure and the CORA website and the Business Continuity Checklist have been captured into a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) spreadsheet. This Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) spreadsheet does not contain tasks that do not require interaction with any of the CORA information systems (CORA Website; CORA Facebook; Membership DB; Gmail; Calendar; Meet; Chat; Drive; Docs; Sheets; Slides; Forms). This document contains six columns:

- Done (Task completed year or month)
- Topic (Category for the task such as AGM or Financials)
- When / Event (Trigger for the task such as end-of-month or end-of-year)
- Where (Place for the task such as Google Shared Drive or Website)

- Who / Responsible (Owner such as Web Admin or Grants Officer)
- How / Tasks (One or more tasks to be completed by the Owner when the Event happens)

This Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Google Sheet on the Google Shared Drive should provide CORA Board Members with guidance on yearly / monthly / periodic tasks to be addressed. The Google Sheet can be sorted / searched on any column.

See *CORA Business Continuity To-Do-List 2023-Nov* Google Sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18TofzHkO7Bb0oYk4NVLd6bP02GzRGBDE_3XUy4L-liY/edit#gid=0

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY (ONGOING INITIATIVE)

The adoption of Google Workspace (formerly G Suite) with Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Chat, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms has reduced the CORA Board's reliance on Word / Excel / PDF files being stored on personal computer drives and shared via email. The migration to a new CORA website with many self-service capabilities and distributed access amongst the CORA Board members has also reduced the workload on the CORA Board. However, each of these technology advancements has increased the need for governance and maintenance to minimize disorder and establish best practice protocols.

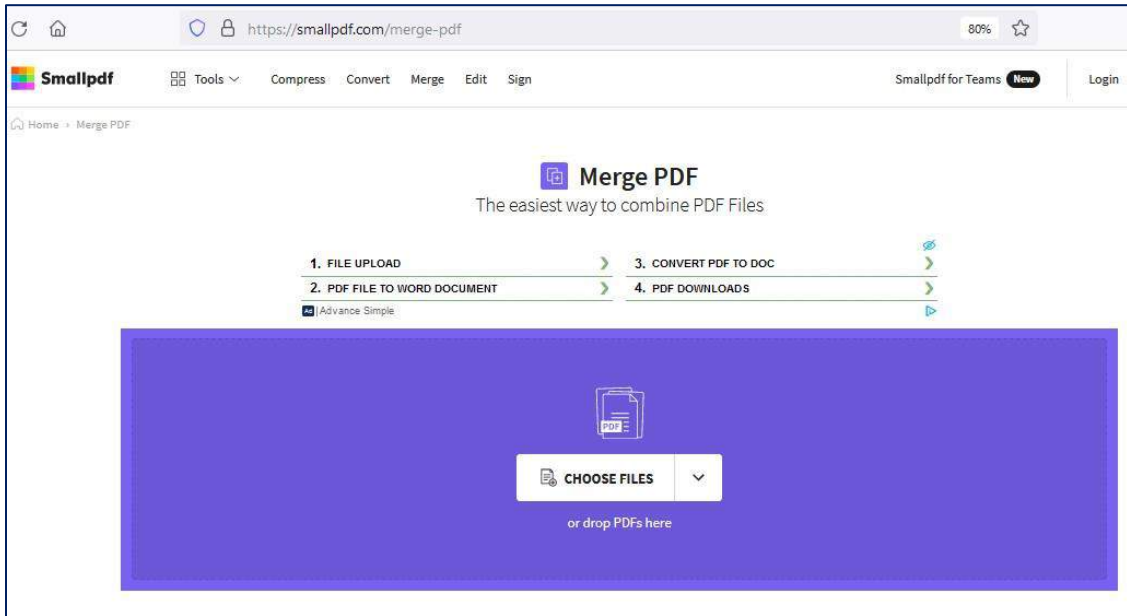
The CORA Website Administrators conduct periodic and periodic updates to safeguard the CORA information systems and permissions structure:

- A security audit is conducted after each AGM as Board Members are offboarded / onboarded for the coming year to ensure timely provision / removal of permissions and update the Business Continuity Checklist.
- Monthly Action Items are raised to ensure security measures are conducted periodically as Board Members are offboarded / onboarded during the current year to ensure timely provision / removal of permissions and update the Business Continuity Checklist.

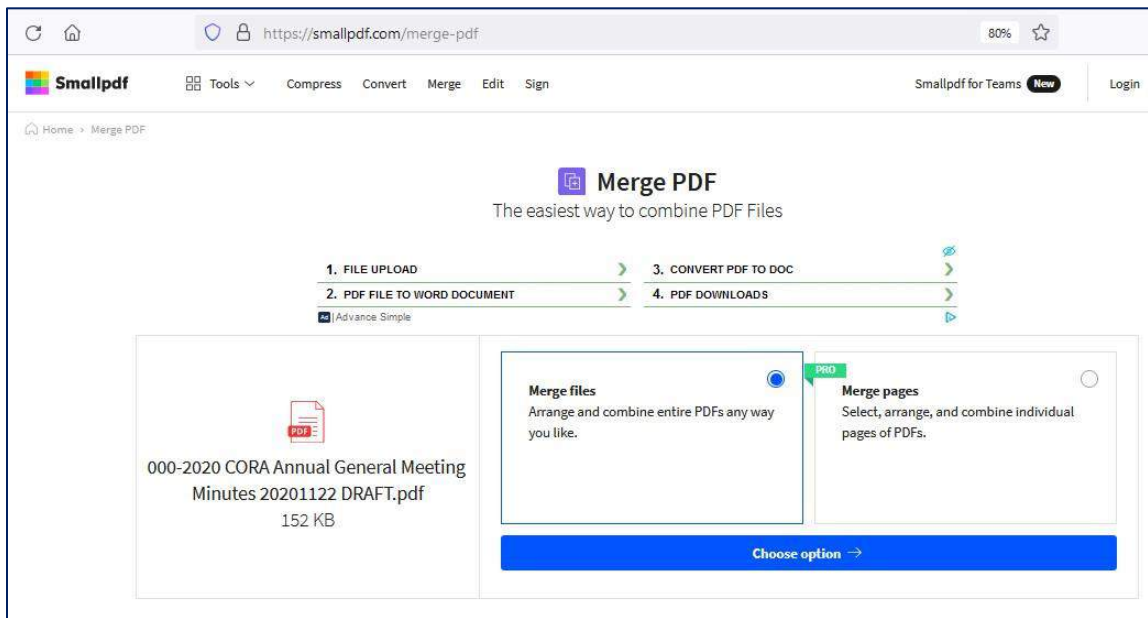
TECHNICAL-AGM AND AGM MINUTES & REPORTS CONSOLIDATION

SmallPDF (<https://smallpdf.com/>) is software that simplifies the merging of multiple files (PDFs) such as Technical AGM Minutes or AGM Minutes with multiple Reports. The tool also has a compression feature to reduce the size of very large PDFs by 50-75%. A user gets a maximum of 2 Merge tasks per day. (*Your two free daily tasks are up. You get 2 free tasks a day with Smallpdf. Get unlimited access with a 7-day free trial.*) This should be adequate for CORA Annual Meetings Minutes / Reports. This overview and accompanying screenshots have been included in the interests of Business Continuity so that each successive CORA Secretary has the technical tools to fulfill their responsibilities.

- Convert PDFs to editable Word documents
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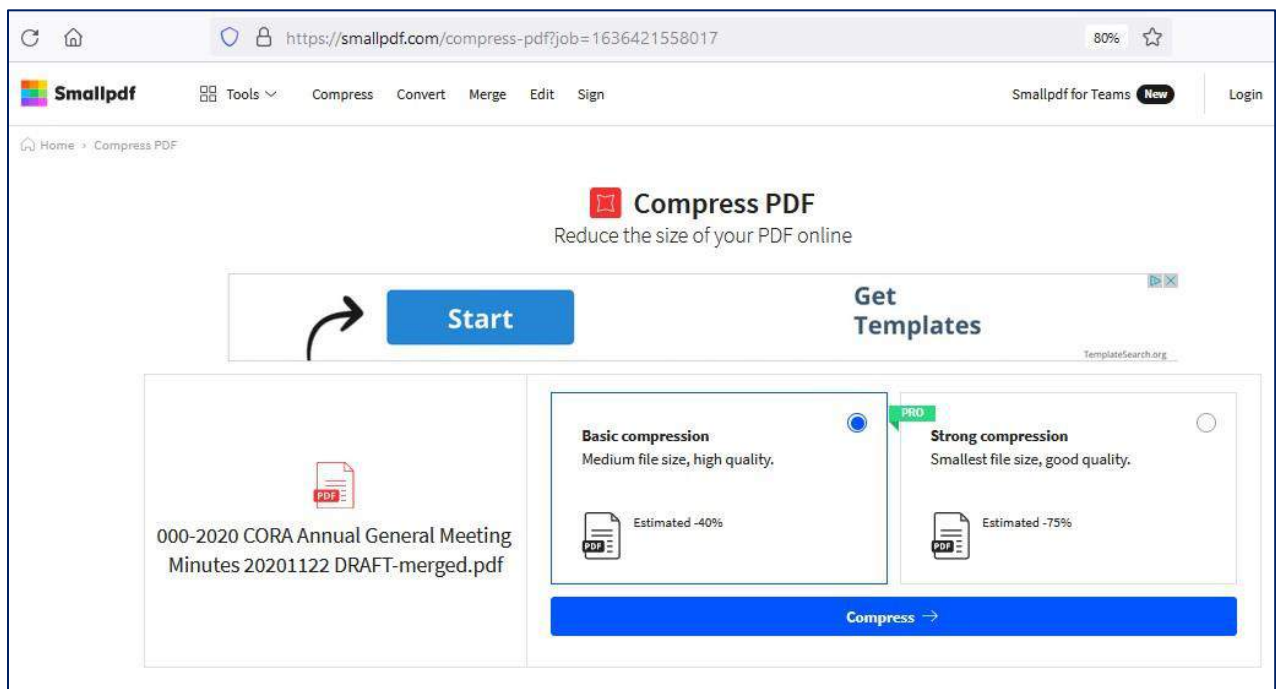
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JUNIOR REPORT FOR CORA – 2023

This past year we sent out an email to the CORA clubs and asked all clubs who either had a junior group within their club or were a junior club themselves if they would like to start a dialogue and take part in some surveys.

The following clubs responded:

FCRCC

Kelowna

Lotus

Pemberton

Powell River

Sproat Lake (does not have any juniors)

Star Nation

VYPC

This past year I organized three different types of contact with other clubs who had expressed interest in sharing ideas with CORA and other junior clubs. They were:

- Survey done in September of 2022
- Zoom Meeting in April of 2023
- Email Survey in Fall of 2023

September 2022 Survey

The survey sent out had the following questions in numerical order, a general recap is listed underneath each question:

- 1) Mini Camp
 - a. Yes there is interest
- 2) Coaching courses
 - a. Yes there is interest
- 3) Fun Races
 - a. Yes there is interest
- 4) Guest Coaches
 - a. Good idea
- 5) Insurance requirements

- a. Need more detailed information
- 6) Start times for regular races for juniors
 - a. No response
- 7) Access to boats for juniors
 - a. Adult clubs have always been helpful
- 8) Adjusted race course for juniors
 - a. Needed as well as a safety boat for the shorter course
- 9) Safety measures

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a. This needs to be addressed. A separate safety boat must be available when the juniors are racing.

10) Would you like a zoom meeting

a. Yes

I am attaching the survey to this report.

April 24, 2023 Zoom Meeting

Attending:

Marianne Pilon – CORA and VYPC

Chris Graham – VYPC

Karen Tomlinson – Pemberton

Grace Morisee – Lotus

Tamlyn Böhm – Kelowna Paddle Centre

Not in attendance:

Tracey Anderson – Sprout Lake

Marc Laverteau – Powell River

Summation of points discussed:

- Very difficult to get juniors on the water after COVID.
- Would like CORA to arrange for coaching to the smaller clubs, this can be done by a contract with coaches on the understanding that any club using this coach's services would assist with housing, payment and travel.

- Arranging for courses for junior paddlers is a great motivation to continue • Guest coaches
- Racing against other juniors
- Racing at a destination race
- Mini-camp

The minutes are attached to this report.

Fall 2023 email Survey:

Clubs who took part are:

FCRCC
Kelowna
Lotus
VYPC

1. Does having an adult club supporting your junior club benefit your club. Yes

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2. If so how does it benefit

Additional mentorship

Extra steerspeople

Donation of clothing

Filling in crews for races

Career and coaching opportunities

Access to more equipment – in particular big boats

Financial

3. Are there any drawbacks to having an adult club

Inclusion and sometimes lack of respect

Adult paddlers sometimes offer too much advice, which is contrary to the coaches

Extra precautions are needed with juniors which can be forgotten When a junior fills in for a racing crew the crew must race open.

4. Coaching – if CORA were to look into organizing some coaching clinics would there be interest. For instance the prerequisite courses for ELCC Certification as well as the ELCC course itself. I have attached a response from CKBC as to the coaching courses offered as well as the flow chart for the courses required for an ELCC.

Yes lots of interest

5. What other types of courses would you like CORA to assist with Canoe Kids

Pleasure Craft Operators Card

First Aid Courses

Equipment Handling and repairs

Inclusive practices and accessibility

6. CORA offers education grants, each club can apply for two grants per year. Question for you, CORA grants are restricted to coaching education and right now not for coaching related courses. For instance, First Aid courses, do you feel that CORA should review its guidelines/requirements for coaching education grants to include other courses, for instance a First Aid Course.

