



**CORA Annual Technical Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM PST**  
**Via Zoom Video Conference**

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**Meeting ID: 879 6095 8799**

**Passcode: 856021**

**Board members in attendance:** Ron Chin, Jonathan Wilkins, Marianne Pilon, Leanne Stanley, Erik Ages, Rob Magus, Cindy Wright, Foruzan Veiji and Graeme Galves (via zoom)

**Board members unable to attend:** Rob Varnel, Paige Misfeldt, Dean Dougherty and Mony Sy

The Technical 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.

If you are on this call, it is considered that you consent to any contribution that you make.

The CORA membership is invited to observe and provide input into the operational aspects of CORA's mandate.

It is not a substitute for the AGM although line items will have overlap with AGM topics.

1. Welcome and Roll Call (Ronald Chin)

- Formal Board meeting
- We have quorum
- Anything to add to agenda or amendments

Moved By - Ron Chin

Seconded By - Jonathan Wilkins

Move to adopt the agenda as presented.

Approved

2. 2025 CORA Event Schedule (Ronald Chin)

- See schedule
- Any submissions for additions to the race calendar must be done by April 30th, 2025, any submissions after that will be subject to existing races. Conflicts - if your race is in the same region. Note - wholly different region and different type we will consider the race to proceed.

Eastern Canada Race series spear-headed by Foruzan Velji

- June 28/29, 2025 - Haunani Outrigger Club, Montreal - plans to host a multi-craft race over 14-16 km race on the St. Lawrence River
- July 5/6, 2025 - Sunnyside Paddling Club, Toronto - plans to continue its Eastern Canadian Sprints Championships
- October 13, 2025 - River Runners, Ottawa plan to host their 12 km Fall Classic multi-craft race on the Ottawa River.

3. Discussion of ongoing and new initiatives

i. IVF Program

1. New structure will be coming out with work being distributed, High Performance Committee description and information as well, which will be

ii. Junior / Novice support (Marianne Pilon)

1. Discussions and emails with junior clubs have led to requests for the following:
  - a. Access to coaches
  - b. Mini camp/clinic with a fun race
  - c. Update CORA guidelines with respect to safety boat requirements
  - d. Coaching courses, not just through CKBC but how courses aimed at coaching outrigger
  - e. Criminal Record Checks - fee can be waived.

iii. CORA Off-the-Water Video Conference Series via Zoom (Leanne Stanley)

iv. Translation of Long-Distance Race Rules and key website content into French.

v. Race Committee - General discussion (options for Nationals, races in other regions) (Ronald Chin)

1. \$6000 in grant funding to support Eastern Canada CORA sanctioned races has been approved.
2. Updates to Distance Race Rules to reflect predominance of ULs (should Spec divisions be trimmed to Open and M50+?)

3. CORA Cup Series 2024 Winners. Discussions on types of canoe - Spec v UL will be done during 2025 by the Board. (should Spec divisions be trimmed to just Open)
4. Race days - the way racing categories (ages/genders are decided) (Jonathan Wilkins) You might be able to switch up the age category of your crew to Open for paddlers who race in Spec boats as a way of garnishing club points. Suggestion of perhaps a fourth race (not necessarily the same course) in the day as opposed to three to assist in crews racing in Spec boats. Things to consider are safety, course, etc.
5. Is there a standard rule in Canada for races for a standard spread? The answer is no, it is subject to the race director.

CORA Off-the-Water Video Conference Series via Zoom (Ronald Chin)

- i. Future topics - Race Directors' Stories
- ii. Potential Town Hall discussion - IVF process why we choose certain locations, equipment, etc.
- iii. Request for a Town Hall topic - club and boat insurance  
Discussions, issues or concerns initiated by the members (Ronald Chin)
- vi. Discussions, issues or concerns initiated by the members (Ronald Chin)
  1. Nothing to add

Question from the floor:

Insurance question - are directors for member's clubs covered for liability insurance. Yes

Property insurance - can we have further discussion on this.

Adjournment:

Moved By - Ron Chin

Seconded By - Jonathan Wilkins

Adjourned at 1:53 PM

See everyone for 2:00 PM for AGM

Assignee	Action Item	Due Date	Comments
<b>Raised Dec-1 / 2024 (Technical AGM)</b>			
Marianne	Update CORA guidelines for Junior / Novice support with respect to safety boat requirements (2024-12)	In-Progress	Dec-1: Ongoing
Board	CORA Cup Series 2024 Winners. Discussions on types of canoe - Spec v UL will be done during 2025 by the Board. (should Spec divisions be trimmed to just Open) (2014-12)	In-Progress	Dec-1: Ongoing



**Financial Statements of**

**CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION**

**For the 12 months to  
December 31, 2023**

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

**CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION**

**General Account**

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

	General	Reserved Funds RME Grants	<b>Total</b>	2022-12-31
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash at RBC	44,280	9,551	53,831	62,664
Cash at Square	-		-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	420		420	432
Term Investments	10,000		10,000	10,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>54,701</u>	<u>9,551</u>	<u>64,252</u>	<u>73,096</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	-		-	-
Government Funds (GST payable)	2,956		2,956	3,518
Retained earnings	51,745	9,551	61,296	69,578
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>54,701</u>	<u>9,551</u>	<u>64,252</u>	<u>73,096</u>

Jonathan Wilkins  
Director

<b>[2]</b>	<p>Term Investment GIC to guarantee Credit Card. Non-Red 2yr GIC to 6/10/24 @2.8%</p>
<b>[1]</b>	<p>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**

**Income & Expenditure - General Account**

For the period to December 31, 2023

	<u>Total y-t-d</u>	<u>Budget 2023</u>	<u>Actual 2022</u>
<b>REVENUES (Net of GST)</b>	\$	\$	\$
Membership - Annual Adult	44,119	45,000	32,891
Membership - Annual Junior	663	750	573
Membership - One Day Adult	3,763	3,000	3,758
Membership - One Day Junior	297	200	306
Club Fees	5,101	5,500	5,257
Other - GIC Interest	280	-	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>54,224</u>	<u>54,450</u>	<u>42,785</u>
<b>EXPENSES (Net of GST)</b>	\$	\$	\$
* Grant - National Team development	5,000	5,000	5,000
* Grant - Repair, Maintenance, Equipment	10,000	10,000	15,000
Grant - Clinic	-	4,000	1,880
Grant - Coaching Education	250	2,000	-
Grant - Regional Coach the Coaches	-	4,000	-
Grant - Canoe Trailing	9,691	10,000	5,651
Grant - National Distance - Hosting	2,075	2,500	2,000
Grant - National Distance - Medals	425	500	910
Grant - National Distance - Food & Entertainment	1,275	1,500	450
Grant - National Sprint - Hosting	-	4,000	15,023
Grant - National Sprint - Boat Rental/Cartage	-	2,000	1,713
CORA Cup West - hosting & prize. 4 x \$800	3,135	3,200	3,144
CORA Cup East - hosting & prize. 2 x \$800	-	1,600	800
CORA Cup - Medals	1,261	2,000	4,614
CORA Cup - Junior Entry Fees	503	-	-
Prizes for Novice/Junior. Eg Paddle/PFD	1,600	1,600	1,600
Bank Charges - RBC	79	100	(22)
Bank Charges - Square	2,278	3,000	2,726
Town Halls - Guest Expenses	-	1,000	-
Town Halls - 1/3 Zoom	347	1,200	1,246
Hall of Fame plaques & postage	457	400	406
College Student Stipends	-	3,000	-
IVF Membership & Expenses	413	1,000	327
Strategic Planning - Visioning - Consultation	-	8,000	-
AGM Expenses	4,217	5,000	2,111
Insurance	9,930	13,500	11,641
Legal and Accounting	387	500	-
Office, Admin & 2/3 Zoom	694	700	1,250
IT - Operations	4,555	5,000	922
IT - Enhancements	-	400	-
Social Media Advertising	-	700	-
Translation Services	-	1,000	-
	<u>58,571</u>	<u>98,400</u>	<u>78,392</u>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency) Revenue over Expenses</b>	<u>(4,347)</u>	<u>(43,950)</u>	<u>(35,607)</u>

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



**CORA account (7160)**

**Current Account (7160)**

Current Balance: \$42,831.49	Available Balance: \$42,831.49	Authorized Overdraft: \$0.00
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Transactions **As of Jan 4, 2024**

DESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWALS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
Jan 4, 2024			\$42,831.49
Online Transfer to Deposit Account	-\$880.00		
Jan 3, 2024			\$43,711.49
Online Banking payment - 1500 BFL CANADA	-\$10,994.00		
Jan 2, 2024			\$54,705.49
Monthly fee	-\$6.00		
Dec 20, 2023			\$54,711.49
e-Transfer sent FGPC	-\$230.40		
INTERAC e-Transfer fee	-\$1.50		
Dec 12, 2023			\$54,943.39
e-Transfer sent Vernon	-\$1,000.00		
INTERAC e-Transfer fee	-\$1.50		
Dec 11, 2023			\$55,944.89
e-Transfer sent Fraser Valley	-\$1,000.00		
INTERAC e-Transfer fee	-\$1.50		
Dec 8, 2023			\$56,946.39
e-Transfer sent FGPC	-\$1,000.00		
e-Transfer sent Nanaimo	-\$1,000.00		





### IVF account (6120)

### Current Account (7160)

Current Balance: \$11,742.34	Available Balance: \$11,742.34	Authorized Overdraft: \$0.00
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### Transactions From Dec 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

DESCRIPTION	WITHDRAWALS	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
Monthly fee	-\$6.00		

Showing 1 of 1 transaction

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## GIC Details

GIC 00900167450-0023

### Current Details

Type of GIC	Non Redeemable GIC
Issued by	Royal Bank of Canada
Ownership	Sole Owner
Redeemable	No
Purchase Date	10 Jun 2022
Term	2 Years
Interest Rate(s)	2.8000% Per Annum
Amount Originally Invested	\$10,000.00
Current Balance	\$10,000.00
Next Payment of Interest	10 Jun 2024
Interest Disbursement	Credit Account 06550-1007160
Interest Payment Frequency	Annual

### Maturity Details

Maturity Date	10 Jun 2024
Maturity Instructions	Renew Principal
Anticipated Interest	\$560.00

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## RBC Business Cash Back Mastercard (7160)

Current Balance: <b>\$0.00</b>	Available Credit: <b>\$10,000.00</b>	Last Payment: <b>\$307.61</b> on Jul 31, 2023 on Jul 31, 2023
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Credit Limit :	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	Payment Due :	<b>Jan 24, 2024</b>	Cash Back Balance <b>\$145.20</b> as of Jan 3, 2024
Statement Balance:	<b>\$0.00</b>	Minimum Payment :	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Statement Date:	<b>Aug 3, 2023</b>			

## Authorized Transactions

Total: \$0

Debit	Credit
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There are currently no transactions to display.