First Aid Course

7. Financial Assistance for Youth Programs

Always welcome

8. Equipment sharing. Would it benefit your club to have a central database of equipment. Reasoning behind this, if one club is no longer using a piece of equipment and needs the space that the piece of equipment is using, they could advertise selling or trading.

If this can be arranged then there are benefits

9. Mini Camps - we discussed this before:

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Yes lots of interest

a. what is the best time of year to run one

i. Spring or Fall

b. length of time for it

i. One week

c. what would you like covered, training - ending up in a race for instance. i. To be discussed

d. would the host club coach or would we bring in guest coaches i. To be discussed

I contacted CKBC, they offer the courses required for coaching credentials, they sent me a flow chart, set out below:

MULTISPORT WORKSHOPS

v COMPETITION-INTRODUCTION MULTISPORT WORKSHOPS

These are introductory workshops for becoming a competitive coach in canoe kayak. ELCC candidates must take the following NCCP multisport workshops before the ELCC core workshop:

- Making Ethical Decisions
- Plan a Practice
- Basic Nutrition
- Teaching and Learning

More information regarding the workshops can be found at coach.ca. Contact your Provincial and Territorial Coach Representatives to see when courses are offered.

Format workshops offered in either classroom or online format

Prerequisite: None

CORE TRAINING

Take one of the following:

v SPRINT SMALL BOATS - ELCC CORE TRAINING

The core training Entry-Level Coaching Course includes the practical and theoretical components of coaching sprint KI and CI. Learn how to effectively plan practices according to various energy systems. Gain a greater appreciation of technique and understand how to analyze the kayak and canoe stroke. Coaches will also discuss best practices for running safe and well organized practices. *Format: 12-16 hour workshop.*

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 Responses to Junior Survey – September 2022

Questions	Club	Responses
<p>A minicamp. This would involve bringing in coaches, handing out written information – more likely having a website for juniors and their clubs to access for information.</p>	<p>Lotus</p>	<p>Depending on what would be covered in the minicamp, this could be very useful... It would also be a lot of fun for juniors to get together with other young paddlers.</p>
	<p>Kelowna</p>	<p>Kelowna Paddle Centre has a number of junior paddlers that have raced at outrigger worlds, as well as local SUP and Surfski races. Over the last 2 years we have joined in with Canoe Kayak BC at their Spring and Fall Training Camps at Burnaby Lake using OC1's and Surfskis while their athletes used K1's and C1's, and the group did really well.</p> <p>We also partnered with Deep Cove Outdoors to run a Summer Paddle Sport Camp which was new for us, so we didn't really know what to expect, nor did we push for participants, so we were quite happy with the 12</p> <p>participants that registered. The participants paddled OC1/2, OC6 as well as I would love to host another camp at the paddle centre, I feel we have most of the equipment needed, and could probably accommodate up to 40 participants. Summer is a great time to do a week long camp as the local college is within walking distance, and they book weekly accommodation.</p>

	Sprout Lake	My former coach in Ft Langley was a teacher. So she would do “lunch and learn” type things with students and show videos of dragon boat racing. She was the one that built up and coached the junior teams in Fort Langley. Started with one and now many. She said it wasn’t easy but she was persistent and it worked! Those teams did great and had tons of fun. So I think I will try working with my teachers and see what we can do. I like the idea of a camp.
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Organize courses for juniors to get their coaching credentials	Lotus	Awesome idea! Many of our older juniors have expressed interest in helping out with new paddlers.
	Kelowna	Canoe Kayak BC has coaching courses, it would be great if CORA partnered with them to develop modules within those courses that are specific to outrigger. Most of the principles for coaching and ethics would be the same, there is just a need for technical guidance and definition.
Fun Races	Lotus	Lotus puts on several fun races for its juniors and there is always great feedback! But these races are definitely a lot of work to put on and require much adult assistance. Cost (travel, race fee), access to boats, availability of good steerspeople are things to consider. Many junior races seem to focus on sprints but some juniors are training for longer distance races so it would be nice to have some variety.

	Kelowna	I feel it would be best to partner with existing races for the Juniors. There should be more dialog between the different paddling disciplines, as it would help bring down expenses for the organizers. There are existing races that would be welcoming of younger paddlers, and they often have a manageable distance for new paddlers.
Access to guest coaches	Lotus	Lotus has many guest coaches (both for SUP and outrigger) and has also brought in other coaches to introduce surfski paddling

Insurance requirements	Lotus	Plus Informed Consent, adequate safety measures, and a good adult/junior ratio
Start times at regular races for juniors		

Access to boats for juniors.	Lotus	Our juniors participated in several OC6 races - even though they were the only junior teams in the races, the host clubs were welcoming, encouraging and did everything possible to provide boats and recognition.
Adjusted race course for juniors for non-sprint races	Lotus	Novice juniors may need a much shorter course with dedicated safety boat or possibly a more sheltered route.
Safety measures	Lotus	Several Lotus juniors participated in a small boats race (they registered early and we had to ask for the Junior Informed Consent form so the race director was aware). There was only 1 safety boat for all racers and the safety boat stayed with the main body of racers (there were a number of hulis due to water conditions, including one due to ama failure, and other racers had to assist because the safety boat was elsewhere). The coaches ended up paddling with the juniors to ensure their safety.

How can CORA assist your club and how would you suggest CORA become more involved with junior paddlers.		
Would you be interested in a zoom meeting where we can discuss ideas, share information and look toward future goals for juniors.	Lotus	Of course!
	Kelowna	Yes

General Responses:

Star Nation Canoe Club

Yes all of these suggestions sound great and we would be open to being involved with a zoom meeting to discuss further. At the moment we struggle to get them into adult races yet they train just as hard and want to race as much as we do. Sometimes we don't have enough for a full

u19 crew for a race etc, it was great at Sprints to see them meet other juniors. Some thoughts.

Thanks for starting this discussion.

Á'a:liya - aaliya.warbus@gmail.com
Kelowna

We are currently working on programs to attract junior paddlers. Our first years attracted some athletes from our summer camps, but those paddlers were too advanced for new paddlers to join in, so we have since added an intermediate group. Now we hope to see some more progression through the groups, however we still struggle to compete with other sports.

Sprout Lake

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Coaching Education:

Here are the coaching training links.

<https://www.canoekayakbc.ca/content/coaching-education>

<https://coach.ca/>

The lowest level of training is Canoekids which is for community development programs and also requires Safe Sport. The other level of coaching we care about is ELCC(entry level competitive coach) for which there are two levels trained and certified. For ELCC coaches also need safe sport, NCCP multi-sport training and Making ethical decisions. ELCC also requires continuing education to maintain.

CORA JUNIOR CLUB ZOOM MEETING

April 24th, 2023

Attending:

Marianne Pilon – CORA and VYPC

Chris Graham – VYPC

Karen Tomlinson – Pemberton

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How can CORA assist you

Open floor discussion:

Karen – super challenging all over since COVID to get juniors on the water. They start off with dragon boating, small numbers right now. Hugh Fisher will be around to coach more, which is exciting and teaching the fundamentals to the kids.

Would like to ask Hugh if we would consider coaching a mini camp, this would be an asset as he is a former Olympian.

They move the paddlers through the different paddling types to avoid overlap. CKBC has now included SUP and very supportive.

How can we support our clubs by getting spring camps, The weather is beginning to be a factor that can impede paddling.

There is a calendar on the CKBC website for courses for coaches. Most of them courses are virtual. The in person component will

need to be sorted out. ELCC course is the next one up.

They have difficulties getting their OC6 rigged all the time and thus can't always accommodate the need to paddle.

CKBC offers SUP polo, Pemberton bought a kit through CKBC but the kids had a lot of fun. It is a lot of work to set it up and take it down.

Along the lines of Tamlyn's suggestion perhaps someone to write the descriptions of the programs, market, etc., could CORA assist with hiring someone and assist with paying them.

CKBC applies for the Canada Summer Jobs Grants as well and typically hires three people each summer.

Tamlyn – Does work with Leanne Stanley when she is available. Most of the focus is on summer camps, a good return from summer camps. Eventually they have continued on to not only paddle but coach within the club. There is a bit of gap between new paddlers and more experienced. Most kids like the variety, thus it can be tough to get a commitment from juniors to one paddling sport as

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opposed to all. Introduced a Fun and Fitness program, the kids have not moved up yet. They do not offer a year round program due to scheduling conflicts, during COVID they did very well.

Had a mini camp last year for kids in SUP, not just local but out of town as well, they raced in a local race after the camp. It was a success.

Happy to host a race up at Kelowna, they have four spec boats and three unlimited. A sprint race is always a fun thing to do.

Hawaii is always appealing if we go toward a sprint race. Parents do like the idea of their child being selected to race and represent Canada.

Kelowna has 40 SUP boards and can accommodate. Big park beside the paddling centre, enough boats to accommodate everyone. If we do a week long event, the college has week long bookings and we can rent apartments from them. Monday to a Saturday camp.

Suggestion of communicating with the other paddling groups to ensure that we don't have overlap for races; such as Deep Cove SUP races, to coordinate.

There are paddling opportunities to coordinate with CKBC as well, joining for training camps, etc. They did last year at the Burnaby training camp.

When her kids found out they could get their coaching credentials it motivated them.

Having all the outrigger kids together in person at a clinic learning from each other is a very good way to build relationships and the community.

Tamlyn is happy to host an educational camp.

Suggestion of a “Show Down Race”, having all the kids come and race off in their favourite craft.

CKBC had a road show that used to go around to all the clubs that didn't have coaches. Can CORA send around coaches that the clubs to pay a percentage of the wage that they could go around to the different clubs, maybe to assist with marketing as well. The coach to go to the different clubs, this would be a full time position that would be partially paid by CORA and by each club taking advantage of this. They could offer \$8,000.00 for the two months of the summer.

Could CORA apply for Canada Summer Jobs.

Chris – VYPC was open as training was in small boats and it was less restrictive during COVID years, VYPC is also a member of CORA. Has eight SUP boards.

Coach Certification – the best thing to do is still use the CKBC format that is tied into Coaching Canada. When you do it for outrigger you just change the focus.

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You must have your multi-sport through NCCP and make ethical decisions through NCCP and do continuing education of 25 credits

for the ELCC level. There is trained, which is course work and certified, someone comes in to certify you.

Suggestion of doing multi-sport through NCCP, which can bring in a different concept. There are problems with trying to meet the needs of all the different levels of paddlers.

Grace – Shut down for three years due to COVID, last year was the first group of juniors. Too many for one dragon boat and for coaches; they have had to restrict to 14 and over, and cannot accommodate the younger paddlers. They have an older group of 18 and over who are going to Hawaii. Grad paddling trip which included an island for the weekend; a lot of grade 11's want to do this as well.

Lotus does Dragon boat, SUP and outrigger. They move the paddlers through the different paddling types to avoid overlap.

Marianne – Not Another Dam Race in Arizona is a good race to encourage juniors to race at. Kids love that.

Kids love getting together to race, but also racing off one another. Getting the interest in this and the buy in will help to keep kids.

Can everyone share their race calendars to help avoid overlap and perhaps assist each other in fielding teams.

Suggestion of having all levels of paddling abilities to attend a summer camp.

CORA has agreed to waive the race registration fees for junior teams and will help get canoes for junior teams when they come down to race.

Suggestion of asking CORA to ask clubs to include a junior race time in the small boat races and not restricting to just OC1.

CORA – does give out education grants.

Insurance:

Marianne will get a brief summary for insurance coverage for outrigger training and what types of water craft are included.

Summer Camp Committee:

Tamlyn and Marianne will be on it, suggestion of August long weekend, August 6th and 7th, 2023. Suggestion of having a smaller camp this year, with Tamlyn spear heading it.

Look at accommodations

Mini Camp – what will be offered

Length of time

Numbers of paddlers that could be accommodated

RECAP:

Marianne has been asked to ask CORA for the following:

- 1) Insurance get a quick synopsis of what is covered and what types of water craft can be used for training. When training this is not for the purpose of racing but for example if an outrigger team trains in the dragon boat for one day is that covered.
- 2) Coaching Education – advise CORA that we are looking into organizing an education camp and will be providing in the information package the link for education grants from CORA. Note – the club hosting the camp may apply for a clinic grant as well in order to keep costs down as much as possible.
- 3) See if CORA can apply for a grant through Canada Summer Jobs to provide a coach to the smaller clubs to coach, write up programs for websites, assist with marketing, etc. The clubs that take advantage of the coach, hired by CORA, would help offset the cost of the coach.
 - a. Coach must have credentials
 - b. Coach must be able to drive themselves between the clubs
 - c. Accommodation each club participating in the “shared” coach will assist or provide the coach with a place to stay.

Can everyone:

- 1) Share their race calendars with each other
- 2) Marianne and Tamlyn to look at logistics for organizing a long weekend summer camp for juniors and looking toward a week long mini camp for 2024.

2023 Fall Survey Questions:

Questions	Club	Responses
1) Does having an adult club supporting your junior club benefit your club.	Lotus	<i>We have found adult support to be extremely valuable overall.</i>
	Brendan Curson – FCRCC	Traditionally, adults have money, so charging adults a bit more to use toward funding junior programs has always been a way of doing things in some clubs.

	Kelowna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majority of our activities, and consistent regular participation is from the over 45 population, having a wide base of paddlers that can pay for themselves definitely benefits our group, both with volunteer capacity as well as financially. When I have been involved with other paddling clubs, their focus has been primarily on Junior athletes which then relies mostly on parents and grants to cover expenses. Junior focussed clubs did seem to have better commitment from junior paddlers, but that may have also been related to the location of the big city clubs. -
	VYPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we had an adult club willing to support our club yes It was a benefit.
a) If so, how does it benefit	Lotus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Additional mentorship. For example, our maintenance director, Steve, has put on a paddle repair clinic for our juniors as well as showing them how to do other boat and building maintenance</i> - <i>Club members have provided paddles – these are either donated or at a greatly reduced cost (where else can they get a Makana Alii or Puakea Hopu paddle for a low, low price?)</i> - <i>Lotus members put on the Poker Paddle race as a fundraiser for the youth program. This is organized and put on by members with some assistance from the junior paddlers</i> - <i>Additional steerspeople for novice junior paddlers in races - Club members have been very generous in providing appropriate technical clothing for winter months – including footwear and gloves</i> - <i>The youth paddlers get to know paddlers in the club and there</i>

		<p>are often races where the juniors fill in. Older youth paddlers will move onto racing with adult teams. It has actually been very wonderful to have teams racing with such a mix of ages paddling together - There isn't such large gap in age categories at our club now and many adults and juniors paddle together regularly. Out of 74 total club paddlers, 40% are younger than 40. We have 16 junior paddlers and 14 Open category paddlers; of the 14 Open paddlers, 8 were formerly Lotus juniors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many adult paddlers will donate home baked goods to the junior concession - There is extensive support from not only the adults at the Lotus Sports Club, but also through other clubs. Fort Langley and Jericho have been very welcoming and go out of their way to make our youth feel recognized - Some of our juniors have been provided with career and coaching opportunities/mentorship through adults at our club
	VYPC	<p>Access to equipment, another club house, shared activities, support from the adult paddlers to flesh out crews, mentorship.</p>
	Brendan Curson – FCRC	<p>Places like FCRC fund most of the junior comp programs with summer camps. Make enough money through summer camps and you don't have to charge as much for juniors in training programs.</p> <p>In general though, having adult and junior programs coincide together is great. It creates pathways for athletes of all ages and abilities. In addition, having rec and comp programs also helps keep people in the sport because they can find the group that suits their goals and continue to paddle. It's very easy to get caught up in the comp world and forget that some people just want to have fun social paddles as a way of meeting new people and building some movement into their day. This also provides a MUCH needed pathway for juniors who aren't super keen on competition. As you build clubs up, especially comp programs in clubs, having pathways for athletes to continually strive for is vital for their growth and</p>

		development. Sports like Sprint
		Canoe/Kayak suffer from huge losses of athletes due nice they reach university age, but outrigger is a true lifelong sport, with competitive groups of every age. Having adult performance and rec programs allows juniors to take the next step or dial it down and stay in the sport.
b) Are there any drawbacks to having an adult club	Lotus	<p><i>(I've altered this slightly to "drawbacks to having juniors/older adults in the club")</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A lot of members feel that they would like to help with the coaching and provide lots of feedback (sometimes this feedback contradicts what the coaches are working on or there is just too much advice offered) - Any of the older club teams who have a junior paddler fill in will need to race Open category rather than Master (in some races there has been a 60 year age difference between the oldest and youngest paddlers in the boat) - Sometimes adults forget or are unaware of the extra precautions, paperwork and legal ramifications of asking a junior to participate in an event or practice with them - Our junior paddlers provide a lot of assistance at Lotus races; they are willing and able to run back and forth to the beach with equipment, they are stronger than a lot of our older members, they recover quickly, they bring up the energy level at events
	VYPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We had recently shared our dock with an adult club. A comment often made from our coaches, parents and some paddlers is it seemed like the adults didn't want us there. - The club we originally had an agreement with, was supportive, but when it was taken over by another club, we no longer had access to the bigger boats and it seemed like we were forgotten.

<p>2) Coaching - if CORA were to look into organizing some coaching clinics would there be interest. For instance the prerequisite courses for ELCC Certification as well as the ELCC course</p>	<p>Lotus</p>	<p>- Lotus junior coaches have their coaching certification (NCCP and/or RCABC) plus Pleasure Craft Operators card</p>
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<p>itself. I have attached a response from CKBC as to the coaching courses offered as well as the flow chart for the courses required for an ELCC.</p>		
	<p>VYPC</p>	<p>Yes we participated in these courses in the past. They are a great benefit.</p>
	<p>Brendan Curson – FCRCC</p>	<p>- Coaching - CORA really needs to work with NCCP or someone to develop a proper coaching curriculum in order to have a set standard for coaching in Canada. Leanne and I have talked a lot about this and I feel it would go a long way to developing youth programming across the country. Maybe it is something that could be done in partnership with Canoe Kayak Canada, and rolled into the CanoeKids program as a module such as what they did with Surfski. This would create an opportunity to coordinate with other large Sprint Clubs to offer programming, especially for the Sprints side of the sport. This would also allow CORA to further develop a competitive level coaching curriculum for higher levels of the sport.</p> <p>-</p>
	<p>Kelowna</p>	<p>- ELCC and NCCP coaching courses are valuable to build some coaching hierarchy within a club, and give new coaches goals to aim for. It would be helpful for CORA to have some Instructors who can offer these courses more frequently, as participants are often young or volunteers, who need a bit more follow up and mentoring.</p>

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	Kat Reid - FCRCC	<p>Coaching would be the biggest help I would say. Our club has a vast amount of knowledge in OC6 paddling and racing, but coaching seems to be a challenge in finding appropriate coaches and steering competency to run these programs.</p> <p>If there were coaching courses for new coaches or experienced paddlers who want to become coaches, this would be a fantastic resource!</p>

3) What other types of courses would you like CORA to assist with	Lotus	- <i>Emergency first aid courses that are specific to water sports would be useful, especially if it includes CPR and use of defibrillator (these are becoming more available at race sites)</i>
	VYPC	- <i>First Aid Courses. Many junior clubs require that their coaches not only have certification but also have a current First Aid Certificate.</i>
	Kelowna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Equipment Handling & Repairs for new paddlers</i> - <i>Event Planning</i> - <i>Inclusive practices and accessibility</i> -
4) CORA offers education grants, each club can apply for two grants per year. Question for you, CORA grants are restricted to coaching education and right now not for coaching related courses. For instance, First Aid courses, do you feel that CORA should review its guidelines/requirements for coaching	Lotus	- <i>since our coaches have already paid for their coaching education, a First Aid course which includes CPR/use of defibrillator would be great</i>

education grants to include other courses, for instance a First Aid Course.		
	Kelowna	• Yes for sure
Financial Assistance for Youth Programs	Kat Reid - FCRCC	<p>Programs are challenging to find the balance for pricing. The programs need to be profitable in order to continue to grow and offer these services, but also the programs need to be affordable for youth to participate in. With the rising costs of everything in today's society, it's challenging to find this balance, especially when starting something new.</p> <p>I know there are grants that can be applied for, specifically for youth participating in sports, which will greatly help create more affordable</p>

		youth programs. It's just a matter of keeping our eyes open and applying for these.
	VYPC	Yes financial assistance is always welcome. CORA has started giving out paddles as prizes at races. This is a great idea.
5) Equipment sharing. Would it benefit your club to have a central database of equipment. Reasoning behind this, if one club is no longer using a piece of equipment and needs the space that the piece of equipment is using, they could advertise selling or trading.	Kelowna	Sure
	VYPC	Yes, our club is desperate for an OC6, we have had to close down during the colder months as the weather conditions prohibit small boat practices.

	Brendan Curson – FCRCC	- Equipment - I recently had a long conversation about paddles for youth programs with Chris Klotz, who sits on the Sprint Alberta board, and who is on my Hilo Men's Team. We discussed the need for paddles with adjustable length so clubs didn't have to purchase multiple lengths of paddles for youth. Braca for example, has a great paddle with an adjustable length and smaller blades, perfect for youth. I'm sure we could talk to the guys at Quickblade and Puakea about the same idea. Basically, anyone who makes composite shafts can do this. Sprint and whitewater clubs already use paddles like this, specifically to make it easier for athletes to paddle with the correct length without having to purchase more paddles than necessary.
	Kat Reid - FCRCC	Equipment - As we do not have a dedicated youth OC6 program(s) in place currently, the equipment that is used for the camps is not exactly geared towards youth/juniors. The paddles are clunky wooden ones too big and heavy for smaller children, our youth PFDs are good, but as we grow our youth programs we would need to purchase more to be able to sustain this.

6) Mini Camps - we discussed this before:	Kelowna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy to offer the same options as last year, timing is important though. Knowing dates early in the season is key, as well as support from club coaches to encourage athletes to attend. Having the event follow Nationals, or Team Trials might increase attendance. It could possibly be called a "National Team Selection Camp".
	VYPC	Great idea

	Brendan Curson – FCRCC	- Camps - YES PLEASE! It would be great to host a camp. This is the best way to get kids from all around to get to know each other better and provide an opportunity to paddle with others than their normal training groups. We have been looking at camp ideas for 2024 in a couple of disciplines with our Sprint team and will be discussing ideas again later today. I will add this idea to the table to get the ideas flowing.
	Kat Reid - FCRCC	I think this sounds like a fun opportunity! I would be in favour of supporting this event. Depending on when this will take place, I can ask FCRCC's Exec's if they would be interested in hosting this event, or use of club OC6s. (Please note - I do not personally make the decisions to allocate club equipment. It's an Exec board decision for this). I'm positive that the support will be there, but will need more details of course to figure out logistics,
a) what is the best time of year to run one	Lotus	- Our dragon boat program gets underway in March and this is interspersed with introductions to outrigger and SUP for new paddlers (our experienced juniors will be working on small boat skills). Outrigger and SUP continue through the summer months. - Not sure that our paddlers would be part of a mini-camp but this would depend on what was being covered
	VYPC	It seems like September as well as spring for us.

b) length of time for it	VYPC	One week
c) what would you like covered, training - ending up in a race for instance.	VYPC	Yes those ideas are welcome
d) would the host club coach or would we bring in guest coaches	VYPC	Can be determined depending on which club hosts

Brendan Curson – FCRCC - Thanks Marianne and Kat for getting this conversation started.

A quick note, FCRCC does actually have a youth OC program and Teams started through the Sprint side of the club. We are registered for Hilo and are working with A'aliya Warbus with Star Nation CC, and Trena-Lynn Point with Vikki Lynn CC out in Chilliwack to coordinate teams and training opportunities.

As for Kat's recommendations, I agree with most of them.

Kat Reid

Program Coordinator

False Creek Racing Canoe Club - It's nice to meet you, thank you for reaching out to me at FCRCC! I didn't see your previous emails, I apologize, as that is an old email address, this is my work email to contact me by. :) Good thing I checked my other email!

I am going to add a few others to this chat who also are involved with growing our youth/junior OC6 programming and may have more feedback to add to this conversation.

As of this point in time, we don't have any Junior Outrigger Teams. I know we are starting a team soon, Brendan will have more details on this one. He's also a Program Coordinator at FCRCC but specifically for the Sprint Canoe/Kayak programs.

This past summer we started to introduce Outrigger Canoe (6) in our youth spring and summer camps, which was a big hit and was multi disciplinary! Ages were from 8-15 years old. Next year we are going to build on this and continue to offer Outrigger Canoe (6) in the youth camps, as well as an additional multi-disciplinary camp for ages 10-15, half day in a Dragon Boat and the other half in Outrigger Canoe (6).

Ideally, it would be fantastic to have year-round programs dedicated to youth in Outrigger Canoe(6) and to learn how to compete in races both distance and sprint. This will take a bit of time to build of course as it doesn't exist... yet!

All in all, FCRCC definitely wants to promote and get more youth/junior Outrigger paddlers into this fantastic sport! I'm open to listening to what CORA has to offer to help support us getting started, and seeing where this opportunity may end up!

I look forward to hearing back from you!



2023 IVF Report for CORA AGM

2023 was the most successful Distance campaign for Team Canada to date. With selection camps continuing on from the Fall 2022 trials into Winter/Spring 2023 to finalize some of the crews, the selection committee were confident in their selections going into Samoa. See the Area Coordinator's report below for Rick Papineau's account of our Samoa campaign.

While paddlers were training for and competing in Samoa, registration for World Sprints 2024 Trials opened during the summer for September trials in Calgary. This was one of our largest Sprint Trials to date with paddlers and crews from all across the country coming to race off to earn their ticket to Hilo next summer. For the first time we had to race of club V6 crews as we had more than 6 apply for open men's and open women's age categories.

We still have many vacant club crew V6 spots available in J16MW, J19MW, 40M, 50M, 60M, 70MW, 75MW, and 80MW so if you or your crew are interested, please email ivfsprints@canadianoutrigger.ca. We also have vacancies for V1 in J16W, J19W, 75W, and 80W.

The 2025 IVF Distance 2025 World Championships will be hosted by Niterói, Brazil. Canada's initial trials are scheduled for October 19 & 20, 2024 in Vancouver. The selection process will be published on the CORA website in early 2024 and registration will open late spring/early summer.

With the significant growth of the National Team Program, CORA is working on a more sustainable structure that will better distribute the workload and provide improved service to our paddlers. Stay tuned for details in 2024 as there will be calls for paddlers to join committees, sub-committees, and possible job postings and contract positions.