## Posted Transactions

Debit	Credit
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**CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION**

**IVF Account**

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

	Reserved funds Samoa 2023 / Rio 2025	Reserved funds Hilo 2024	<b>Total</b>	2022-12-31
<b>ASSETS</b>	\$	\$	\$	
Cash at RBC	407 [1]	11,342	11,748	5,030
Cash at Square	-	-	-	-
Government Funds - ITC due	95	75	170	201
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	165
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>501</u>	<u>11,417</u>	<u>11,918</u>	<u>5,396</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-
Government Funds (GST payable)	(15)	-	(15)	49
Retained earnings	516	11,417	11,933	5,347
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>501</u>	<u>11,417</u>	<u>11,918</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**

**Sprint Hilo 2024**

**Income & Expenditure - IVF Division**

**For the period ended**

**December 31, 2023**

Temp Budget	2 year Program		Program London 2022
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
<b>REVENUES (Net of GST)</b>			
Registration \$33	15,209	9,500	}
Camp 1	-		} 16,717
Camp 2	-		}
Camp 3	-		
Uniform Sales & Issued	-		4,201
IVF Entry Fees deposit			
IVF Entry Fee Final			
Other Income	-		
	15,209		20,918
NT Grant from General		6,600	5,000
Balance ex London 22	(132)	(132)	5,487
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	15,077		31,405
<b>EXPENSES (Net of GST)</b>			
Bank Charges - RBC	23		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	-		-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	4,065		31,537
<b>Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	11,012		(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.

**CANADIAN OUTRIGGER RACING ASSOCIATION**

**Distance Samoa 2023**

**Income & Expenditure - IVF Division**

**For the 23 month period ended**

**December 31, 2023**

	2 year Program		Cancelled Samoa 2021
	Actual to date	Total Budget	
<b>REVENUES (Net of GST)</b>			
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	-		-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>35,945</b>	<b>36,326</b>	<b>4,475</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Net of GST)</b>			
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	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>35,705</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>499</b>
<b>Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>240.57</b>	<b>(1,474)</b>	<b>3,976</b>

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.



## CORA PRESIDENT'S AGM ADDRESS 2024

December 1, 2024

2024 presented us with a packed race calendar. We had the full roster of Spring-time races together, CORA Cup races, together with CORA Sprint Nationals at Deas Slough near Vancouver, a V1 only race at Jericho in Vancouver, and the first Eastern Canadian Sprint Championships in Toronto, which all provided valuable racing experience to our Sprint crews headed to Hilo for the IVF World Sprint Championships.

... and their training paid off – on the heels of placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the medal tally at the IVF World Distance Championships last year in Samoa -Team Canada placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the medal tally in Hilo, Hawaii with 8 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 4 bronze medals – including a podium sweep in the M70+ Women V1 500m final. Congratulations to the athletes and Leanne, Rob and Cindy on the IVF Committee and our new IVF Project Manager Sherry for their time and efforts in supporting Team Canada. The work never ends, as they're working on crew selections for the 2025 IVF World Distance Championships in Niteroi, Brazil, and we'll be restructuring our Team Canada governance with the formation of a High Performance Committee to oversee several functions.

This Fall, we inducted **Janet Davis, Ron Dickinson, Zoe Norcross-Nu'u, Ron Zander Williams, Laurel Archer, and Bob Stewart**, who are incredible athletes, coaches and community builders, into the Canadian Outrigger Hall of Fame, which we capped off with a Town Hall videoconference. That recording and detailed biographies of the recipients are available on the CORA website.

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 Brazil. Graeme Galves for his extensive work in CORA's historical review, the Hall of Fame and other awards. Foruzan Velji for spearheading our growth in Eastern Canada. 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 December 1, 2024**

I am pleased to present the financial report for the Year to December 31, 2023. And we will also review the year to date, and think a little about the budget for 2025.

Looking first at the Balance sheet for the General Account, you will see that CORA continues to maintain a rather healthy balance at the bank. It is not our intention to continually drive up the balance, rather that we manage a reasonable balance to ensure that we can meet our commitments.

In 2022, CORA began to use a no-fee credit card from RBC in order to simplify much of our spending. RBC requires that a GIC is held to match the credit limit on the card and this is earning 2.8%.

This 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. This fund is not always exhausted each year and we continue to encourage clubs, particularly the smaller clubs, to take up their potential RME Grants.

The Income and Expenditure statement for the General Account provides the details of the transactions. The incomes were pretty much as predicted, but we underspent against several budgeted items – as we always seem to do. You can see which ones – for example: Clinic grants, National Sprint hosting and Eastern CORA Cup races. An element of CORA's plans is to support such opportunities and so I am keen that we continue to provide a budget for these items, even if they are not taken up in some years. The small surplus on the Deas Slough sprint championships in 2024, came as a result of a grant received from BC Via Sport.

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 and Distance programs is intended to break even, with the registering and competing paddlers paying all the costs of that program save for a grant made from the General Account. The Income Statements for London 2022 and Samoa 2023 reflect that intention.

As the Board worked on its Budget for 2024, it decided to withdraw the grant to the IVF programs. The grant had been made over the previous few years to "seed" the programs to get them going and growing, and with well over 300 paddlers applying for a Hilo spot and 250 actually going, that target has been well met.

And, as most of you know, we contracted Sherry to be the Program Manager for Hilo. Thanks to the training and handover from Leanne, the almost vertical learning curve was met and the program administration was very competently handled.

The budget for 2025, as presented here, is not yet approved by the board – we will do that over the next few weeks as we incorporate items from this weekend's meetings. Looking into that budget, I present: more stimuli for CORA races in the East as a result of the new development work from Foruzan and others; further support of junior racing -by having only an annual class of junior membership and reducing that fee to just \$5 per year; and a general rise in our operating expenses such as insurance and banking. This will all be paid for by a continuing increase in CORA membership, which is now at its highest ever level.

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, the other directors think that I am as tight as a ... er tight as a ..... ah, yes – as tight as a tree's bark

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** CORA Board  
**From:** Ronald Chin

**Re:** Grants Summary for 2024

**Date:** November 30, 2024

The following is a summary of the 2024 CORA Grants to date.

<b><u>2024 CLINIC GRANTS</u></b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	Kelowna	Outrigger Basic Technique	\$600	In process
2.	Kelowna	OC6 Steering Basics	\$600	In process
3.	Edmonton	WakaFit OC1/V1/OC2 Functional Workshop	\$600	In process
4.	Jericho	OC1 – stroke mechanics, stroke philosophy, different strokes for different situations, training/racing strategies	\$600	In process
5.	Jericho	OC6 – stroke philosophy, body positioning, and stroke mechanics	\$600	In process
<b>CLINIC GRANTS PAID</b>			<b>\$3000.00</b>	
<b><u>2024 COACHING EDUCATION GRANTS</u></b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Coach / Course</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	VYPC	Logan Peters / NCCP	\$250.00	Paid by e-transfer Nov 25, 2024
2.	VYPC	Evan Davis / NCCP	\$250.00	Paid by e-transfer Nov 25, 2024
<b>EDUCATION GRANTS PAID</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>	
<b><u>2024 REGIONAL COACH THE COACHES GRANTS</u></b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Coach / Course</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	N/A			
<b>COACH THE COACHES GRANTS PAID</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PAID</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b><u>2024 TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS</u></b>				
	<b><u>Guest</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	Dr. Gordon Giesbrecht		\$100.00	Paid by e-transfer January 21, 2024.
2.	Kirsty MacMillan		\$100.00	Paid by e-transfer July 17, 2024.
<b>TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS PAID</b>			<b>\$200.00</b>	

2024 Clinic Grant Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00  
 2024 Coaching Education Grant Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00  
 2024 Regional Coach the Coaches Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00  
 2024 Town Hall Guests Budget Allocation: \$1000.00

<b>2024 NATIONALS HOSTING GRANTS</b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Race</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	PPSA	CORA Distance Nationals (Hosting)	\$2,500.00	Paid by e-transfer November 11, 2024
2.	PPSA	CORA Distance Nationals (Medals)	\$600.00	Paid by e-transfer November 11, 2024
3.	PPSA	CORA Distance Nationals (Food)	\$1,500.00	Paid by e-transfer November 11, 2024
<b>NATIONALS HOSTING TOTAL PAID</b>			<b>\$4,600.00</b>	

2024 Nationals (Distance) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$2,500.00  
 2024 Nationals (Distance) Medals Budget Allocation: \$600.00  
 2024 Nationals (Distance) Food & Entertainment Budget Allocation: \$1,500.00  
 2024 Nationals (Sprint) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00  
 2024 Nationals (Sprint) Boat Rental Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00

<b>2024 CORA CUP DRAW PRIZES</b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Race</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
<b><u>CORA CUP West</u></b>				
1.	FLCC	River Run	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer May 18, 2024
2.	PPSA	Duel in the Desert	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2024
3.	Latitude 48	Island Iron	\$741.82	Paid by e-transfer June 21, 2024
4.	Lotus	Lotus Iron	\$800.00	Graeme sourced prizes on behalf of Lotus
5.	PPSA	CORA Distance Nationals	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer November 11, 2024
			<b>\$3941.82</b>	
<b><u>Eastern Canada Race</u></b>				
1.	Sunnyside	CORA Eastern Sprint Championships	\$800.00	Paid by e-transfer _____, 2024
			<b>\$800.00</b>	
<b>CORA CUP AWARDS TOTAL PAID</b>			<b>\$4741.82</b>	

2024 CORA Cup West – Hosting & prizing (5 x \$800)  
 2024 CORA Cup East – Hosting & prizing (2 x \$800)

<b>2024 CANOE TRAILERING GRANTS</b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Race</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
1.	Latitude 48	Crazy 8s	\$228.60	Paid by e-transfer March 16, 2024.
2.	FGPC	Crazy 8s	\$138.00	Paid by e-transfer March 16, 2024.
3.	Suncoast	Crazy 8s	\$673.90	Paid by e-transfer March 16, 2024.
4.	Penticton	River Run	\$420.00	Paid by e-transfer May 6, 2024
5.	Star Nation	Duel in Desert	\$360.00	Paid by e-transfer May 15, 2024
6.	Lotus	Duel in Desert	\$479.40	Paid by e-transfer May 15, 2024
7.	Vernon	Duel in Desert	\$157.80	Paid by e-transfer May 15, 2024
8.	Pacific Reach	Duel in Desert	\$492.00	Paid by e-transfer May 17, 2024
9.	Calgary	Duel in the Desert	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer May 18, 2024
10.	Kelowna	Duel in the Desert	\$84.00	Paid by e-transfer May 20, 2024
11.	Fraser Valley	River Run	\$111.60	Paid by e-transfer May 21, 2024
12.	L48	Jericho Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer May 29, 2024
13.	Comox	Jericho Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer May 31, 2024
14.	FLCC	Jericho Iron	\$78.60	Paid by e-transfer June 5, 2024
15.	Suncoast	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 14, 2024
16.	FLCC	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2024
17.	Comox	Island Iron	\$267.60	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2024
18.	Pacific Reach	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 20, 2024
19.	FCRCC	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer June 26, 2024
20.	Kelowna	Freshwater Challenge	\$72.00	Paid by e-transfer July 10, 2024
21.	Penticton	Lotus Iron	\$462.00	Paid by e-transfer July 21, 2024
22.	FGPC	Lotus Iron	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer July 24, 2024
23.	FLCC	Lotus Iron	\$192.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 23, 2024
24.	Calgary	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer October 7, 2024
25.	FGPC	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer October 7, 2024
26.	Vernon	CORA Nationals	\$134.40	Paid by e-transfer October 7, 2024
27.	Pacific Reach	CORA Nationals	\$504.00	Paid by e-transfer October 7, 2024
28.	L48	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer October 16, 2024
29.	Lotus	CORA Nationals	\$547.20	Paid by e-transfer October 16, 2024
30.	FCRCC	CORA Nationals	\$502.80	Paid by e-transfer October 16, 2024
31.	FLCC	CORA Nationals	\$93.60	Paid by e-transfer October 17, 2024
32.	Pemberton	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid by e-transfer October 31, 2024
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>			<b>\$14399.50</b>	