In IVF news, just a few weeks ago, the member countries of IVF voted unanimously to award the 2026 World Sprint Championships to Singapore. The proposed dates are for June 2026.

Samoa 2023 Area Coordinators' Report to CORA

In this memo:

- Results
- Observations about event
 - Opening Ceremonies
 - Cultural Night
 - Equipment issues
- AC Position recommendations

Results:

Canada finished with a medal tally of 5G-2S-4B.

- tied for 3rd in gold medals and 4th in overall medal count.

<u>Day 1:</u> MW50 V6 – Canada BRONZE J19W V1 – Ellashani George 5 th OW V1 – Melanie Conard 8 th MM40 V6 – Canada 15 th MM60 V6 – Canada BRONZE	<u>Day 2:</u> MM50 V6 – Canada 4 th OM V1 – Tony Hodanic 11 th MW V1 – Mel Durban GOLD MM70 V6 – Canada BRONZE MW70 V6 – Canada GOLD MW75 V6 – Canada GOLD	<u>Day 3:</u> J19M V1 – Will Rainey 6 th MW50 V1 – Heather Taylor 5 th MW40 V1 – Leanne Stanley 4 th MM40 V1 – Rob Magus 6 th
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<u>Day 4:</u> MM70 V1 – Jon Amundson 4 th MM75 V1 – Terry Curtis SILVER MW70 V1 – Mary Lou Phinney SILVER MW75 V1 – Ann Mohs GOLD OW V6 – Canada 16 th	<u>Day 5:</u> MM50 V1 – Scott Borle 8 th MW40 V6 – Canada GOLD MW60 V6 – Canada BRONZE MM60 V1 – Bob Woodman 4 th OM V6 – Canada 11 th
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Observations:

Opening Ceremonies:

Despite the torrential downpour, the organizers put together a fantastic opening ceremonies event. This began with an athletes' parade of about 900m, led by a local marching band. The ceremony itself included a substantial number of students from the local Don Bosco school singing and dancing, plus a brief fire dance, prayers, speeches, and a kava ceremony that included Canadian paddler, Ellashani George, who was chosen to represent the Pacific Northwest region as she was Canada's youngest athlete (each country was not granted a participant, but rather global regions were determined and the selected country from that region selected their participant).

Cultural Night:

Once again, the contingent from Star Nation performed for Canada during the Cultural Night. Combining dance with singing and storytelling – led by former BC Lt. Governor Stephen Point – while dressed in full

regalia, the multi-generational presentation shared a glimpse into the history and culture of the Sto:lo people of the Fraser Valley region.

*** **AC note to CORA**– for two consecutive World Championships, this family has traveled with their regalia – a substantial number of items – to present for Canada. A stipend or reimbursement for checked baggage costs to transport these items may be considered in the future by CORA to support individuals/groups carrying extra luggage for the cultural performance on behalf of Team Canada. ***

Equipment Issues:

Canoes were delivered to the race location only slightly prior to the Canoe Familiarization (CF) period and were not assembled until the first CF day.

Although there were older models in use, the Matahina V6s were generally sound; the only restriction being that they were not to be carried from the bow or stern.

The V1s used were constructionally deficient, with roughly half of the fleet failing catastrophically, including hulls or amas breaking while in use. Several canoes sank during races. Most of the canoes that remained in use until the final day were only marginally seaworthy and took on water in both the front and back compartments of the hull and in the amas. As in London, some canoes caused physical injuries to paddlers, including cuts from sharp edges. Due to the hot and humid conditions, paint and other substances transferred from the canoe to paddlers' clothing.

There were significant complaints from most of the contingent nations. The generally accepted theme, though, can be summarized as: "The paddlers on the water should be deciding the outcome, not the luck of the draw regarding the boat being assigned."

*** **AC Recommendation to IVF** – per IVF Distance rule 8.2, the seaworthiness of the canoes must be ensured. To ensure seaworthiness during future events, the recommendation is that in future, the canoes are built by *recognized* and *respected* builders, well in advance of the event's commencement, with a prototype/first model presented to IVF for testing and certification. A repeat of the disastrous V1s from this year must not happen in the future. ***

AC Position recommendations:

The position of Area Coordinator, as it is presently utilized, is more than simply being at the race site during CF periods and racing. The tasks of verifying paddlers for eligibility, collecting the requisite documents for review by IVF, registering individuals and teams, and communicating with participants for each event begins – at the very latest – before the time trials for the event take place. I would assert that some of these tasks begin as soon as the selection process is set and the registration for trials needs to start.

As such, I would suggest that it is imperative that the AC for the event in question be selected PRIOR to Trials for said event. I would also suggest that, as part of the selection process, the candidate being selected agree to a three-year cycle. This cycle should be as follows: training under the current AC during a Distance event year; operating self-sufficiently as AC during a Sprint year; completing the tasks while training the next AC during the subsequent Distance year. Having done this role for a few events, and having seen personally how much of the works was completed by Leanne prior to being appointed as AC

myself in each instance, this new practice should be implemented immediately – especially with Sprint Trials being less than a month away (report written in August 2023).

The process for selection must be open and transparent, and equal to all possible candidates – favouritism must not be shown to any potential candidate(s). A formal application process must be created, with a criteria for selection being published for any potential candidates to review.

Additionally, I would recommend that the compensation for performing the responsibilities be based on a budget (submitted by the AC) of expenses, rather than a decision made by the CORA Board. The amount authorized should include: flight expenses, utilizing the best value Economy rates available; accommodations, based on average rates; rental vehicle including event-specific fuel costs, and; a per diem for meal expenses while at the race site.

Most race days while at Samoa Distance (during London Sprints, it was slightly shorter time per day but spread over more racing days) I was on site from no later than 6:30AM until no earlier than 6:00PM. It is expected that ACs be present whenever a paddler/team is on the water. Prize giving occurred after racing was completed for the day, and AC meetings/briefings often happened after that. Including being available after hours to paddlers with questions, plus the nightly communications email to the team, this made for very long days dedicated to Team Canada and precluded any “sight-seeing” or “tourist” activities from happening while the event was going on.

When including the time required to collect all the team paperwork, complete the online registrations, attend the pre-event Zoom meetings, and answering pre-event questions for participants, plus the actual travel time to the various locations, the time commitment for ACs is easily several hundred hours per event. Despite being in a foreign country, performing the role of AC is not a vacation opportunity. These expectations and requirements should also be conveyed to future AC candidates, and should be taken into consideration when establishing the compensation for attending as Canada must have an AC present to participate in IVF events.



CORA INSURANCE AND SAFETY REPORT (AGM) 2023

There have been no incidents or insurance claims to report.

CORA's insurance broker remains BFL Canada Insurance Services, and the underwriter is Markel Canada.

CORA maintains a Commercial General Liability Policy providing coverage for CORA Member Clubs ("CORA Clubs") and individual members against claims by third parties for bodily injury or damage third party property when participating in "sanctioned events". Coverage is for up to \$5M per occurrence. The interpretation of "sanctioned events" has always been somewhat vague. The scope of coverage for the day-to-day practices and training activities of CORA Clubs, provided that they are "sanctioned", activities may include:

- CORA-sanctioned races
- CORA-hosted practices, training, time trials and races
- CORA Club practices, training, time trials and races
- CORA Club recreational paddling activities
- CORA Club activities at locations other than the club, so you may paddle out from the club or launch from a remote location
- CORA Members training on their own time, but only if the training is sanctioned by their CORA Club. Coverage does not apply if the training is not sanctioned by a CORA Club or by CORA itself (ie. self-directed or independent training by unaffiliated CORA Members is not covered).
- Use of CORA Members' own equipment
- CORA Clubs may invite "guests" to activities (ie drop-in events) without charging a CORA "day fee" but these numbers should be reported to CORA for inclusion in the "day fee" numbers reported to BFL Canada (CORA is charged a premium for each day fee).

CORA Clubs disclose to CORA the nature of their operations and activities in a questionnaire received from CORA following Club Membership registration. This disclosure to CORA and CORA's acceptance thereof, constitutes the "sanctioning" process.

Member Clubs are reminded to inform CORA if any additional insureds need to be added in respect of their insurance coverage and we will request Certificates of Insurance confirming coverage for and naming additional insureds, such as landlords or local municipalities.

Likewise, Race Directors are also reminded to request Certificates of Insurance for their race confirming coverage for their event and naming additional insureds, such as landlords, local municipalities or other governmental authorities.

We have also confirmed with BFL Canada that CORA Members racing in specified international outrigger races (i.e. SCORA or HCRA races) may request Certificates of Insurance evidencing third party liability insurance coverage when racing, provided that race organizers accept such insurance. The Certificate of Insurance would be accompanied by a letter from CORA's Membership's Officer naming the crew and confirming CORA membership.

We continue to plan to develop a "plain language" explanation of the liability coverages.

CORA also maintains Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance



CORA CANOE REGISTRY REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

This initiative began in 2020 as an effort 1) to capture an inventory / demographics of CORA "big-boats" (much like the SCORA / OHCRA / HCRA Registries) and 2) to capture details (names / IDs / colours / weights) of CORA "big-boats". This initiative continued in 2021/2022/2023 with data quality improvements to the [Canoe Registry](#) and a photograph catalogue based on information collected by the Historical Committee and Awards Committee on the movement of OC6s between CORA clubs.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS

This section is a Summary of **Canoe Registry Trends / Highlights**:

- **Acquisition of new Unlimited OC6s has slowed** in 2023 after many years of Unlimited OC6 acquisitions.
- Larger clubs have continued to **upgrade their OC6 fleets** by dealing their older Traditional OC6s to growing clubs.
- FCRC has continued to be the **CORA used OC6 broker** having now dealt 5 Traditional OC6s (4 Calmars and 1 Mirage M2) to other clubs over the past 6 years.
- FGPC has continued its growth to become the **dominant club in OC6 ownership**, now with 8 Traditional OC6s and 4 Unlimited OC6s.
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) has continued its growth to become the **dominant provider of Traditional OC6s** and has now passed in numbers the Calmar and Bradley Lightning Traditional OC6s.
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) has continued to be the **sole provider of made-in-Canada Traditional OC6s** with several more on the books for 2024 (expect a 9-month turnaround).
- **First Nations clubs** have continued to embrace outrigger canoeing with Geronimo (Brentwood Bay) 1 Unlimited, Island Brave (Nanaimo) 1 Lightning and 2 Unlimiteds, Chemainus (Ladysmith) 1 Advantage, Star Nation (Cultus Lake) 2 Calmars and 1 Advantage, River Spirit (Chilliwack) 1 Advantage, Onake (Montreal) 1 Lightning and 1 Unlimited, and Chehalis (Harrison Lake) 2 Fijians from Gibsons.
- The movement in 2022 of **3 Western Canada Traditional OC6s and an OC6 trailer to Eastern Canada** has provided for increased participation in GTA outrigger canoeing training and racing.
- The **proportion of OC6 owned by non-CORA clubs** has continued to grow as more clubs acquire new / used outrigger canoes to expand their canoeing options to club members.
- Although many clubs have recently acquired OC6s, very **few of these clubs have become CORA Member Clubs** to avail themselves of CORA Grants.

SUMMARY

- We have been able to identify **194 "big-boat" canoes within Canada**, up from 169 as of Autumn 2021.
- We have been able to capture current pictures of 94% (182/194) of the "big-boat" canoes within Canada.
- There are **7 CORA clubs and 1 ECORA club** that each own at least 7 "big-boat" canoes and **collectively own 36% (69/194) of all "big-boat" canoes** in Canada.
- **26% (50/194)** of "big-boat" canoes in Canada (1 in 4) are **NOT owned by clubs / teams affiliated with CORA**.
- There is a continual pattern of new clubs being formed and joining CORA, existing clubs leaving CORA, and existing clubs rejoining CORA, which leads to addition of new "big-boat" canoes to the [Canoe Registry](#) and a rebalancing of the proportion of CORA / Non-CORA "big-boat" canoes in Canada.
- CORA expects to learn of even more OC6s/OC4s in Canada through-out the coming year as clubs and individuals with privately owned canoes attend Canadian canoe racing events.

- There **continues to be a dearth of OC6s in Eastern Canada to support the demand**; Wai Nui has been supporting local clubs / events with their 8 OC6s but the other 7 Eastern Canada clubs have only 33 OC6s between them and the vast majority of these OC6s are NOT owned by CORA clubs.

2023 was a relatively quiet year in terms of big-boat acquisitions / transitions. False Creek (FCRCC) continues to be the top Canadian used canoe broker as they have now transitioned 5 of their older traditional (Spec) OC6s to other clubs. Fairway Gorge (FGPC) has become the dominant big-boat owner as their fleet has now grown to 12 OC6s.

6 new OC6s showed up in Canada and 3 used OC6s changed clubs since Oct-2022 when the previous CORA Registry Report was compiled. New / Used big-boat acquisitions since the previous Canoe Registry update in Oct-2022 included:

- 1 new Clipper Advantage OC6 acquired by River Spirit (First Nations) from Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK).
- 1 new Clipper Advantage OC6 acquired by TBD from Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK).
- 1 new Puakea Malolo OC6 acquired by Fairway Gorge from Ozone Hana Hou.
- 1 new Giblin Vortex OC6 acquired by Fairway Gorge from Ozone Hana Hou.
- 1 existing used white deck Mirage M2 OC6 acquired by Sudden Impact (Cultus Lake) from FCRCC.
- 2 existing used blue deck Fijian OC6s acquired by Chehalis First Nations (Harrison Lake) from Gibsons.
- 2 existing used OC6s owned by Ontario clubs that CORA learned of during 2023.

INSIGHTS

This ongoing initiative to maintain the Canoe Registry has yielded these insights:

- Canadian clubs have few options for new OC6s with only the Western Canada Ozone distributor (Hana Hou Sports) the Eastern Canada Ozone distributor (Coldwater), the Florida 3-piece Bradley Lightning distributor (Canoa Havaiana), Woo Outrigger (Europe), and a Western Canada Matahina distributor (private).
- Access to used canoes by Canadian clubs from the States has been impacted by the US/Canada exchange rate (72%).
- Access to used canoes between Canadian clubs is a challenge as those Canadian clubs with a large fleet are reluctant to sell older canoes as these canoes are used for all-season training and these large fleets of canoes are used for events where the host club provides the majority of canoes.
- The challenge of canoe availability is even more prevalent in Eastern Canada where the growth of the sport has been constrained by the shortage of canoes and the travel distances between clubs in Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.
- WCK continues to be the lone source of Canadian made Traditional OC6s. WCK manufactured 2 Clipper Advantages in 2023 and has 1 Clipper Advantage on the books for 2024.
- There is a huge demand for spare canoe parts and for canoe repairs. CORA has been in contact with a few suppliers of iakos / amas. CORA is also locating companies / individuals who do OC6 / OC1 / ama / iako repairs. Should anyone know of companies / individuals who do fibreglass / woodworking for OC6s / OC1s / amas / iakos, please contact CORA so that we can update our Outrigger Canoeing Resources Registry.
- CORA has been attempting to inventory OC6 trailers among CORA clubs to assist event hosts with coordinating OC6s. OC6 trailers in Eastern Canada have increased as TSCC Maka Koa acquired a trailer from Vernon Racing Canoe Club and Amakua in Quebec has a trailer certified to provincial regulations. Wai Nui (although not a CORA Club in 2022) has an OC6 trailer that is used to support Eastern Canada OC6 events and this makes for 3 known OC6 trailers in Eastern Canada. OC6 trailers in Western Canada (Vancouver Island; Lower Mainland; Okanagan / Interior) are far more prevalent with OC6 trailers at Comox, FGPC, Latitude 48 (2), Wolfpack, Pacific Reach, FCRCC, Dragon Zone, Lotus, Fort Langley, Harrison, Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, and Kamloops. It is worth noting that clubs are moving towards OC6 trailers with less capacity and lower weight ratings to transport Unlimited OC6s.
- CORA continues to reach out to unaffiliated Eastern Canada clubs (Onake; Ottawa River; Pickering; Wai Nui) and Western Canada First Nations clubs to become CORA clubs as CORA learns of OC6s at these clubs.

APPENDIX

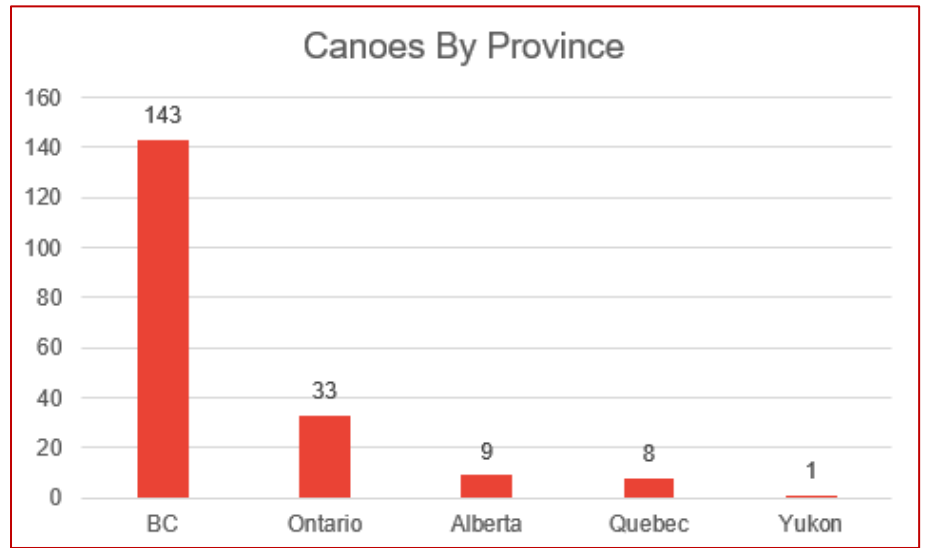
This Appendix has four tables with counts / charts of "big-boat" canoes by:

1. Province (BC; AB; ON; QC; YK)

2. Affiliation (CORA Member; ECORA / Unaffiliated)
3. Division (OC4; Traditional OC6; Unlimited OC6)
4. Make / Model / Manufacturer

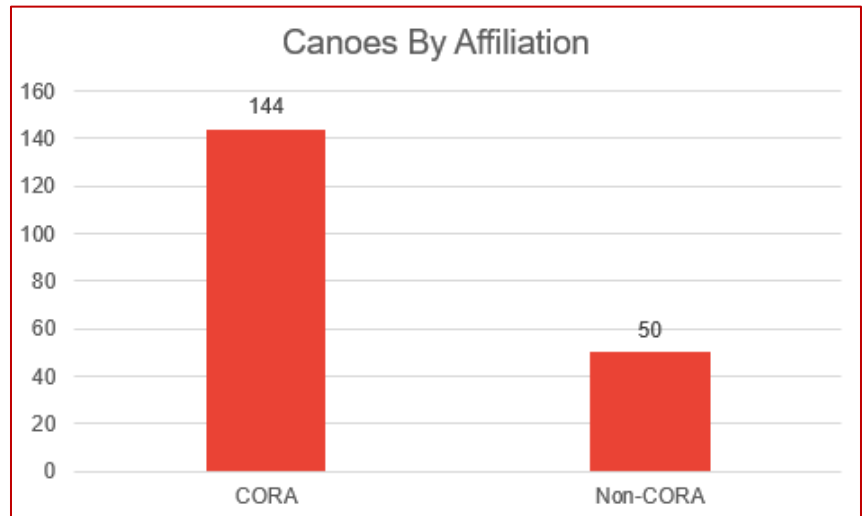
Canoes By Province (BC; AB; ON; QC)

Province	Canoes	Pct
BC	143	73.71%
Ontario	33	17.01%
Alberta	9	4.64%
Quebec	8	4.12%
Yukon	1	0.52%



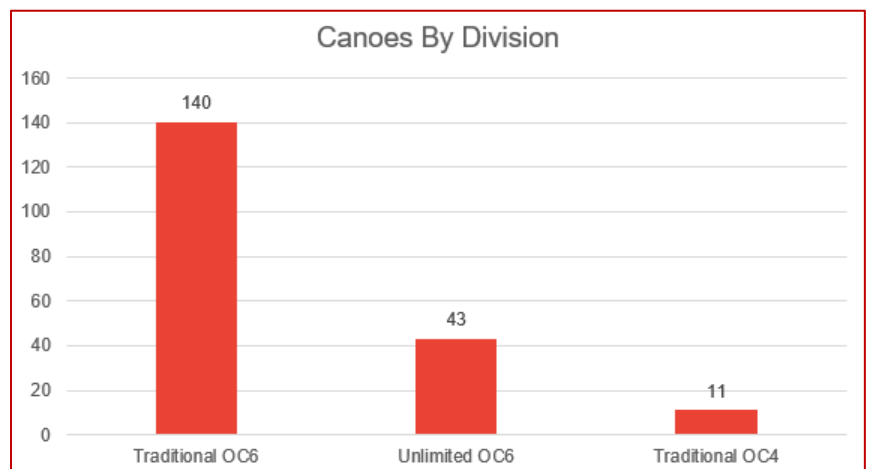
Canoes By Affiliation (CORA Member; ECORA / Unaffiliated)

Affiliation	Canoes	Pct
CORA	144	74.23%
Non-CORA	50	25.77%



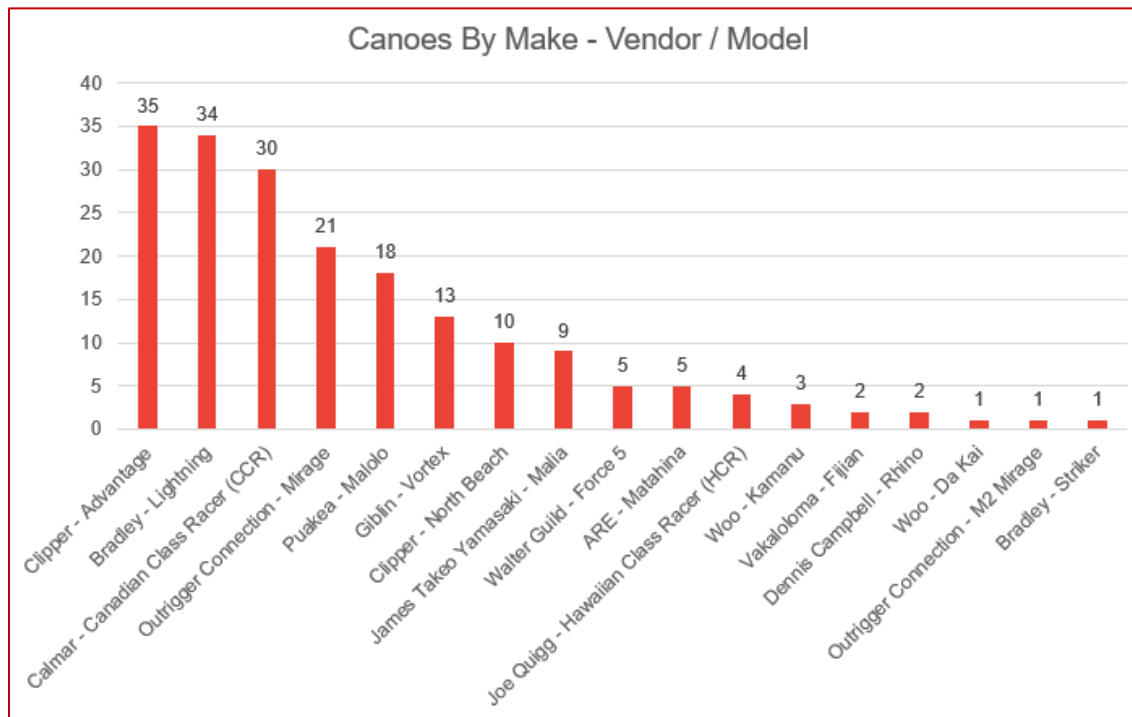
Canoes By Division

Canoe Division	Canoes	Pct
Traditional OC6	140	72.16%
Unlimited OC6	43	22.16%
Traditional OC4	11	5.67%



Canoes By Make / Vendor / Model

Make - Vendor / Model	Canoes	Pct
Clipper – Advantage	35	18.04%
Bradley – Lightning	34	17.53%
Calmar - Canadian Class Racer (CCR)	30	15.46%
Outrigger Connection – Mirage	21	10.82%
Puakea – Malolo	18	9.28%
Giblin – Vortex	13	6.70%
Clipper - North Beach	10	5.15%
James Takeo Yamasaki – Malia	9	4.64%
Walter Guild - Force 5	5	2.58%
ARE – Matahina	5	2.58%
Joe Quigg - Hawaiian Class Racer (HCR)	4	2.06%
Woo – Kamanu	3	1.55%
Vakaloloma – Fijian	2	1.03%
Dennis Campbell – Rhino	2	1.03%
Woo - Da Kai	1	0.52%
Outrigger Connection - M2 Mirage	1	0.52%
Bradley Striker	1	0.52%



CLUB BRANDING / LOGOS

CORA collected a set of Club Branding / Logos for 2021 CORA Winter / Spring Small-Boat Virtual Races for the purpose of showcasing the hosts for these events. This effort continued through 2021/2022/2023 with the outcome being a Club Branding / Logos Registry that has become part of the Properties Registry as of 2022 (found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder) and a page of Club Branding / Logos on the CORA website for when CORA opts to do further promotion on behalf of clubs:

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/canadian-outrigger-racing-association/cora-clubs/>



CORA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

The CORA Historical Committee was officially formed in 2020 and consists of current and ex-Officio Board Members who continue to collect and curate Canadian outrigger canoeing historical records for posterity. The volume of historical material contributed month-after-month by the paddling community will continue to support the ongoing publication of Canadian outrigger canoeing historical documents.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS

This section is a Summary of **Historical Trends / Highlights**:

- Interviews with many of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductees have continued to **fill in many gaps in Canadian outrigger canoeing history**.
- **IPCF / IVF Team Canada Legacy** photos / videos / stories have continued to be contributed from the paddling community.
- The original CORA website article on "**Cascadia – Paddlers Without Borders**" has led to the discovery of several other *Cascadia* (BC / WA / OR / HI) crews that will be incorporated into that ongoing story.
- The untold story of the **Molokai Na Wahine 1985** all-Canadian womens crew finally has been captured and documented in the Oct-2023 CORA Town Hall.
- Discussions in 2023 with Annie Boulding and Ruth Matson may have finally filled in the outstanding gaps in the **history of "The Burrard – First OC6 In Canada"**.
- Paddling community members have continued to contribute a wealth of names / dates / events / photos / stories that will be incorporated into **Club Legacy Documents** for Comox, Pemberton, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Sunshine Coast, and Wai Nui.