2024 Canoe Trailering Grant Budget Allocation: \$12,000.00 + \$3,000.00

<b>2024 RME GRANTS</b>				
	<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>
<b>2024 Eligible Clubs RME Applications</b>				
1.	Maple Bay OCC	Carts, skirts, steering paddle, miscellaneous	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer Sept 18, 2024
2.	Pacific Reach	Boat Cover	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer June 13, 2024
3.	VYPC	Adjustable paddles	\$987.24	Paid by e-transfer August 8, 2024
4.	Comox	OC2 Repairs	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer October 27, 2024.
5.	FVPC	OC2 Repairs & boat racks	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer November 4, 2024.
6.	TSCC Maka Koa	OC6 ama repairs	\$1000.00	Paid by e-transfer November 11, 2024
<b>ELIGIBLE 2024 GRANTS APPROVED OR PAID</b>			<b>\$5987.24</b>	
<b>2024 Open Call RME Applications</b>				
7.	FLCC	OC1 & OC6 maintenace and repairs; dock and trailer modifications for OC6 ULs	\$1000	Approved November 30, 2024.
8.	FCRCC	Replacement stairs for boat shed access	\$1000	Approved November 30, 2024.
9.	Vernon	Building repairs and dock refurbishment	\$1000	Approved November 30, 2024.
10.	Jericho	Malolo spray skirts	\$1000	Approved November 30, 2024.
11.	Penticton Paddlesports	OC6 trailer repairs; OC6 huli straps	\$1000	Approved November 30, 2024.
<b>OPEN CALL GRANTS PROPOSED</b>			<b>\$5000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED, APPROVED OR PAID</b>			<b>\$10,987.24</b>	

2024 RME Grant Budget Allocation: \$5,000.00

plus \$14,551 carried forward into RME Protected Fund from past years

<b>2024 TOTAL GRANTS SUMMARY</b>			
	<b><u>Budgeted</u></b>	<b><u>Paid or Approved</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
Clinic Grants	\$4,000.00	<b>[\$3000.00]</b>	\$1000.00
Coaching Education Grants	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$1500.00
Regional Coach the Coaches	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4000.00
Town Hall Guests	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$800.00
Distance Nationals Hosting Grants	\$4,600.00	\$4600.00	\$0.00
Sprint Nationals Hosting Grants	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6000.00
CORA Cup Draw Prizes	\$5,600.00	\$4741.82	\$858.18
Canoe Trailering Grants	\$15,000.00	\$14399.50	\$600.50
RME Grants	\$19,551.00	\$5987.24	\$8563.76
RME Grants (Open Call)		\$5,000.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$61,751.00</b>	<b>\$35,428.56</b>	<b>\$23322.44</b>

# CORA Membership Report 2024

CORA Club	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aumakua - Club Nautique	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	13	15
Calgary Canoe Club	36	19	40	27	43	44
Club Bon Accueil	6	4	11	3	10	13
Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club	49	45	49	55	61	74
Delta Outrigger Kanu Association	19	17	19	12	13	10
Fairway Gorge Paddling Club	105	94	42	76	102	122
False Creek Racing Canoe Club	234	158	103	148	141	197
Fort Langley Canoe Club	104	96	48	74	110	134
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	52	26	17	17	33	34
Gibsons Paddle Club	16	4	13	16	20	17
Haunani Outrigger Club	n/a	14	26	19	22	16
Jericho Paddling Club	39	35	46	67	73	53
Kelowna Paddle Centre	58	20	17	17	62	74
Latitude 48 Paddling Club	65	66	86	94	91	94
Leduc Boat Club	49	23	12	*dnr	9	11
Lotus Sports Club	58	53	45	64	75	67
Maple Bay Ocean Canoe Club	32	17	22	23	18	30
Nanaimo Ocean Paddling Club	116	121	126	145	142	148
Nanaimo Paddling Centre	12	5	4	*dnr	10	4
Pacific Reach Paddling Club	34	32	29	23	30	33
Pearson College	n/a	23	2	18	14	21
Pemberton Canoe Association	2	1	2	3	5	7
Penticton Racing Canoe Club	66	19	28	43	35	24
Powell River OC Society	29	25	21	18	25	*dnr
Prince Rupert Outrigger Assoc.	23	13	14	18	20	16
River Runners	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	26	24
Sproat Lake Canoe Club	39	35	38	41	44	49
Star Nation Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	14	18
Sunnyside Paddling Club	n/a	n/a	2	3	10	32
TSCC Maka Koa Outrigger	46	9	25	71	60	62
Thunder Bay Outrigger	19	2	0	2	4	5
Vancouver Ocean Sports	24	8	4	9	26	22
Vernon Paddling Centre	19	8	9	13	15	15
Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	34	13	7	13	27	32
Victoria Youth Paddling Club	10	7	11	7	6	16
Wailua Outrigger Canoe Club	35	17	29	28	42	128
Non-CORA Club	62	33	26	37	114	82
Unaffiliated	73	44	53	86	118	137
Edmonton Dragon Boat Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6
Island Brave Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12
Lost Boyz Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
River Spirit Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9
Suncoast Paddling Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24
Vikki-Lynn Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12

\* dnr - did not renew CORA

Age Division	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Junior	74	114	72	35	67	76	132
Open	201	318	211	108	156	291	267
Masters 40+	248	292	159	151	187	198	214
Masters 50+	409	439	299	241	308	376	395
Masters 60+	256	482	386	355	418	492	532
Masters 70+	125	135	152	160	200	251	312

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	1684
2024	1852

2024 Gender	
Female	1111
Male	735
Other	6

2024 Single Event Memberships	
Adult	366
Junior	54



## **CORA OUTBOUND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (AGM) 2024**

### OVERVIEW

CORA'S board and supporting volunteers provided the public with a outbound email correspondence, social media pushes and website content over the 2023 year, including:

- Membership-related communications
- Race updates and information
- IVF-related emails and posts
- Race results
- Townhall events
- AGM proceedings
- Management of CORA's YouTube content

### SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERACTIVE BROADCASTING

CORA engaged with members and non-members, both within and beyond Canada, through townhall 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.

### 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. Of note, CORA now employs Google mail services over an above our "Elastic" mail broadcast system in order to avoid bumped and rejected emails for critical communications.

Our website was continuously upgraded with new security and anti-spam services over the 2024 year.





# CORA INBOUND COMMUNICATION REPORT (AGM) 2024

## 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 several Board Members who receive notifications when messages flow into the CORA general enquiries email address. Filters & triggers introduced by the CORA Website Admins are now sending many messages to specific Board Members.

## TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS

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

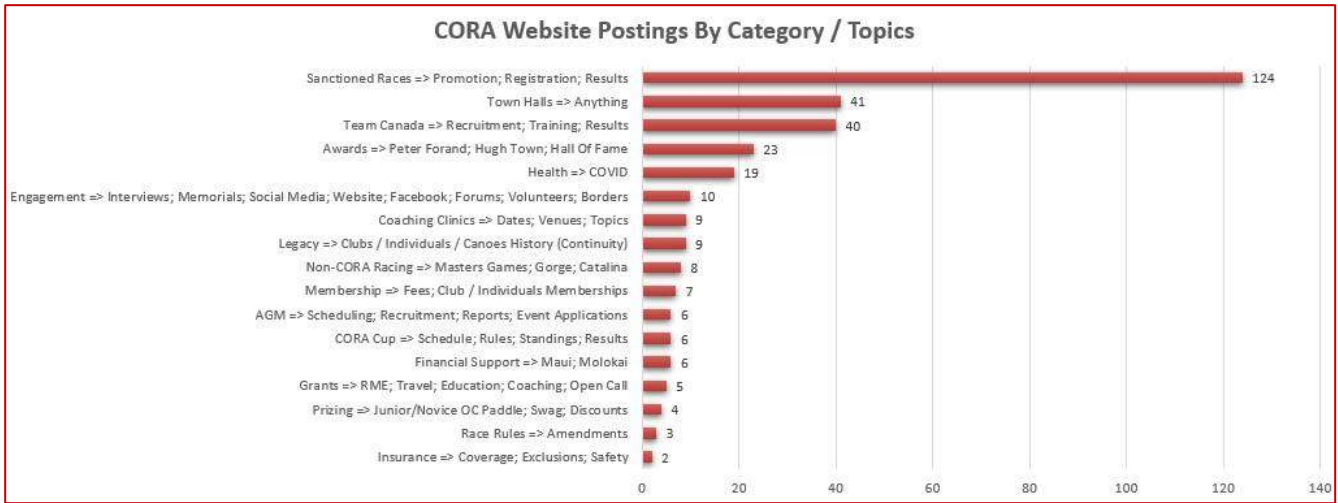
- Much of the CORA Inbound communication has been consolidated into a **CORA General FAQs** that will be published shortly with references to the soon-to-be published CORA Insurance Summary and CORA Race Directors Guide.
- Many of the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** related to Membership, Clubs, Forums, Resources, Racing, Grants, IVF, Town Halls, and Safety from past years have continued through 2024.
- CORA Inbox **SPAM communication** has continued to **decrease** due to more filters and rules introduced by the CORA Website Admins (Thank you Erik & Paul) that proactively push different inquiries to their relevant Directors – 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 (see the table / chart below). 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 2023, and even more so in 2024, 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 2023, and even more so in 2024, 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 2025 CORA **Sanctioned Event expectations**.

## CORA WEBSITE POSTINGS ANALYSIS / OBSERVATIONS

Many of the CORA Inbound Communications have resulted in CORA Website Postings to support / engage with the CORA Membership. The CORA Board did an analysis of CORA Website Postings over the course of 20+ years from the introduction in 2000 of the original ColdFusion CORA website through the 2019-Aug-15 cutover to the new WordPress CORA Website to the 2024-Nov. There have been a total of 322 CORA Website Postings (some from before 2019-Aug-15 cutover and many from after 2019-Aug-15 cutover). The table and the chart below show a summary of the Categories / Topics that the CORA Board has posted to support / engage with the CORA Membership. **Sanctioned Races (39%) is the most posted Category.** Town Halls (13%), Team Canada (12%), Awards (7%), Health (6%), Engagement (3%), Legacy (3%), and Coaching Clinics (3%) collectively **comprise another 47% of all CORA Website Postings.** These 8 key areas are where the CORA Board has focused efforts via the CORA website to support / engage with the CORA Membership for many years.