LIVING DOCUMENTS

The 10 reference documents published since 2020 (see below) are all to be revised shortly. All reference documents published on the CORA website were meant to be "living documents" as details continue to surface that result in additions / revisions to these documents.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME OUTCOMES

This topic is covered in detail in the CORA Awards Committee Report. However, it is worth noting that the 31 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductee Bios posted on the CORA website Hall Of Fame perpetual page contain a wealth of historical knowledge covering Canadian outrigger canoeing history from the 1970s till present day.

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/canadian-outrigger-hall-of-fame/>

Interviews with many of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductees and individuals who know / knew these individuals continues to fill in many gaps in Canadian outrigger canoeing history.

TEAM CANADA IVF LEGACY

Interviews with several of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductees as well as several other IVF Sprints participants provided background on the Team Canada IVF paddlers and results from the 1992/1994/1996/1998/2002/2006 events. IVF has scant records on the early years of IVF Sprints and for these individuals who were there at that time to fill in the gaps on who was with Team Canada "*back in the day*" and their achievements are priceless. We have recently discovered footage from the 1994 Western Samoa IPCF World Sprints. Video and photos of Team Canada at this event will be posted shortly to the Team Canada IVF Legacy perpetual page.

- <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/team-canada-ivf-legacy/>

CASCADIA – PADDLERS WITHOUT BORDERS

CORA had collected a set of stories from Autumn 2022 through Spring 2023 representative of "Team Cascadia". This is a concept that has been around for many years that involves paddlers from Oregon / Washington / Canada forming crews for outrigger canoe racing events and quite often taking the podium. The concept of Team Cascadia has gone by many names over the years and the CORA website has an article that captures four memorable occurrences of this concept. This article was meant to be an ongoing community discussion piece such that if anyone had stories of their own about a Team Cascadia experience, they could feel free to share those stories with the CORA Historical Committee. The tale of a Cascadia crew that had back-to-back Pailolo Challenge First Place Finishes as come to light recently and will be added shortly to this "**Cascadia – Paddlers Without Borders**" perpetual page. Several other crews such as the *Scatterheads* and *Scatterchicks* have also been mentioned. Anyone with knowledge of such crews is invited to share history / details / photos with the CORA Historical Committee.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cascadia-paddlers-without-borders/>

MOLOKAI NA WAHINE 1985 CREW

The October 2023 CORA Town Hall virtual session featured a reunion of the all-Canadian women's 1985 Molokai Na Wahine crew that placed 5th overall in that race for one of the best ever showings by an all-Canadian women's crew in 38 years. Please see the recording below of the roundtable of what it was like to build an outrigger racing crew in 1985 with Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Famers Ruth Matson and Annie Boulding, Canadian Olympians Sheila Taylor and Joanne Woods, and all of the stellar crew members that CORA has been able to locate including Cathy (Nixon) New, Sheila (Chadwick) Cupp, Kathy Gallagher, Gail Timmer, Janice (Henderson) Kyle, and Diane Chippindale. We are looking forward to a special guest appearance by legendary Molokai Na Wahine Board Member "Auntie" Rosie Lum, with recognition of legendary Waikiki Beach Boy Albert "Rabbit" Kekai, who coached the all-Canadian Womens crew for the 1985 Kaiwi Channel Crossing. All the stories / names / places / photos related to this adventure that have been collected from 2020-2023 leading up to this October 2023 CORA Town Hall, will be compiled into a legacy document and posted to the CORA Cultural Continuity perpetual page.

- <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-town-hall-october-2023-the-wahines-in-the-boat/>
- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/cultural-continuity/>

THE BURRARD – FIRST OC6 IN CANADA

Many Canadian paddlers might be surprised to know that 8 CORA clubs were able to launch outrigger canoe clubs by virtue of an OC6 that very few Canadian paddlers know about. Discussions in 2023 with Annie Boulding and Ruth Matson may have finally filled in the outstanding gaps in the history of this mystery OC6. The story of how this OC6 came to Canada in 1986 and is now "returning to the soil" back in the forest in Comox can be found on the CORA Cultural Continuity perpetual page.

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/The-Burrard-Legacy-2021-07-Jul.pdf>

CLUB LEGACIES – COMOX; PEMBERTON; KELOWNA; NANAIMO; SUNSHINE COAST; WAI NUI

CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2020/2021 on 3 of the original CORA clubs (False Creek; Lotus; Jericho). CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2021/2022 on 2 more of the original CORA clubs (Ocean River; Penticton). The details collected in the research of the 31 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductees is to be incorporated into these 5 existing CORA club legacies. There is a vast amount of material that has since been collected on Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC), Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), Kelowna Paddling Club (KPC), Nanaimo Ocean Paddling Club (NOPC), Sunshine Coast clubs, and Wai Nui by virtue of some of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductee Bios that is to be used in draft versions for legacies of these 6 clubs. CORA looks forward to working with Comox, Pemberton, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Sunshine Coast, and Wai Nui on these "living documents".

CORA has initiated discussions with many individuals across Canada to continue this OC history initiative:

- Zoe Norcross from Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC)
- Hugh Fisher from Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA)
- Carmen Prehofer from Kelowna Paddling Club (KPC)
- Ruth Matson from Nanaimo Ocean Paddling Club (NOPC)
- Sue Milligan from Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society (PROCS)
- Nancy Botting from Wai Nui in Ontario

CLUB LEGACIES – EASTERN CANADA

Interviews have been held with many individuals (Sheila Kuyper; Wendy Rae-Perkins, Nancy Botting; Foruzan Veiji) with knowledge of Eastern Canada outrigger canoeing. CORA hopes to publish an Eastern Canada outrigger canoeing legacy document by the end of 2023 that covers the origins of many of the Ontario and Quebec canoe clubs. CORA Board Member Val Simmons of Haunani has researched history on the foundational canoe clubs in Eastern Canada (Wai Nui and Onake) and has collected an extensive set of material on the key individuals / events of these clubs.

RESOURCES

Fact-checking, grammar-checking, umpteen email exchanges, and endless online searches in 2020 resulted in a very definitive [Canoe Registry](#) of the vast majority of big-boats (OC4s / OC6s) throughout Canada as well as a timeline of the travels of those canoes (continuously updated through 2023).

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/cultural-continuity/>

The end result of this ongoing research has been 10 reference documents:

1. The Malia in British Columbia – First publication on outrigger canoeing in Canada by Doug Mancell (Lotus Sports Club)
2. The First Outrigger Canoes in BC – Revisit of the Doug Mancell article with further insights on the Canadian Malias, Hawaiian Class Racers (HCR), and Calmar Canadian Class Racers (CCR) from the 2020 research
3. "The Burrard" – First OC6 in Canada (1985-2006)
4. The Lotus Legacy – Extensive history (1986-2019) of Lotus Sports Club
5. The False Creek Legacy – Extensive history (1982-2000) of False Creek Racing Canoe Club
6. The Jericho Legacy – Extensive history (1993-2020) of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (Jericho Paddling Club)
7. The Ocean River Legacy – Extensive history (1994-2021) of Ocean River Paddling Club (now Latitude 48)
8. The Skaha Legacy – Extensive history (1999-2021) of Penticton Racing Canoe Club

9. Unlimited Canoes In Canada – Detailed background on history / distributors / owners of all the various Unlimited OC6s across Canada
10. Outrigger Canoes Chronology – Collection of short stories on the history of outrigger canoes from the original Hawaiian Malia (1938) to the various Unlimited OC6s with a focus on outrigger canoes in Canada

PRESERVATION

CORA Board recognizes that these historical documents are a legacy to the founders and builders of Canadian outrigger canoeing and should be preserved for posterity. These historical documents are to be found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder and have been published on the CORA website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are so many other individuals who have contributed to the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023 Inductee Bios as well as "The Burrard – First OC6 In Canada" and the Team Canada IVF Legacy and the many other "living documents". CORA wishes to thank all of the paddling community members who have made so many contributions to the CORA Historical Archive.

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

CORA Board continues to collect historical records on Canadian outrigger canoeing. Stories for Vancouver Island, the Okanagan / Interior, Alberta, and Eastern Canada have been started, but material is lacking. The membership is invited to contact CORA to contribute material / stories / photos that can be added to the legacy of Canadian outrigger canoeing



CORA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

The CORA Awards Committee was officially formed in 2020 and consists of current and ex-Officio Board Members who have responsibility for coordinating Canadian outrigger canoeing Awards including the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** since 2016 and the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** since 2019 and the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** since 2021.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS

This section is a Summary of **Awards Trends / Highlights**:

- **Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club)** has continued to dominate PNWORCA OC1 Masters racing and has now won the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** in 2023 and in 4 years of the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series.
- Canadian standings in the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** have continued to improve with four Canadians in 2023 (Pam Watts Cornall; Bob Stewart; Ken Asano; Doug Thomas) finishing in the Top 14.
- **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** Nominations continue to be submitted and CORA has continued to hold in-person **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** presentations (Grace Morissette; Drew Mitchell; Don Mulhall; Jan Chavarie) with much decorum – many thanks to Ron Chin for his eloquent speeches.
- The **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** process (Awards Committee) and presentation (Town Hall Committee) cycle has **continued for 3 consecutive years now** with another **Stellar Seven** individuals (Ruth Matson; Nancy Botting; David Hill; Lynda Roberts; Norman MacDonell; Leanne Stanley; Len Morris Jr.) from across Canada Inducted in 2023, with heartfelt speeches by many Guest Speakers.

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

CORA Board recognizes the challenges in administering trophies based on experience with the CORA Cup Series trophies and various Dragon Boat BC trophies that CORA Board members have found themselves caring for over the years. CORA Board recognizes that trophies are an investment and should be tracked to avoid having to replace quite often irreplaceable mementos. CORA Board continues to maintain Chain-Of-Custody documents for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** and the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** to ensure that the last known whereabouts can be easily determined. These Chain-Of-Custody documents have become part of the Properties Registry as of 2022 (found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder).

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE

Peter Forand left a lasting impression on everybody that he met during his time with Lotus Sports Club and Jericho Paddling Club and Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC). The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website has a perpetual page dedicated to the memory of Peter Forand.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/peter-forand-masters-challenge-trophy/>



Ross Creasy of Open Ocean Outrigger had a friendship with Peter Forand that spanned many years. After the passing of Peter Forand, Ross Creasy petitioned CORA and PNWORCA to commission a trophy to be awarded after the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Championship race each year, to the top OC1 Masters (40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) paddler (female / male). This **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was awarded in the 1st year (2017) to Peter Marcus (Kai Pana Outrigger Canoe Club), in the next 3 years (2018-2020) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club), in the 5th year (2021) to Beau Whitehead (Kikaha O Ke Kai), in the sixth year (2022) to Darian Hildreth (Friday Harbor), and in the current year (2023) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club). The hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture at the top of the trophy represents the deep connection and reverence that we have with the sea. The trophy does make an occasional appearance at a PNWORCA Winter Series race to honour the memory of Peter Forand.



The 2023 PNWORCA Winter Series proceeded as per the 2023 PNWORCA racing schedule with 7 events (Wasabi; Jericho; Mountain Home; Bellingham; Kai Ikaika; False Creek; Sail Sand Point). See the CORA Race Summary Report (AGM) 2023 for commentary on the 2023 PNWORCA Winter Series. Weather and COVID cooperated to allow all 7 events to happen in-person. Seven Canadians finished in the Top 3 in their Boat / Age / Gender division. Four Canadians (Pam Watts Cornall; Bob Stewart; Ken Asano; Doug Thomas) finished in the Top 14 **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** standings. Discussions between PNWORCA and CORA resulted in agreement that there was indeed an OC1 Masters paddler who dominated OC1 Masters paddling in all events.

The 2023 PNWORCA Winter Series winner for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** was Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club). in the Women Masters 50+ OC1 Division. The 2023 PNWORCA Winter Series event organizers recognized Minnie Fontenelle as the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** winner in accordance with guidelines as the Female or Male Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) paddler with the highest number of points across all age / gender brackets at the end of the PNWORCA Winter Series. The **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was on the road again in 2023 for the Peter Marcus Farewell Tour as it made an appearance at 6 of the 7 of the 2023 PNWORCA Winter Series events, including the Bellingham Bay Outrigger Paddlers (BBOP) event, founded by Peter Marcus himself. And for the first time ever, the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** winner was present and acknowledged at the PNWORCA Winter Series Championship event at Sail Sand Point.

HUGH TOWN MEMORIAL BUILDER AWARD



The purpose of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** is to recognize volunteers who have made significant and exemplary contributions to the Outrigger Canoe Racing Discipline of Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) within Canada in the Builder Category.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/the-hugh-a-town-memorial-builder-award/>

Prior to the 2019 CORA AGM there was no formal policy / process for administering and bestowing this award upon an individual. An outcome of the 2019 CORA AGM was approval of a policy / process to administer and potentially bestow this award upon a member each year.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Hugh-Town-Memorial-Builder-Award-Policy.pdf>

The CORA Board reviewed nominations received for the 2022 season and recognized Jan Chavarie of Jericho Paddling Club, as the 2022 Recipient of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award**.

Jan Chavarie Jan Chavarie has a 20+ year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddlesports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. She has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, and club level. Jan and web designer / developer Colleen McCarthy collaborated to build the Jericho Paddling Club website as well as the first and second generations of the CORA website. She has been part of the Jericho Paddling Club that has hosted the popular PNWORCA Jericho Small-Boat Racing Winter Series event and Jericho Classic Iron, as well as volunteered to assist with the Jericho Oceanman and the JSCA Wavechaser Paddle Series for many years. She has served continuously since circa 2000 on both the Jericho Executive and the CORA Board including a 2-year stint as CORA Chairman (2005-2006).

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/hugh-town-memorial-builder-award-2022/>



The Canadian Iron Championships has been designated as the preferred venue to present the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder** trophy. However, several outrigger canoeing scheduling changes in recent years have made this impractical. The Gorge OC6 race has moved to mid-July from early-July and the Gorge Downwind Championships now follows the Gorge OC6 race 1 week later, and these 2 events are well attended by Canadian paddlers. IVF World Sprints / Distance Championships are now occurring every year in mid-August, meaning that Team Canada paddlers are away for most of the end of August every year. These scheduling changes have led the Awards Committee to make best efforts to present the trophy to the most recent Recipient at a mutually convenient time / place. A small ceremony was held on a stormy morning in March 2023 at Vanier Park at the conclusion of the 2023 FCRC Winter Series event with CORA Chairman (Ron Chin) making the presentation to Jan Chavarie (2022 Recipient) with the FCRC palm trees as a backdrop. The Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award 2023 Recipient is to be announced at the 2023 CORA AGM.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

CORA gave this proposal serious consideration. CORA evaluated the policies / processes of the Major League Baseball Hall Of Fame, BC Sports Hall Of Fame, Ontario Sports Hall Of Fame, NHL Hall Of Fame, and Dragon

Boat Canada Hall Of Fame to arrive at a policy / process that would make this **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** a meaningful endeavour and that those individuals inducted in the inaugural year would set the bar for nominees in future years. It took the CORA Board four months to arrive at a vision that was unanimously approved via a CORA Board Meeting Motion.

This **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** has a mandate that can be summarized as follows:

- *Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) recognized that there were many individuals who had made "Significant and Exemplary Contributions" to Canadian outrigger canoeing, but their stories had never been captured, and they had never been formally recognized. CORA spent early 2021 tracking down this history, and fact-checking as best as possible the exploits of those individuals who founded CORA, who founded CORA clubs, who were coaches / builders with CORA clubs, who inaugurated races, who excelled at IVF / Molokai / Catalina / Queen Liliuokalani events, and who designed / built / imported / distributed canoes to grow the sport.*

The CORA website has a perpetual page dedicated to the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** where one can view the Bios of the 2021 Inductees (Jackie Webber; Rick Nu'u; Peter Forand; Hugh Fisher; Sheila Kuyper; James Van Nostrand; Don Irvine; David Boulding; Mel Whittall; Heather Taylor; Drew Mitchell; Garry Mancell; Bob Disbrow; Cheryl Skribe; Alan Carlsson; Jim Mancell; Ron Kaschula; Annie Boulding) and the 2022 Inductees (Andrea Dillon; Wendy Rae-Perkins; Rosemary Henry; Grace Morissette; Don Mulhall; Kamini Jain) and the 2023 Inductees (Ruth Matson; Nancy Botting; David Hill; Lynda Roberts; Norman MacDonell; Leanne Stanley; Len Morris Jr.) that should provide the level of credentials CORA takes into consideration for nominees.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/canadian-outrigger-hall-of-fame/>

Lotus had graciously offered to host a Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame presentation at their 2023 CORA Cup Series Championship event. Unfortunately, all of the 2023 Inductees were already committed to other activities on that weekend. However, CORA did arrange for in-person presentations of the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** plaques by local speakers for Ruth Matson and Nancy Botting and David Hill and Lynda Roberts and Norman MacDonell and Leanne Stanley and Len Morris Jr. at close to home venues.

CORA hosted an online Town Hall session in Nov-2023 for the Inductees spread across Canada and the rest of the world. The Inductees and Guest Speakers included Ruth Matson, Nancy Botting, David Hill, Lynda Roberts, Norman MacDonell, Leanne Stanley, Len Morris Jr., Heather Taylor, Andrea Dillon, Ron Williams, Wendy Rae-Perkins, Janet Davis, Alan Thompson, Donna Harrison, Kristine Malmqvist, "Uncle" Leonard Kimoko Kapahulehua, Mhairi MacDonell, James Hill, Zoe Norcross, Melanie Conard, Rita Morris, Gordon Martinez and several other luminaries. The Town Hall session was recorded and this priceless gathering of some of the most influential individuals representing 4 decades of outrigger canoeing history may be found on the CORA website.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-town-hall-11-november-4pm-pacific-stellar-seven-cora-hall-of-fame/>

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE ADMINISTRATION

PNWORCA Executive is responsible for administering the PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results and communicating standings in each boat / gender / age division. It is important that CORA and PNWORCA Race Directors communicate PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results in a timely manner and consistent format to the PNWORCA Race Chairman. Administration of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** standings adds a level of complexity due to the consolidation of all female / male OC1 Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) into a single division. CORA Board has taken the lead on PNWORCA Winter Series Race Points for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge** standings and collaboration with the PNWORCA Race Chairman since 2017. There is a Series Points Template to assist with this process. There should be a knowledge transfer for this process.

HUGH TOWN MEMORIAL BUILDER ADMINISTRATION

The procedure for administration and bestowing is well-documented. This is still a novel process and is steadily becoming ingrained in CORA Board business-as-usual with an expectation that this should happen on an annual basis. An individual should be tasked with ensuring that the procedures are followed going forward.

CORA AWARDS VENDORS

Note that Kerr Recognition Services Inc. in Vancouver BC has provided trophies and glass awards and medals for CORA for many years. There are many recognition services vendors that provide comparable products / services. However, the proprietor (Sae Kerr) and the designer (Ross Lawton) have collaborated with CORA for many years and provide exceptional service and maintain records of design work and invoices going back to the 1990s. A recent change in business operations for Kerr Recognition Services means that when plates / shields on trophies require engraving to commemorate the current year Recipient, these plates / shields are now outsourced to a third-party vendor and CORA must replace the existing plates / shields that are affixed with double-sided tape.



CORA RACE REVIEW REPORT (AGM) 2023

OVERVIEW

The CORA Board never lost sight during the COVID Pandemic of the CORA Mandate to "*foster and develop the sport of outrigger racing in Canada*". The CORA Race Committee and the CORA Board had collectively strived to keep the membership engaged with virtual racing options, establish vendor / sponsor relationships for prizing, and pursue initiatives to grow the sport once "Return To Sport" became more tangible. This downtime to plan for the future has resulted in the 2023 CORA racing season having participation vastly exceed previous years.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS

This section is a Summary of **Racing Trends / Highlights**:

- Race participation in 2023 has now **returned to & exceeded COVID Pre-Pandemic race participation levels**.
- There have been concerns raised that there has been limited inter-regional travel (Vancouver Island; Sunshine Coast; Lower Mainland; Okanagan / Interior) for races, but empirical analysis from 2022 & 2023 has shown that inter-regional travel has actually increased, but there are several other trends taking place:
 - Crews have continued to hugely support **gender & mixed mid-distance host-club-provided-OC6** events.
 - CORA Clubs have continued **opting out of trailering Traditional OC6s** to distance races and instead have trailered / truck-topped their own Unlimited OC6s or have paddled their own OC6s to events at neighboring clubs when possible or have relied on borrowing / sharing Traditional OC6s and/or Unlimited OC6s from the host club or other attending clubs. This has become a concerning trend given that CORA has increased the annual Travel Grant budget only to have many clubs with their own OC6s and OC6 trailers rely on other clubs to provide OC6s for them to race with.
- Support for and participation in the **Junior / Novice OC Paddle Initiative** was strong once again in 2023 with 85 participants and another 8 Junior / Novice winners receiving OC Paddle Gift Certificates.
- Support for the **CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) Initiative** was strong once again in 2023 with CORA Cup Series Host clubs spending the budgeted amount (and more) on random draw prizes purchased from their own vendors / sponsors or from a set of CORA vetted vendors / sponsors.
- CORA Board continues to support small-boat racing by providing subsidized **Small-Boat Racing Number Decals at zero cost** to host clubs.
- CORA has continued to **engage with many Canadian vendors / sponsors** to provide merchandise / services to the Canadian outrigger canoeing community at discounted pricing.
- **Inconsistent event registration systems / rules** across the 2 BC & 5 Washington / Oregon Winter Series event host clubs has continued to cause issues in tracking PNWORCA Small-Boat Winter Series standings ([See table](#)).
- **V1 ownership & race entries** have continued to grow as more paddlers embrace V1 for IVF Sprints / Distance.
- The **CORA OC6 distance racing window has continued to be boxed** into May & early-June & late-July due to several factors including, prime-time dragon boat racing season running early-May to late-June, The Gorge and the Gorge Downwind Champs now held on back-to-back weekends in early-July, and IVF Sprints / Distance now held every year sending Team Canada paddlers away from early-Aug to late-Aug.
- Eastern Canada CORA clubs have **continued to travel long-distances** (Parry Sound-GTA; Ottawa-GTA; Montreal-GTA) to participate in Eastern Canada outrigger canoeing events (Oakville; Toronto).
- Eastern Canada outrigger canoeing events (Wai Nui; Ottawa; Toronto) have continued to see **increased participation by non-CORA club paddlers**: Mississauga Canoe Club (MCC), Outer Harbour Dragon Boat Club (OHDBC), Canadian Senior Dragon Boat Club (CSDC), New Dragons Outrigger Club (NDOC), New Dragons Racing Club (NDRC), Wahnapiatae, NPNP?.

JUNIOR / NOVICE OC PADDLE INITIATIVE

CORA Board introduced a new initiative for 2022 at the 2021 CORA Pre-AGM. To encourage participation by new paddlers at 2022/2023 CORA events, a new Junior / Novice OC Paddle Draw Grant was funded. Every Junior / Novice participant at each 2022/2023 CORA Cup Series event was given 1 entry for the end-of-season draw. It was possible for each Junior / Novice participant to have up to a maximum of 4 entries for the end-of-season draw. The response was impressive with 85 entries in total from 7 Western Canada OC clubs. There were at least 8 entries in each of the Junior Women, Junior Men, Novice Women, and Novice Men divisions such that 2 winners were drawn from each of these 4 divisions.

CORA Board wishes to extend a round of appreciation to Oddball Workshop, our generous sponsor, for contributing Gift Certificates for each of the 8 Junior / Novice winners to redeem for a paddle of a length and design of their choosing within 1 year from the end-of-season draw date (23-Jul-2023).

CORA Board wishes to extend a round of appreciation to the Race Coordinators (Don Mulhall; Jackie Bell; Carole Fullerton; Grace Morissette) from CORA Cup Series host clubs Penticton, Comox, Jericho, and Lotus, as well as all the club reps who collected the names of Junior / Novice participants at these 4 events, and forwarded these entries onto the CORA Board for the draw at the Comox Awards presentation.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-2023-junior-novice-oc-paddle-draw/>

CORA CUP SERIES EVENT PRIZING (SWAG) INITIATIVE

CORA Board introduced a new initiative for 2022 at the 2021 CORA Pre-AGM. To improve the "event quality experience", a new CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) Grant was funded. This initiative involved a budget for each of the 4 Western Canada 2022/2023 CORA Cup Series events. Each event host had a budget of \$800 to spend on random draw prizes purchased from their own vendors / sponsors or from a set of CORA vetted vendors / sponsors and to conduct one or more random draws throughout the OC6 distance event. The type and number of random draw prizes varied for each of the Penticton, Comox, Jericho, and Lotus events. However, the event participants communicated that they believed this was a worthwhile initiative.

CORA FLAG BANNER PUBLIC RELATIONS INITIATIVE

CORA Board embarked on an initiative for 2022 to improve our presence at local and international events. CORA purchased high-quality flag banners with signage in English / French. These flag banners were acquired in mid-April 2022 and have been displayed at many CORA Sanctioned Events in 2022/2023.

SMALL-BOAT RACING SUPPORT

CORA Board continues to support small-boat racing by providing subsidized Small-Boat Racing Number Decals at zero cost to host clubs. At each AGM, CORA distributes blocks of CORA Small-Boat Number decals to those Club Representatives and Board Members in attendance from Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Okanagan / Interior clubs. The goal is to have an inventory of CORA Small-Boat Number Decals in the hands of clubs hosting small-boat events in the coming year. The process for acquiring new CORA Small-Boat Racing Numbers from the long-term vendor has been documented and saved to the CORA Google Drive for Business Continuity.

FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATION

First Nations clubs / paddlers participation with CORA was very notable in 2023. First Nations paddlers from Star Nation, Geronimo, Island Brave, Proud Mary, Wahnapiatae, and several other clubs attended and did very well at 2023 CORA sanctioned events including many of the gender & mixed mid-distance host-club-provided-OC6 events,

Penticton Iron, Jericho Iron, Comox Iron, Lotus Iron, and TIOC. CORA continues to reach out to First Nations clubs to become CORA clubs and be part of Team Canada for IVF World Sprints / Distance events.