Category	Topics	Count	Tag	Owner
Sanctioned Races	Promotion; Registration; Results	124	SR	Race Committee
Town Halls	Anything	41	TH	Town Hall Committee
Team Canada	Recruitment; Training; Results	40	TC	IVF Committee
Awards	Peter Forand; Hugh Town; Hall Of Fame	23	AW	Awards Committee
Health	COVID; Return-To-Sport	19	HL	Insurance Committee
Engagement	Interviews; Memorials; Social Media; Website; Facebook; Forums; Volunteers; Borders	10	EN	Education Committee
Legacy	Clubs / Individuals / Canoes History (Continuity)	9	LG	Historical Committee
Coaching Clinics	Dates; Venues; Topics	9	CL	Race Committee
Non-CORA Racing	Masters Games; Gorge; Catalina	8	NC	Race Committee
Membership	Fees; Club / Individuals Memberships	7	MB	Membership Committee
Financial Support	Maui; Molokai	6	FS	Membership Committee
CORA Cup	Schedule; Rules; Standings; Results	6	CC	Race Committee
AGM	Scheduling; Recruitment; Reports; Event Applications	6	AG	Prez; VP; Treasurer; Secretary; Membership
Grants	RME; Travel; Education; Coaching; Open Call	5	GR	Grants Officer
Prizing	Junior/Novice OC Paddle; Swag; Discounts	4	PZ	Race Committee
Race Rules	Amendments	3	RR	Race Committee
Insurance	Coverage; Exclusions; Safety	2	IN	Insurance Committee
ALL		322		



### RECOMMENDATIONS (IDEAS CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2021/2022/2023/2024)

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 2021/2022/2023/2024 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. This WordPress Accordion FAQ plugin was used for the 2024 CORA Deas Island 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 2024 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?

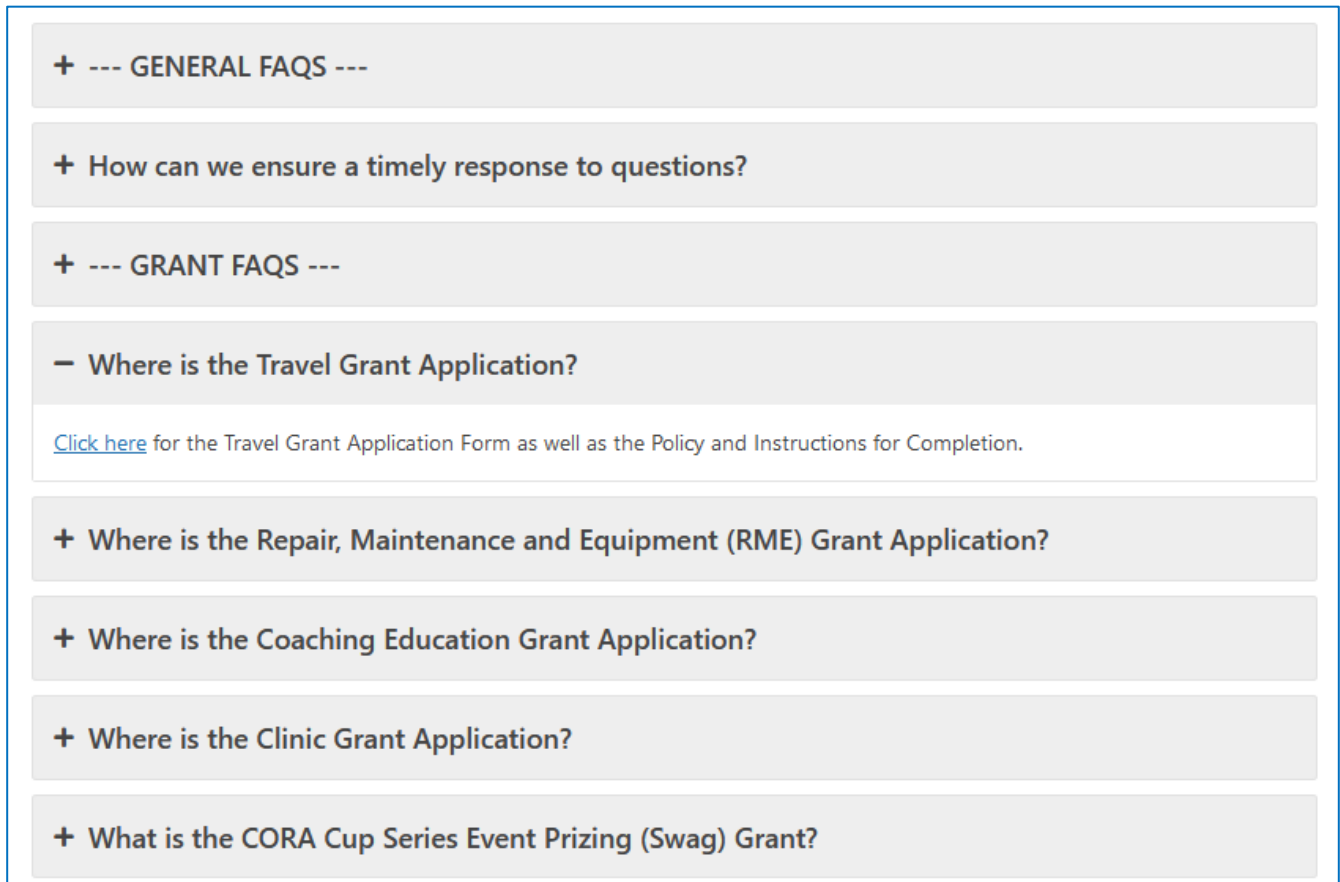
### + Can out-of-town teams have Saturday later start times?

### + 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 series of expandable sections. The first section is titled '+ --- GENERAL FAQs ---'. The second section is '+ How can we ensure a timely response to questions?'. The third section is '+ --- GRANT FAQs ---'. The fourth section is '- Where is the Travel Grant Application?' and contains a link: '[Click here](#) for the Travel Grant Application Form as well as the Policy and Instructions for Completion.'. The fifth section is '+ Where is the Repair, Maintenance and Equipment (RME) Grant Application?'. The sixth section is '+ Where is the Coaching Education Grant Application?'. The seventh section is '+ Where is the Clinic Grant Application?'. The eighth section is '+ What is the CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) Grant?'. The interface uses a light gray background for the questions and a white background for the answers.

**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 8 years worth of enquiries from CORA website visitors accumulating in the CORA Email Inbox of the current CORA Inbound Communications Officer.



## **CORA Off-the-Water Video Forum Series 2024 Recap**

December 1, 2024

The CORA Off-the-Water forum started in 2020/21 to help bring together paddlers during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Recordings of all the sessions remain posted on the CORA website and CORA YouTube channel.

In 2024, we hosted 6 sessions:

1. Cold Water Safety – January 21, 2024
2. OC6 Steering Basics & Tips - February 25, 2024
3. Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Voyaging Society – March 17, 2024
4. Change Race Logistics – April 14, 2024
5. Mental Performance Coaching – June 23, 2024
6. Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Induction 2024 – November 10, 2024

The Town Hall Committee of Ronald Chin, Erik Ages, Leanne Stanley and Foruzan Velji welcome suggestions on Town Hall topics.



# CORA BUSINESS CONTINUITY REPORT (AGM) 2024

## OVERVIEW

The Business Continuity Report for 2021/2022/2023/2024 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 14 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, 2024 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) 2024.
- CORA has continued to compile a Canoe Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023/2024. 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) 2024.
- CORA has continued to compile a Club Logo Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023/2024. 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) 2024.
- CORA has continued to compile a Canoe Photo Registry over the course of 2020/2021/2022/2023/2024. 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) 2024.

## **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 (2018/2019/2020/2021/2022/2023/2024) 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 (2000-2024) 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 2024-Nov* Google Sheet:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18TofzHkO7Bb0oYk4NVLd6bP02GzRGBDE\\_3XUy4L-liY/edit#gid=0](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.

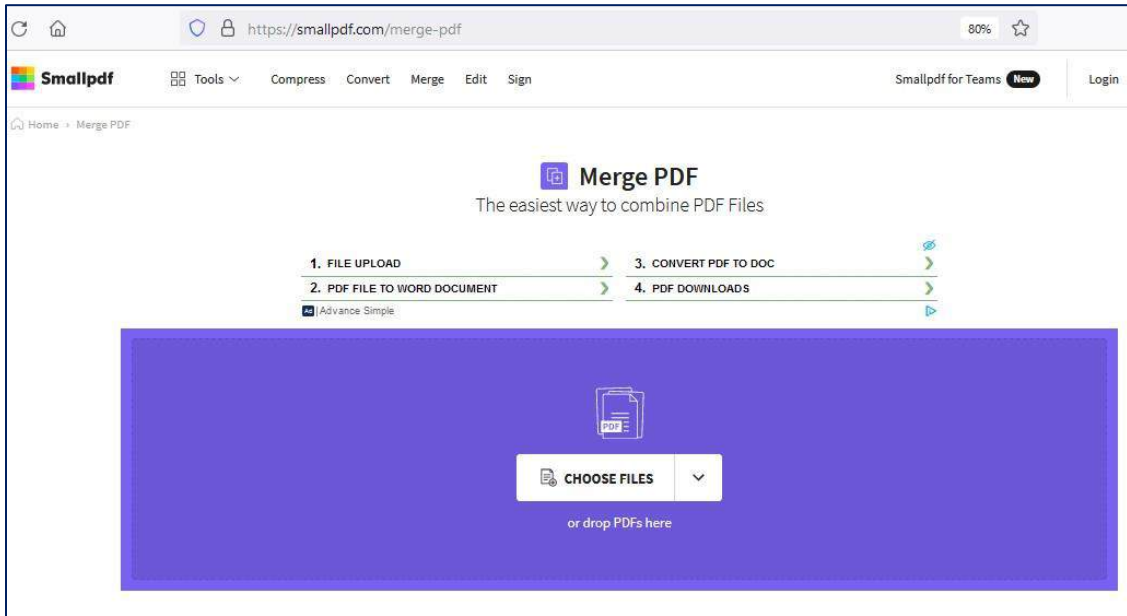
The CORA Website Administrators conduct periodic and periodic updates to safeguard the CORA information systems and permissions structure:

- 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.

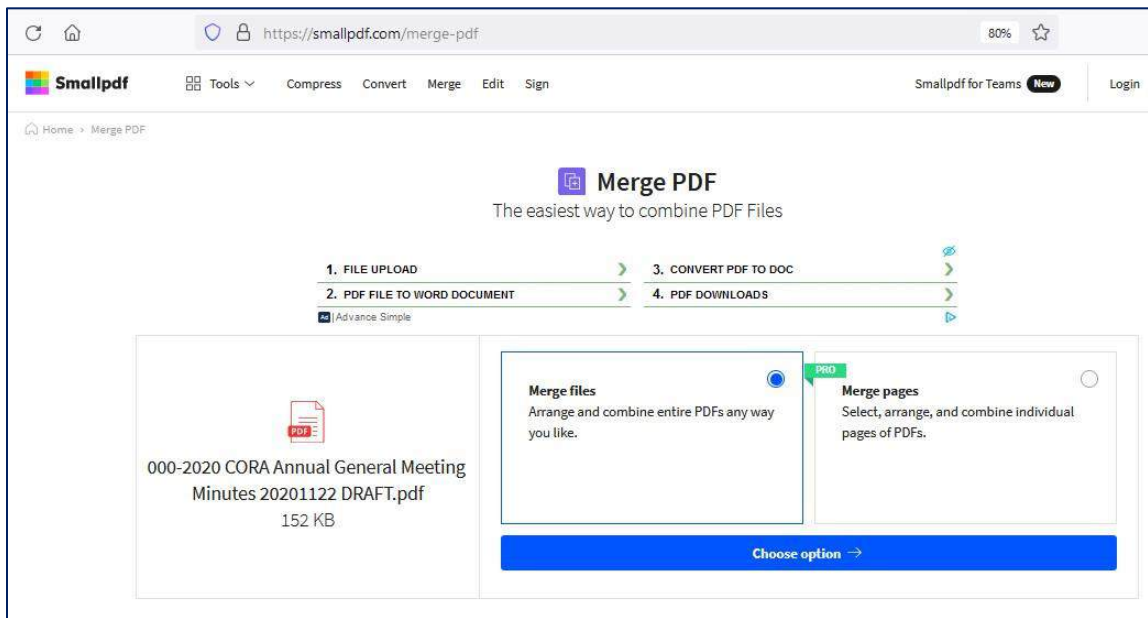
## **TECHNICAL-AGM AND AGM MINUTES & REPORTS CONSOLIDATION**

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.