EASTERN CANADA OUTRIGGER CANOE RACING SUPPORT

CORA Board had discussions with several Ontario / Quebec clubs to restore the Eastern Canada Waterway Series for 2023. Ottawa River Canoe Club (ORCC) had intended to host the Ottawa River Paddling Challenge (ORPC) as a CORA Sanctioned Event, but opted to go with their own insurance provider. Toronto International Outrigger Challenge (TIOC) did return in 2023, but not as a CORA Sanctioned Event. CORA continues to reach out to unaffiliated Eastern Canada clubs (Onake; Ottawa River; Mississauga Canoe Club; Pickering; Wai Nui) to join with CORA and host CORA Sanctioned Events to support the growth of Eastern Canada outrigger canoe racing.

<https://www.tioc.ca/2023-results>

PNWORCA SMALL-BOAT RACING WINTER SERIES

The 2023 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series proceeded as per the 2023 PNWORCA racing schedule with 7 events (Wasabi; Jericho; Mountain Home; Bellingham; Kai Ikaika; False Creek; Sail Sand Point). The 2023 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series was able to have all 7 events in-person as per the posted schedule despite many extreme weather events.

Inconsistent event registration systems / rules across the 2 Canadian and 5 Washington / Oregon Winter Series event host clubs has continued to cause issues in tracking Winter Series standings. Host clubs are using Webscorer or PaddleGuru or Pacific Multisports or Google Sheets for event registration. CORA and PNWORCA have different **nomenclature** (Golden Master; Kapuna) and **ranges** (50-54; 55-59; 50-59; 60-65; 60-69) and **cut-offs** (birthday; birthyear) for Age Divisions. The result has been participants registering in different Age Divisions across the Winter Series and impacting Division standings. This situation has been prevalent for many years and will continue going forward with each of the host clubs using different event registration systems.

The PNWORCA Race Committee no longer tracks Small-Boat Racing Winter Series points and the Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Championship event host no longer recognizes Division Top 3 Finishers. However, the CORA Race Committee continues to track Small-Boat Racing Winter Series points so as to recognize Canadians who are among the Top 3 Finishers in a Boat / Gender / Age Division and to continue the tradition of the ***Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy***.

The PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series is not only about putting in miles on the water, but also about putting in miles on the highway, as the 2023 season saw 7 races contend with Winter storms in Vancouver BC, Portland OR, Bellingham WA, and Seattle WA. There were 417 entries across a7 races. There was one individual who dominated OC1 Masters paddling in all 2023 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events. Minnie Fontenelle of Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club (SPOCC) was recognized as the 2023 ***Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy*** recipient and once again joins Peter Marcus, Beau Whitehead, and Darian Hildreth as recipients of this award.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/mignon-fontenelle-sand-point-outrigger-canoe-club-wins-2023-peter-forand-masters-challenge/>

VENDOR / SPONSOR RELATIONSHIPS

CORA has continued to engage with many Canadian vendors / sponsors such as Oddball Workshop, Coast Outdoors, Predator / XS Unified, St. Jean's Cannery, Spirit Bear Coffee, Waterfront Outfitters, Main Street Brewing, Purdy's Chocolates, Perfectly Nuts, Kerr Recognition, and North Water to provide merchandise / services to the Canadian outrigger canoeing community at discounted pricing. CORA also strives to support Indigenous businesses as well, including St. Jean's Cannery and Spirit Bear Coffee. CORA has also established relationships with many licensed food / coffee wagon vendors who are able to provide catering at CORA Sanctioned Event venues around the BC Lower Mainland. These local vendors / sponsors provide merchandise / services to CORA in exchange for promotion on

CORA social media and an opportunity to showcase their merchandise / services to the paddling community as CORA vetted vendors / sponsors.

RACE RESULTS

- Clubs are encouraged to submit Race Results in formats that are conducive to ease of reformatting for data / trend analysis (CSV; XLS; TXT; WORD), with the confidence that these Race Results will be posted to the CORA website in PDF format.
- Race Results continue to be collected and reported in various formats including PDFs and Google Sheets and WebScorer and Images and unformatted emails.
- CORA hopes to address this concern by introducing a standardized Race Results template that will facilitate CORA Cup Series Points tracking and reporting.
- With the new CORA website and a reorganization of content, for 2020/2021/2022/2023 and going forward, Race Results PDFs are now named as YEAR Club Event (2023 FGPC Wet-Dashe):
- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/races/race-results/>

CORA RETURN TO RACING

The CORA Cup Series continued in 2023 with 4 Western Canada events. CORA clubs were able to host **26 events in 2023**, a gradual increase from **22 events in 2022**. Please see the table below of 2023 participation at all events.

Event Name	Event Type	Finishers / Participants	Spec Crews	Unltd Crews	Spec Crews (Short)	Unltd Crews (Short)	In Region	Out Region (Ferries / Mountains / Border)	Region Uncertain
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 1 Wasabi	Small-Boat Distance	44 / 44	-	-	-	-	41	1	2
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 2 Jericho	Small-Boat Distance	58 / 58	-	-	-	-	48	7	3
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 3 Mountain Home	Small-Boat Distance	57 / 57	-	-	-	-	51	3	3
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 4 BBOP	Small-Boat Distance	74 / 74	-	-	-	-	61	9	4
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 5 Kai Ikaika	Small-Boat Distance	57 / 57	-	-	-	-	51	3	3
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 6 FCRCC	Small-Boat Distance	65 / 65	-	-	-	-	51	11	3
2023 PNWORCA Winter Series 7 SPOCC	Small-Boat Distance	62 / 62	-	-	-	-	50	9	3
2023 Lotus Icebreaker	OC12 Mid-Distance	40 / 40	40	0	0	0	34	4	2
2023 FGPC V12-to-V21 Heat-and-Overall Results	OC12 Mid-Distance	13 / 13	13	0	0	0	11	2	0
2023 FGPC Kan U Hak It OC6 Sprints	OC6 Sprints	28 / 28	28	0	0	0	16	12	0
2023 NOPC Crazy 8s OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	35 / 35	15	20	0	0	21	12	2
2023 NOPC Shark Attack Small Boats	Small-Boat Distance	30 / 30	-	-	-	-	16	11	3
2023 FCRCC March Madness OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	88 / 88	88	0	0	0	78	6	4
2023 FLCC Spring River Run OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	29 / 29	29	0	0	0	24	2	3
2023 FLCC Spring River Run Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	28 / 28	-	-	-	-	21	3	4
2023 Penticton Duel In The Desert Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	33 / 33	12	16	0	5	16	17	0
2023 Penticton Duel In The Desert Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	46 / 46	-	-	-	-	18	26	2
2023 Jericho Classic Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	44 / 44	13	23	4	4	29	13	2
2023 Comox Island Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	37 / 37	5	32	0	1	21	15	1
2023 Comox Island Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	40 / 42	-	-	-	-	25	14	3
2023 Lotus Iron OC6 Nationals	OC6 Long-Distance	39 / 39	12	20	4	3	25	14	0
2023 VOS Nationals Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	44 / 45	-	-	-	-	31	10	3
2023 FCRCC Round Bowen OC6 / Small-Boats	OC6 Mid-Distance	23 / 25	4	4	-	-	18	3	4
2023 Lotus Poker Paddle OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	26 / 26	26	0	0	0	24	2	1
2023 Penticton Skaha Downwind Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	7 / 7	-	-	-	-	6	1	0
2023 FLCC Fall River Run Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	28 / 28	-	-	-	-	25	1	2

2023 TIOC OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	33 / 33	18	14	-	-	32	5	2
2023 TIOC Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	72 / 72	-	-	-	-	53	8	11
2023 Latitude 48 Bridges OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	63 / 63	63	0	0	0	41	17	5
2023 Latitude 48 Bridges Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	63 / 64	-	-	-	-	46	11	6
2023 FGPC Wet-Dashe	OC6 Mid-Distance	TBD							

Table Of 2023 Participation At All PNWORCA / CORA Events

TRADITIONAL / UNLIMITED OC6 SCHISM TREND

There has continued to be a growing "Traditional / Unlimited OC6 Schism" whereby CORA Sanctioned OC6 Distance Event host clubs should plan for participation based on the number of Unlimited OC6s that are available. This assertion is supported by empirical analysis as per the table of 2023 participation at all big-boat events. Hosting Traditional OC6 Mid-Distance "canoes-provided" races is proving to be a winning formula.

- There is a continued reluctance to trailer / race Traditional OC6s for long-distance races.
- This "schism" is deterring many clubs (VOS; DZPC; Delta; FLCC; Harrison; Penticton; Kamloops; Nanaimo; Maple Bay; Sproat Lake) without Unlimited OC6s and unable to borrow Unlimited OC6s from doing CORA long-distance races (unless they can do a short-course in Traditional OC6).
- There were no 2023 CORA Cup Series Short-Course contenders.
- There is becoming a "Haves" and "Have-Nots" split. There are 6 Vancouver Island clubs (Latitude 48; Fairway Gorge; Geronimo; Island Brave; Comox; Wolf Pack) that have 12 Unlimited OC6s, while there are 7 Vancouver Island clubs (Pearson; VIP; VCKC; SLCC; Maple Bay; NOPC; NPC) that have Zero Unlimited OC6s. There are 4 Lower Mainland clubs (Jericho; Pac Reach; FCRC (5); Lotus; that have 8 Unlimited OC6s, while there are 8 Lower Mainland clubs (VOS; DZPC; Delta; FLCC; Harrison; SNCC; Pemberton; Gibsons) that have Zero Unlimited OC6s. There are 3 Interior / Calgary clubs (KPC; Vernon; Calgary) that have 6 Unlimited OC6s, while there are 4 Interior / Calgary clubs (Kamloops; Penticton; Shuswap; Leduc) that have Zero Unlimited OC6s.
- There is becoming a reality where only clubs / crews with Unlimited OC6s or who are able to borrow Unlimited OC6s are doing CORA Distance Long Course races, while those clubs / crews without Unlimited OC6s are doing only the "canoes-provided" races such as IceBreaker V12; FGPC V12; March Madness; FLCC Spring Run; Waterman; Poker Paddle; Bridges; Wet-Dashe.
- Note that this is a PNWORCA "schism" as well with 8 PNWORCA clubs (Silverdale; Rikkole Cree; Bellingham; Kai Pana; Sand Point; Seattle Outrigger; Kikaha; Mountain Home; Hood River) that have 14 Unlimited OC6s, while there are 10 PNWORCA clubs (Puget Sound; Autumn Rose; Wakinikona; Bridge City; Wasabi; Kai Ikaika; Columbia River; Bend; Tri-Cities; Pacific City) that have Zero Unlimited OC6s.

INTER-REGIONAL RACING TRAVEL CONCERNS

There have been concerns raised that there has been limited travel for races between Regions:

- Vancouver Island to Lower Mainland and Interior / Okanagan and Sunshine Coast
- Lower Mainland to Vancouver Island and Interior / Okanagan and Sunshine Coast
- Interior / Okanagan to Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast and Lower Mainland
- Sunshine Coast to Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island and Interior / Okanagan

However, any perception that clubs from any one region are doing more or less inter-regional travel than clubs from another region does not appear to be substantiated. This assertion is supported by empirical analysis as per the table of 2023 participation at all big-boat and small-boat events.

2024 PLANNING

CORA Event Sanctioning requests will continue to be accepted until April 2024. However, CORA Board recognizes that clubs should be able to submit Event Sanctioning requests up to 2-3 weeks prior to their proposed event date as long as the proposed event date does not conflict with other prioritized CORA Sanctioned Events. CORA will be actively pursuing an Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series to engage Ontario / Quebec clubs and paddlers. CORA may be actively pursuing a BC Lower Mainland Sprints Regatta event this coming year at a BC Lower Mainland venue subject to interest by the paddling community.

2024 CORA Race Sanctioning Applications
(as of November 25, 2023)

Name of Race	Host Club	Proposed Date	Event Type
Lotus Ice Breaker	Lotus	January 13, 2024	V-12
PNWORCA WS #2	Jericho	January 20, 2024	Small Boats
FGPC V12-V21	FGPC	February 10, 2024	V-12
PNWORCA WS # __	FCRCC	March 2, 2024	Small Boats
FGPC Kan-U-Hakit	FGPC	March 3, 2024	OC6 Sprint
Crazy 8 and NPI Attack	NOPC	March 9-10, 2024	OC6 / Small Boats
March Madness	FCRCC	March 23-24, 2024	OC6
Wake Up The Gorge	VCKC	April 6-7, 2024	Multi-craft
<i>[CORA Sprint Nationals]</i>	CORA	April 27-28, 2024	OC6 / V1 Sprint
FLCC River Run	FLCC	May 4-5, 2024	OC6 CORA Cup / Small Boats
Duel in the Desert	PRCC	May 11-12, 2024	OC6 CORA Cup / Small Boats
Jericho Iron	Jericho	May 25, 2024	OC6
Island Iron (Victoria)	Latitude 48	June 8-9, 2024	OC6 CORA Cup / Small Boats
FCRCC Around Bowen	FCRCC	June 22, 2024	Multi-craft Relay / Iron
Lotus Iron	Lotus	July 20, 2024	OC6 CORA Cup
Lotus Poker Paddle	Lotus	Sept 14, 2024	OC6
Bridges 2024	Latitude 48	Oct 5-6, 2024	OC6 / Small Boats
IVF Distance Trials (Brazil)	Jericho	Oct 19-20, 2024	V1/OC1
Fort Langley Fall Small	FLCC	Oct 26, 2024	Small Boats
FGPC WetDashe	FGPC	Nov 17-18, 2024	OC6 Dry Change

NOTE: No application for Nationals has been received yet. We invite applications for Nationals for September 2024, with a preference for a BC Interior location.



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(November 26, 2023)
 (Maximum 15 Directors)

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