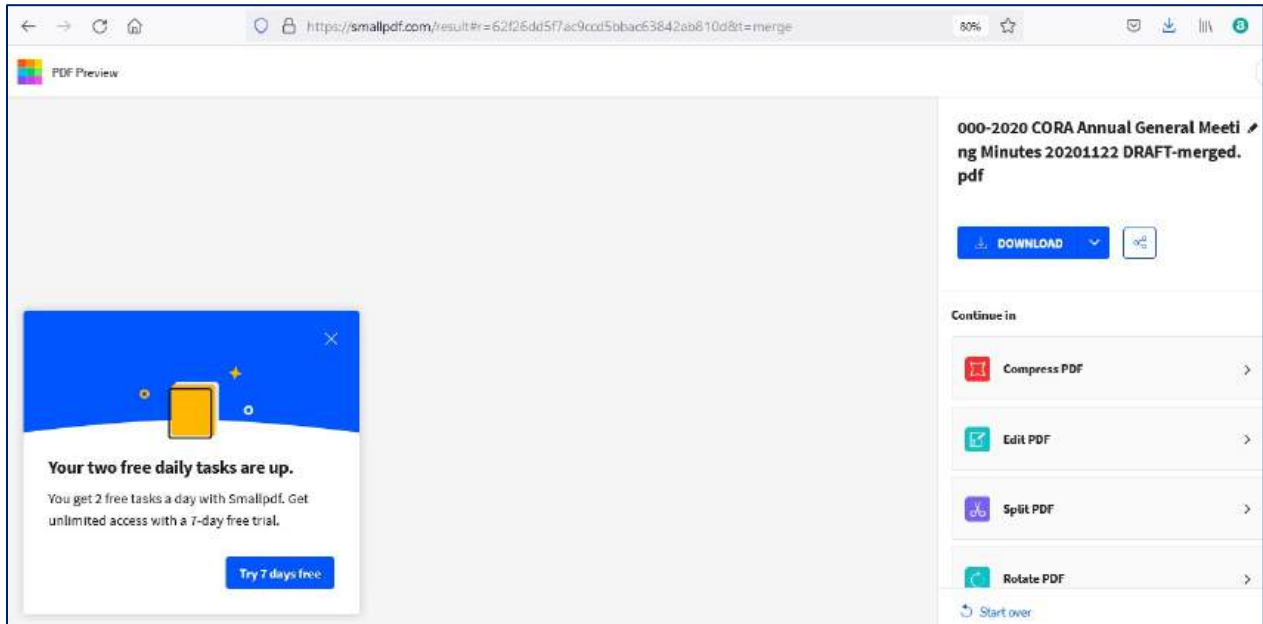
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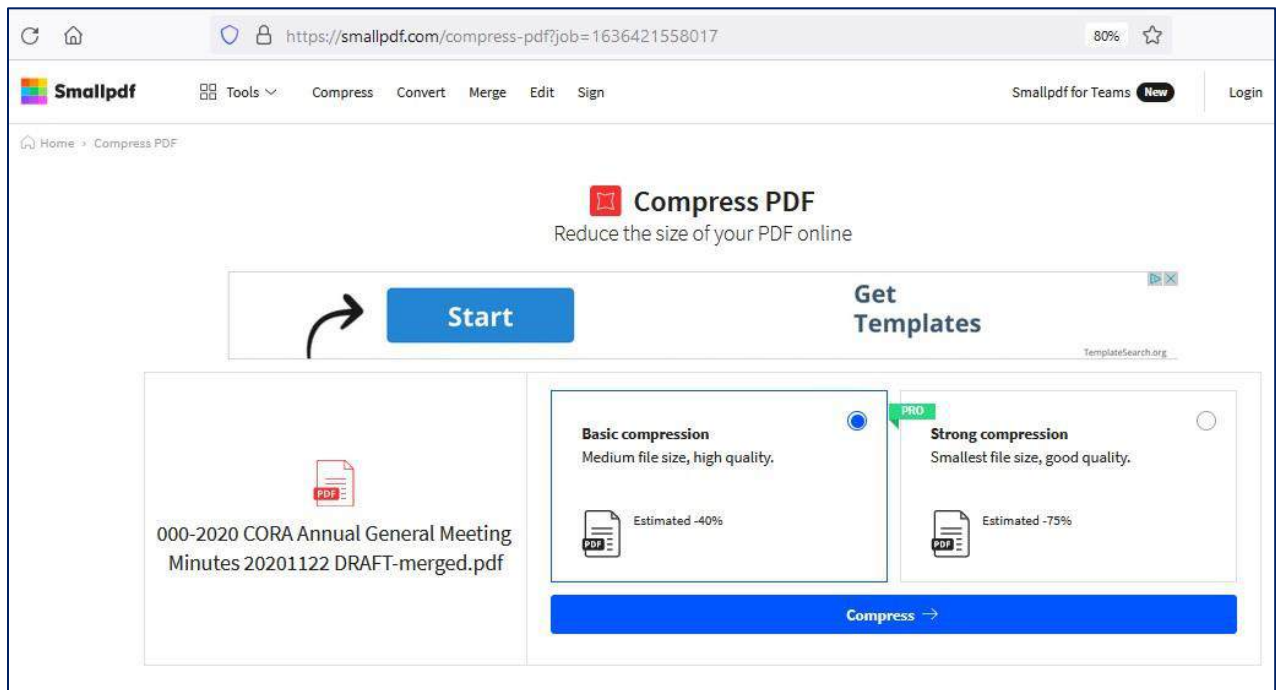
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## 2024 JUNIOR REPORT

Thanks very much to Brendan Curson of FCRC and Leanne Stanley for getting juniors ready to represent Canada at the 2024 Va'a sprint championships.

This past year I have received the following comments on how CORA can assist:

- 1) Coaching courses and how to access. CKBC is an organization that assists youth in our community to get their coaching credentials. Anyone interested in obtaining coaching credentials, or simply some courses, can access information through VIA Sport. CKBC is also very willing to assist.
  - a. Junior clubs have also discussed the need to ensure all coaches have a criminal record check
  - b. First Aid courses. If CORA could assist with funding these courses it would be of assistance.
- 2) Suggestions have come in to update the wording contained in the CORA Junior Guidelines, as follows:

Current wording:

A coach boat with a qualified power squadron operator should accompany all juniors on the water.

Recommended change:

A coach boat with a qualified power squadron operator should accompany all juniors on the water is recommended. If a coach boat is not available than the coach must either be in the outrigger canoe with the junior paddlers, as in an OC6, or nearby in their own OC1.

Rationale: Some small clubs do not have access to a coach boat.

Recommended addition:

It is recommended that anyone involved with a junior paddling program, who is over the age of 18, should have a Criminal Record Check.

Suggestion - including in the applications for races and trials that you should be able to self-rescue. Make sure that all juniors are capable of doing what they signed up for.

- 3) Request for CORA to put together a coaching curriculum and some guidelines on how to coach outrigger.
- 4) Junior clubs want to connect with other junior clubs. We can do this by assisting with organizing:
  - a. Mini camps
  - b. Fun events

- c. Fun races. This past summer a couple of clubs got together to form teams and did a fun change race.

Some of the issues behind getting junior clubs together or to races are:

- a. Accommodations, when a host club offers to do a training camp, clinic or fun race they are also responsible for organizing billeting. If it is a smaller club this is sometimes very difficult
- b. Travel, it quite often falls to the same parents to organize this and provide transport for paddlers and their equipment and sometimes water craft as well. This isn't a CORA issue per se but perhaps it is something that we could suggest be considered when junior clubs are organizing travel, etc.
- c. Chaperones, training chaperones is a must. They need to understand that they are there for a "job". It isn't a "holiday".
  - a. All chaperones must have a Criminal Record Check.
- d. Criminal Record Checks – we need to find a way to assist smaller clubs in getting this done.
- e. All coaches of junior clubs must have their "Safe Sport" available for free through VISA sport.

### **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025:**

- 1) Prepare an outline working sheet for any clubs wanting to start up a junior program, it should include:
  - a. Ensure that any club wanting to start up a junior program has access to a point person on CORA
  - b. Access and how to get coaching credentials. One thing that is a must is everyone coaching or assisting with coaching juniors must have Safe Sport.
  - c. Criminal Record Checks, for all coaches, assistants and chaperones.
  - d. Coaching guidelines, some points that should be included:
    - i. Emergency Action Safety Plan
    - ii. If a coach boat is not available a plan for the coach and safety
    - iii. Program outline – this should include suggestions for warm ups, drills, workouts and cool downs. A basic plan can be given as a suggestion
- 2) Criminal record checks – the President/Commodore for clubs who are registered as Not for Profit Societies can prepare a letter advising that they are a Not for Profit Society and request that the fee for a Criminal Record Check be waived. CORA can assist any clubs that are not registered as Not for Profit Society
- 3) Future Clinics/Camps:
  - a. CKBC is planning on doing a spring training camp during the school March break. They have agreed to handing over a day to me to organize an outrigger paddling clinic.

- b. Sproat Lake has offered to work with me to organize a junior clinic aimed at huli drills and a change race. We are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August, there are several details to work out such as camping for juniors, safety boats, escort boats and OC6s. The waters at Sproat Lake are ideal for this type of event and the site proposed is an area without heavy water traffic.

Once the details have been finalized we will be submitting to CORA a request for a junior change race as well as a clinic.



## CORA YOUTH / JUNIOR / NOVICE REPORT (AGM) 2024

### OVERVIEW

CORA has recognized that the Canadian outrigger canoeing community is ageing and there have not been long-term initiatives to support Youth / Junior / Novice paddlers. CORA has introduced several initiatives in recent years including the CORA Cup Series Junior Subsidy and the Junior / Novice OC Paddle Grant. However, these initiatives have only assisted a very small number of Youth / Junior / Novice paddlers.

Discussions with CORA Club Reps that have attempted to implement Youth / Junior / Novice paddler programs have noted many concerns and recommendations.

Area	Concern	Recommendations
Update and expand CORA Junior Guidelines	<b>Insurance</b> Requirements	There should be a section in the guidelines BEFORE YOU GO ON THE WATER WITH JUNIORS
Update and expand CORA Junior Guidelines	Outline coaching certification requirements	Reduce infighting in clubs trying to make up their own rules
Update and expand CORA Junior Guidelines	Escort boats - smaller clubs do not have escort boats that can go on the water every practice.	Flexibility on how safety protocols (i.e. safe training for Juniors) is carried out from one location to another is needed.
Update and expand CORA Junior Guidelines	Clarity on Junior program requirements	Provide Guidelines on the key liability issues that must be addressed before launching a program
Update and expand CORA Junior Guidelines	One clear message / voice from CORA	Club members contacted various CORA executives and got differing opinions leading to circular debate
Mentoring Program Funding	Knowledge transfer from initiating Junior executive to another established Junior executive	Potential regional meeting with travel costs funded for a day or more.
Support for smaller clubs	Monumental task to initiate and resource a Junior program	Small clubs need much more clarity and support before initiating such a program.
Expenses incurred & reimbursed by club	Joining CKBC; Criminal Record Check; NCCP Courses, in prep for coaching any new Junior teams	CORA to consider if any/all of these expenses (for every CORA Club Member taking on these activities) are reimbursable – Covered by Education Grant?
Support for equipment	How to access new/used boats / gear	It can be quite a barrier for clubs to acquire oc1/v1/oc6 to start out

Support for training / coaching	How to get assistance with recruitment / practices	Build out the supports for coaches to recruit, hold practices
Support for race attendance	How to get assistance with getting youths to races for the weekend	How to get kids to races since many parents for First Nations Communities rely on coaches for transportation, for practice/races/camping/food for the weekend etc.
Lack of parent funds for youth participation	How to finance youth programs	Parents want their kids to join or compete but they don't have the funds for all of that and as a club we fundraiser as much as we can but there's a ceiling for energy - we don't have staff - so we do it all volunteer - We're already a really busy community.
Lack of funding for youth programs staffing	Youth programs fundraising	Looking at creativity to see if our club can make any kind of not-for-profit revenue and have a staff who can do more for us during work hours and take care of scheduling and running practices
Lack of resources for groups of smaller clubs	Infrastructure & funding for clubs with commonality (regional)	Basically, our clubs (First Nations) are small and volunteer, and we have many clubs in our area, so one larger club that would host all the <u>war canoe clubs</u> with infrastructure and some funding could get our area off the ground to be more organized and support the youth better.
Winter training	How to maintain training programs through Winter	Winter is challenging for many of us to keep the sport going/training wise and competition we are full time into our winter ceremonies we have a natural break in our season. Challenging to get any of our people to focus on training between November and March, but that can be tough to stay competitive in the larger circuit.
Associate Membership	Combine training/coaching with larger clubs	Would help to attach to a larger organization (False Creek; Lotus; Harrison; Nanaimo) in close geographic proximity and be a faction of them somehow - it's the admin support that would go a long way to building youth participation.
Junior / Novice OC Paddle draw	Support from various Club reps whose members have won the OC Paddle Draw	Junior / Novice paddlers who have won the OC Paddle Draw have been thrilled as they would very likely not be part of a winning crew in races.





# Canadian Outrigger Racing Association

IVF Committee



## 2024 CORA AGM IVF Director Report

### **SPRINTS – Hilo 2024:**

The [2024 IVF Va'a World Sprint Championships](#) were held from August 13 to 24 in Hilo Hawai'i. We had massive participation by Team Canada with 254 paddlers. We were treated to great performances and there was also lots of learning by our Canadian athletes who were there for their first World Sprints. We look forward to many of these athletes returning for future cycles. The stoke was massive! Many new relationships were formed within the Team Canada tent and beyond. Canada finished 4th in the Medal tally behind Tahiti, Hawai'i, and New Zealand - 8 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze! This was the first World Sprints for Tahiti since it was the host country in 2018 as they did not participate in London 2022.

Though the course familiarization did not go as usual (there was no course to familiarize ourselves with), Canadian athletes adapted as best they could to the rolling seas, interludes of reduced visibility, and crosswind once the racing started.

For the first time since CORA hosted the World Sprints in 2012, Canada had multiple junior crews on the water. Thank you to Brendan Curson for helping to get these young people coordinated before and during the event so they could put their best paddle forward.

This was the first event for CORA's new Program Manager. All the learning from the preparation, being onsite, and in the follow-up to the event will be taken forward into the next cycle.

See the bottom of this report for Team Canada's Medal winners.

### **DISTANCE – Brazil 2025:**

The [2025 World Va'a Distance Championships](#) in Nitoroi, Brazil are scheduled for August 13th-21st, 2025. Trials were held October 19th, 2024 at Jericho Sailing Centre followed by V6 evaluations on October 20th and 21st in at False Creek Racing Canoe Club in Vancouver, BC. The preliminary crew selections have been sent out to paddlers this past week for acceptances. Pre-determined crew applications are still open until December 31st, 2024. At which time it will be determined if race-offs for the V6 crew spots will be required. Most V1 selections have been determined.

### **SPRINTS - Singapore 2026:**

Planning is already taking place within the CORA IVF Committee for the Team Canada selection in preparation for Singapore 2026. Selection documents are anticipated to be published in the

spring of 2025 with the plans for the initial trials to be held in Calgary on September 20/21, 2025.

Paddlers interested in contesting for Team Canada 2025 should watch the CORA website for team selection information for Spring 2025.

### **Other IVF NEWS:**

The IVF AGM is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

Take a look at the IVF website for the [Global Race Calendar](#).

From a CORA perspective, CORA is in the midst of setting up a High Performance Committee to oversee all aspects the National Team Program (program manager, coaching selection, selection protocols, etc.). The committee description and applications will be posted on the CORA website. This committee will be appointed by the CORA board. This committee is intended to be up and running for the Singapore cycle.

Thank you to Cindy Wright, James Hill, Rob Magus, and Kamini Jain for their efforts with me, Leanne Stanley, on the CORA IVF Committee this year. Kamini resigned from the committee in 2024.

Presented by: Leanne Stanley – CORA IVF Director

### **2024 World Sprint Medalists**

**\*\*GOLD\*\***

Leanne Stanley, Master 40 Women – V1 500

Mel Durban, Master 60 Women – V1 500

Kat Town, Master 70 Women – V1 500

Icemen, Master 70 Men – V12 500

- Alex Vandenham
- Bill Buckingham
- Bob Stewart
- Gabe Somjen
- Gary Biagioni
- John Roberts
- John Rodgers
- Martin Jalkotzy

- Randy Brooks
- Stan Machacek
- Terry Curtis
- Tom MacKay

Pacific Spirit, Master 70 Women – V6 500

- Ann Mohs
- Barbara McColl
- Kat Town
- Mary Louise Phinney
- Rose Mary Neill
- Shirley Curtis

Canadian Icemen, Master 70 Men - V6 500

- Bob Stewart
- Gary Biagioni
- John Rodgers
- Martin Jalkotzy
- Randy Brooks
- Tom MacKay

Canadian Icemen, Master 70 Men V6 500 (turn)

- Same paddlers listed above

Pacific WOW, Master 75 Women – V6 500 (turn)

- Ann Mohs
- Colette Yen
- Elaine Salameh
- Marilyn Leibel
- Ruth Matson
- Shirley Curtis

**\*\*SILVER\*\***

Canada, Elite Women - V6 500

- Andrea Pleven
- Kelsey Siddall
- Kendra Kent
- Leanne Stanley
- Paige Misfeldt
- Tamlyn Bohm

Ann Mohs, Master 70 Women – V1 500

Pacific Spirit, Master 70 Women – V6 (turn)

Pacific WOW, Master 75 Women – V6 500

**\*\*BRONZE\*\***

Mary Louise Phinney, Master 70 Women – V1 500

Kelowna Wahine, Master 40 Women – V6 500

- Kathy Montgomery
- Kelsey Siddall
- Kerry Williams
- Leanne Stanley
- Sandra Mowat
- Tracey Sutton

Coquihalla Crew, Master 50 Men – V6 1000

- Bob Woodman
- David Allen
- Jeff Fink
- Jeremy Siddall
- Mike Bernemann
- Paul Mcnamara

Pacific Spirit / Suncoast, Master 70 Women – V12 500

- Ann Mohs
- Barbara McColl
- Brenda Allan
- Holly Peterson
- Irene Philip
- Kat Town
- Lorene Archdekin
- Lynne Baillie
- Mary Louise Phinney
- Rose Mary Neill
- Ruth Matson
- Shirley Curtis

CONGRATULATIONS to all our medal winners as well as all of our participants!



## CORA INSURANCE AND SAFETY REPORT (AGM) 2024

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. Our membership portal now complies with Markel Canada's request that all CORA members provide a waiver of liability.

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 and out Member Clubs' Directors and Officers are also covered under grandfathered insurance provisions.



# CORA CANOE REGISTRY REPORT (AGM) 2024

## OVERVIEW

This initiative began in 2020 as an effort 1) to capture an inventory / demographics of CORA "big-boat" canoes (much like the SCORA / OH CRA / HCRA Registries) and 2) to capture details (names / IDs / colours / weights) of CORA "big-boat" canoes. This initiative continued in 2021/2022/2023/2024 with data quality improvements to the Canoe Registry and a photograph catalogue based on information collected by the Historical / Awards Committee on the movement of OC6s between CORA clubs.

## TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS

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

- The Appendix contains four tables / charts with summaries of "big-boat" canoes **by Province** (BC; AB; ON; QC; YK), **by Affiliation** (CORA Member; Unaffiliated / ECORA), **by Division** (Traditional OC4; Traditional OC6; Unlimited OC6), and **by Make / Model / Manufacturer**.
- Canada reached a milestone in 2024 of 200+ "big-boat" canoes. The CORA Canoe Registry as of 2020 showed 60 "big-boat" canoes within Canada, but the CORA Canoe Registry had not been updated since 2010. Also, there were many "big-boat" canoes within Canada, that CORA was not aware of for many reasons. The CORA Canoe Registry as of Autumn 2021 showed 169 "big-boat" canoes within Canada. This growth from 169 to 201 "big-boat" canoes within Canada over 3 years has come from 3 sources: 1) CORA Historical / Race Committee research has identified previously unknown "big-boat" canoes; 2) Attendance by CORA Board Members at Western Canada events where social media where new/existing "big-boat" canoes are seen for the first time. CORA has requested CORA member clubs to provide updates to CORA on their "big-boat" fleet acquisitions / transitions, but this has not been happening.
- We have been able to capture current pictures of 95% (191/201) of the "big-boat" canoes within Canada.
- BC continues to be the 1st Province in growth of OC6s, with Ontario being the 2nd Province in growth of OC6s.
- More "big-boat" canoes are being owned by a smaller number of clubs as there are **8 CORA clubs and 1 ECORA club** that each own at least 7 "big-boat" canoes and **collectively own 38% (77/201) of all "big-boat" canoes** in Canada.
- The percentage of "big-boat" canoes owned by CORA-affiliated clubs continues to decline as more Unaffiliated / ECORA clubs acquire "big-boat" canoes as **26% (53/201) of "big-boat" canoes** in Canada (over 1 in 4) are **NOT owned by clubs / teams affiliated with CORA**.
- The Traditional / Unlimited OC6 ratio has had minimal year-over year change as research has discovered some clubs acquiring new Unlimited OC6s and some clubs with previously unknown existing Traditional OC6s.
- FGPC continues to be 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).
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) has introduced a "light-weight" (230 lbs) Traditional OC6 for clubs interested in acquiring a "light-weight" canoe without paying a higher price for a Malolo or a Vortex or a Matahina Unlimited OC6.
- **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 and 1 Unlimited, Lost Boyz/Girlz 1 Unlimited, River Spirit (Chilliwack) 1 Advantage, Onake (Montreal) 1 Lightning and 1 Unlimited, and Chehalis (Harrison Lake) 2 Fijians from Gibsons.

## SUMMARY

2024 was a relatively common year in terms of *big-boat* acquisitions / transitions. Very few clubs have been transitioning their older Traditional (Spec) OC6s to other clubs. BC continues to lead all Provinces in "*big-boat*" acquisitions and much of this growth is by virtue of First Nations clubs growing their OC6 fleets. Fairway Gorge (FGPC) continues to be the dominant "*big-boat*" owner as their fleet has now grown to 12 OC6s.

6 new OC6s were acquired by Western Canada clubs and 3 existing OC6s were confirmed at Eastern Canada clubs since Oct-2023 when the previous **CORA Registry Report** was compiled. New / Existing "*big-boat*" acquisitions since the previous Canoe Registry update in Oct-2023 include:

1. 1 new Puakea Malolo OC6 acquired by Fort Langley from Ozone Hana Hou.
2. 1 new Giblin Vortex OC6 acquired by Fort Langley from Ozone Hana Hou.
3. 1 new ARE Matahina OC6 acquired by Penticton from ARE World.
4. 1 new Giblin Vortex OC6 acquired by Vernon from Ozone Hana Hou.
5. 1 new ARE Matahina OC6 acquired by Lost Boyz from ARE World.
6. 1 new Puakea Malolo OC6 acquired by Star Nation from private vendor.
7. 2 more existing used OC6s owned by Ontario clubs that CORA learned of during 2024.
8. 1 existing used OC6 (TBD) acquired by Whitby Canoe Club that CORA learned of during 2024.

It is worth noting that 10-12 existing used ARE Matahinas are travelling around North America that may find their way into Canadian club fleets in 2025.

## 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/Brazilian 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 (71%).
- 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 / Spec 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, FCRC, 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.

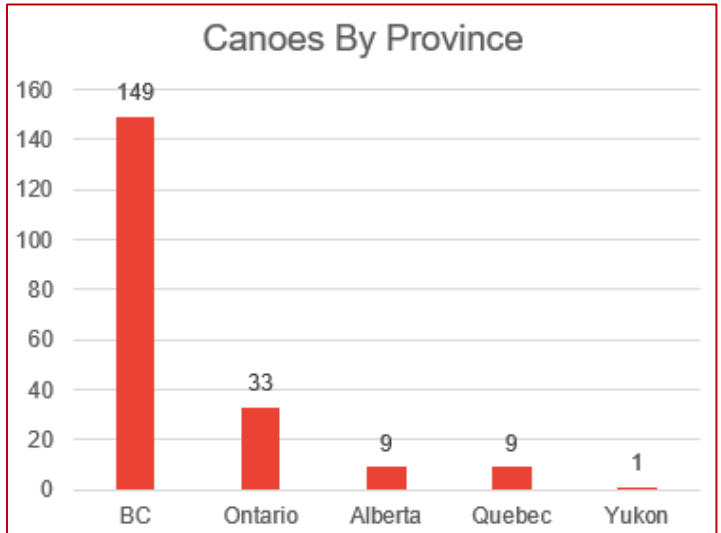
**APPENDIX**

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

1. Province (BC; AB; ON; QC; YK)
2. Affiliation (CORA Member; Unaffiliated / ECORA)
3. Division (Traditional OC4; Traditional OC6; Unlimited OC6)
4. Make / Model / Manufacturer

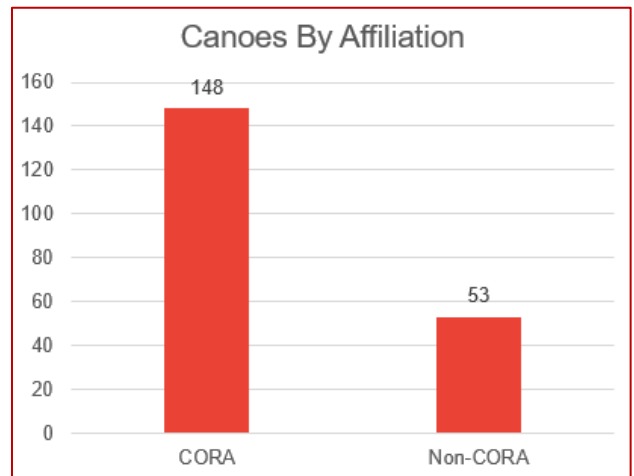
**Canoes By Province (BC; AB; ON; QC)**

Province	Canoes	Pct
BC	149	74.13%
Ontario	33	16.42%
Alberta	9	4.48%
Quebec	9	4.48%
Yukon	1	0.50%
All	201	100.00%



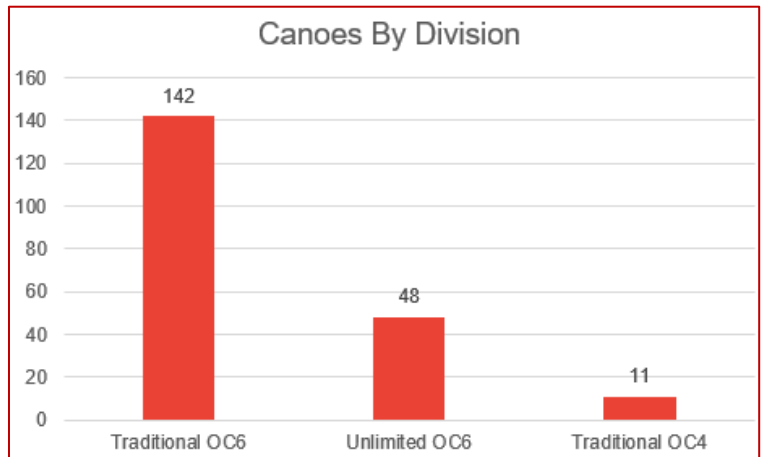
**Canoes By Affiliation (CORA Member; Unaffiliated / ECORA)**

Affiliation	Canoes	Pct
CORA	148	73.63%
Non-CORA	53	26.37%
All	201	100.00%



**Canoes By Division**

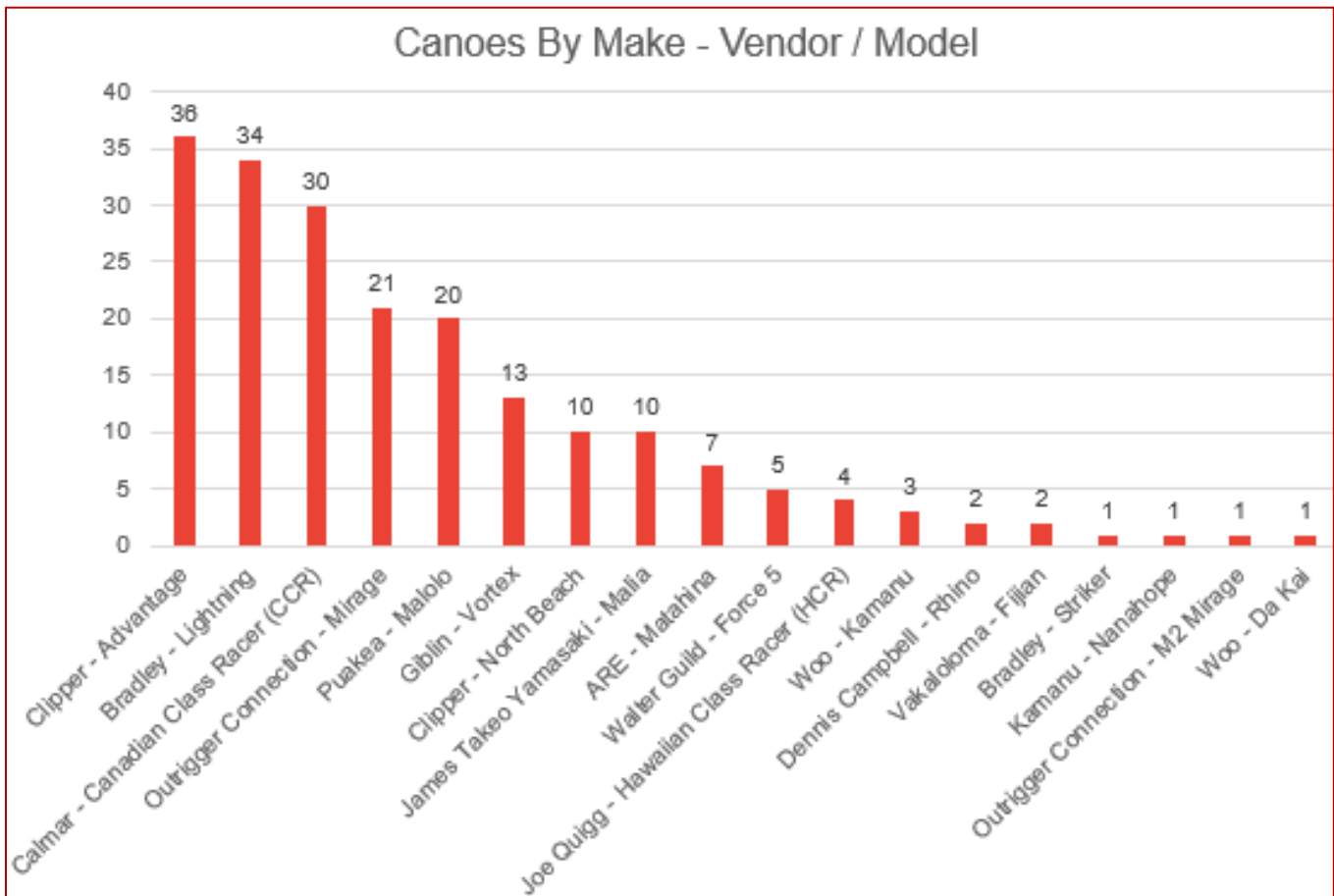
Canoe Division	Canoes	Pct
Traditional OC6	142	70.65%
Unlimited OC6	48	23.88%
Traditional OC4	11	5.47%
All	201	100.00%





### Canoes By Make / Vendor / Model

Make - Vendor / Model	Canoes	Pct
Clipper - Advantage	36	17.91%
Bradley - Lightning	34	16.92%
Calmar - Canadian Class Racer (CCR)	30	14.93%
Outrigger Connection - Mirage	21	10.45%
Puakea - Malolo	20	9.95%
Giblin - Vortex	13	6.47%
Clipper - North Beach	10	4.98%
James Takeo Yamasaki - Malia	10	4.98%
ARE - Matahina	7	3.48%
Walter Guild - Force 5	5	2.49%
Joe Quigg - Hawaiian Class Racer (HCR)	4	1.99%
Woo - Kamanu	3	1.49%
Dennis Campbell - Rhino	2	1.00%
Vakaloloma - Fijian	2	1.00%
Bradley - Striker	1	0.50%
Kamanu - Nanahope	1	0.50%
Outrigger Connection - M2 Mirage	1	0.50%
Woo - Da Kai	1	0.50%
All	201	0.00%



## 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 2021/2022/2023/2024 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) 2024

## 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 / DEVELOPMENTS:

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

- Interviews with many of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024 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, and Sue Milligan has offered to assist with **IVF Team Canada** insights as of 2018.
- Paddling community members have continued to contribute a wealth of names / dates / events / photos / stories that have been incorporated into **Club Legacy Documents** for Onake, Nanaimo, Sunshine Coast, Greater Toronto Area (GTA), and Comox. Many thanks to Alwyn Morris, Ruth Matson, Wolfgang Presslauer, Ron Dickinson, Donna Harrison, Mark Lavertu, Sue Milligan, Annie Boulding, Zoe Norcross-Nu'u, Lyse Fortin, Laurel Archer, Ron Zander Williams, Nancy Botting, Karen Simpson, and Janet Davis for providing names / dates / events / photos / stories that have been incorporated into these **Club Legacy Documents.**
- There are 3 documents that cover major events in outrigger canoeing (Cascadia – Paddlers Without Borders; Molokai Na Wahine 1985 Crew; The "Burrard") that have outstanding updates to be incorporated.
- It is hoped that the Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), Victoria Canoe Kayak Club (VCKC), Kelowna / Vernon / Kamloops clubs, and Alberta (Calgary; Leduc) clubs will constitute the remaining **Club Legacy Documents** to be published sometime in 2025.

## LIVING DOCUMENTS

The 15 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 37 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024 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 2021/2022/2023/2024 Inductees and individuals who know / knew these individuals continues to fill in many gaps in Canadian outrigger canoeing history.

## **TEAM CANADA IVF LEGACY (ONGOING)**

Interviews with several of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024 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 and from the 1998 Fiji IPCF World Sprints. Video and photos of Team Canada at these events will be posted shortly to the Team Canada IVF Legacy perpetual page.

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

## **CASCADIA – PADDLERS WITHOUT BORDERS (ONGOING)**

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 tale of a Cascadia crew that had back-to-back Pailolo Challenge First Place Finishes came to light in 2023/2024 and will be posted shortly to this "*Cascadia – Paddlers Without Borders*" perpetual page. 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 (ONGOING)**

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. All the names / dates / events / photos / stories related to this adventure that have been collected from 2020-2023, 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/>

## **THE BURRARD – FIRST OC6 IN CANADA (ONGOING)**

Discussions in 2023 with Annie Boulding and Ruth Matson 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 will be updated and posted to the CORA Cultural Continuity perpetual page.

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

## **OUTSTANDING CLUB LEGACIES – PEMBERTON; VCKC; KELOWNA / VERNON / KAMLOOPS; ALBERTA**

CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2020/2021 on 3 of the original Canadian clubs (False Creek; Lotus; Jericho). CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2021/2022 on 2 more of the Canadian clubs (Ocean River; Penticton). CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2022/2023/2024 on 5 more of Canadian clubs / regions (Onake – Montreal; Nanaimo; Sunshine Coast; Greater Toronto Area; Comox). The details collected in the research of the 37 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024 Inductees has been incorporated into these 10 existing Canadian club / region legacies. There is a vast amount of material that has since been collected on Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), Victoria Canoe Kayak Club (VCKC), Kelowna / Vernon / Kamloops clubs, and Alberta (Calgary; Leduc) clubs by virtue of some of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024 Inductee Bios that has been used in draft versions for legacies of these 4 clubs / regions. CORA looks forward to working with Pemberton, Victoria Canoe Kayak Club, Kelowna / Vernon / Kamloops, and

Alberta clubs on these "*living documents*". Note that these 4 remaining clubs / regions are to be the final set of **Club Legacy Documents** compiled by the CORA Historical Committee.

## 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 2024).

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

The end result of this ongoing research has been 15 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. The Onake Legacy – Extensive history (1999-2021) of Onake Paddling Club
10. The Nanaimo Legacy – Extensive history (1999-2021) of Regional District Nanaimo paddling clubs
11. The Sunshine Coast Legacy - Extensive history (1999-2021) of Sunshine Coast paddling clubs
12. The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Legacy - Extensive history (1999-2021) of Greater Toronto Area (GTA) paddling clubs
13. The Comox Legacy - Extensive history (1999-2021) of Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club
14. Unlimited Canoes In Canada – Detailed background on history / distributors / owners of all the various Unlimited OC6s across Canada
15. 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 2021/2022/2023/2024 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 Archives.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

The Canadian outrigger canoeing 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) 2024

### 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 / DEVELOPMENTS

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

- Canadian standings in the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** continued to improve with four Canadians in 2024 (Bob Stewart; Ron Varnel; Doug Thomas; Pam Watts Cornall) finishing in the Top 7.
- For the first time in the history of the PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series, there was a tie for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy**. By virtue of having the most senior Date-Of-Birth, the PNWORCA 2024 Small-Boat Racing Winter Series champion of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was Bob Stewart (Jericho Paddling Club) in the Men Masters 70+ OC1 Division, with Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) in the Women Masters 50+ OC1 Division recognized as co-champion. Congratulations to Bob Stewart as he continues to demonstrate commitment and excellence in Winter Series small-boat racing after almost 30 years.
- **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; Annie Boulding) with much decorum – many thanks to Melanie Whittall for her Lotus Iron 2024 eloquent speech. The CORA Awards Committee continues to solicit **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** Nominations at every possible opportunity.
- The **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** process (Awards Committee) and presentation (Town Hall Committee) cycle has **continued for 4 consecutive years now** with the **Not All Who Wander Are Lost** individuals (Janet Davis; Ron Dickinson; Zoe Norcross-Nu'u; Ron Zander Williams; Laurel Archer; Bob Stewart) from across Canada Inducted in 2024, with heartfelt speeches by many Guest Speakers from all across Canada, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, and Mexico. The CORA Awards Committee continues to solicit **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** Nominations at every possible opportunity.

### 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 6th year (2022) to Darian Hildreth (Friday Harbor), in the 7th year (2023) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club), and in the current year (2024) to Bob Stewart (Jericho Paddling 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 2024 PNWORCA Winter Series proceeded as per the 2024 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) 2024 for commentary on the 2024 PNWORCA Winter Series. Weather cooperated to allow all 7 events to happen in-person. Fourteen Canadians finished in the Top 3 in their Boat / Age / Gender division. Four Canadians (#1 Bob Stewart; #4 Ron Varnel; #6 Doug Thomas; #7 Pam Watts Cornall) finished in the Top 7 **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** 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 2024 PNWORCA Winter Series champion for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was Bob Stewart (Jericho Paddling Club), in the Men Masters 70+ OC1 Division. The 2024 PNWORCA Winter Series event organizers recognized Bob Stewart as the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** champion (and Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) as co-champion, 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 divisions at the end of the PNWORCA Winter Series. The **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was on the road again in 2024 as it made an appearance at all 7 of the 2024 PNWORCA Winter Series events. And for the first time ever, the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** champion was a Canadian and was 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 2023 season and recognized Annie Boulding of Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC), as the 2023 Recipient of the **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award**.

*Annie Boulding has a 40-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. She was a member of the Canadian National Whitewater Team and did Molokai Na Wahine several times long before CORA was founded. Annie was founder of the Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC) that has hosted the popular Comox Island Iron for many years. Annie has not served on the CORA Board or with Team Canada, but has been a member of Team Canada from the very first time that Canada participated as a member nation at the 1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints.*

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/hugh-town-memorial-builder-award-2023/>



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 formal ceremony was held on a gorgeous afternoon in July 2024 at Barnet Marine Park during the 2024 Lotus Iron CORA Cup Series event with Comox luminary Melanie Whittall making the presentation to Annie Boulding (2023 Recipient) with the Indian Arm waters as a backdrop. The **Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award** 2024 Recipient is to be announced at the 2024 CORA AGM.

## CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

CORA gave this proposal serious consideration. CORA evaluated the policies / processes of the Pro Baseball Hall Of Fame, BC Sports Hall Of Fame, Ontario Sports Hall Of Fame, Pro Hockey 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 eighteen 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 six 2022 Inductees (Andrea Dillon; Wendy Rae-Perkins; Rosemary Henry; Grace Morissette; Don Mulhall; Kamini Jain) and the seven 2023 Inductees (Ruth Matson; Nancy Botting; David Hill; Lynda Roberts; Norman MacDonell; Leanne Stanley; Len Morris Jr.) and the six 2024 Inductees (Janet Davis; Ron Dickinson; Zoe Norcross-Nu'u; Ron Zander Williams; Laurel Archer; Bob Stewart) that should provide the level of credentials CORA takes into consideration for nominees.

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

Penticton had graciously offered to host a Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame presentation at their 2024 CORA Cup Series Championship event. Unfortunately, many of the 2024 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 Janet Davis and Ron Dickinson and Zoe Norcross-Nu'u and Ron Zander Williams and Laurel Archer and Bob Stewart at close to home venues.

CORA hosted an online Town Hall session in Nov-2024 for the Inductees spread across Canada and the rest of the world. The Inductees and Guest Speakers included Janet Davis, Ron Dickinson, Zoe Norcross-Nu'u, Ron Zander Williams, Laurel Archer, Bob Stewart, Russell Gunner, Ian "Pipes" Bolden, Mike Billy Jr., Julio Villarreal, Matt Kelly, Chelsey Brooks Tidmarsh, Ashley Barker, Jamie Boulding, Amy (Benskin) Leonard, Jacinta Sheridan, Lance Mamiya, Lyse Fortin, Mike Petryna, Jim Farintosh, Stephen / Danielle Kala & Friends 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-10-november-4pm-pacific-not-all-those-who-wander-are-lost-cora-hall-of-fame/>

## **CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME PROCESS / POLICY**

Concerns had been raised that there have been too many Inductees or there were too many Inductees per year. The Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Town Hall slide deck provided a "By The Numbers" slide to address these concerns. When CORA was considering an Outrigger Canoeing Hall Of Fame, many months were spent reviewing the 5 other Hall Of Fames in the table below. CORA was looking for a model that provided guidance / structure / policy / process that was simple enough to minimize the Awards Committee efforts but structured enough that the Awards Committee would have guidance for common scenarios.

Association	Association Founded	Hall Of Fame Founded	Years Backlog	Years	Inductees	Average Inductees / Year	Annual Members / Year (Pool)	Inductees / Annual Members	Hall Of Fame Staff	Canoe / Kayak Inductees	Sports
CORA	1992	2021	29 (1980s)	4	37	9 (Year 1=18)	~1500	0.6%	Volunteers	37	1
BC Sports Hall Of Fame	1966	1966	60+ (1900s)	58	521	9 (Year 1=36; Year 2=13; Year 3=7)	?	?	Paid Researchers & Directors	1	52
Ontario Sports Hall Of Fame	1995	1995	60+ (1930s)	29	115	4 (Year 1=12; Year 2=12; Year 3=12)	?	?	Paid Researchers & Directors	0	62
Pro Hockey (NHL)	1917	1945	28	79	430	5 (Year 1=12; Year 2=13; Year 3=2)	32 Teams * 23 Players = 736	0.6%	Paid Researchers & Directors	0	1
Pro Baseball (MLB)	1902	1936	34	88	346	4 (Year 1=7; Year 2=11; Year 3=9)	30 Teams * 26 Players = 780	0.5%	Paid Researchers & Directors	0	1
Pro Football (NFL)	1922	1963	41	61	371	7 (Year 1=17; Year 2=7; Year 3=7)	32 Teams * 53 Players = 1696	0.4%	Paid Researchers & Directors	0	1

There are 5 key points that this table highlights:

1. Every Hall Of Fame has had a lag (28-60 years) between the inception of the sports and the founding of the Hall Of Fame. This has resulted in a backlog of individuals for whom each Hall Of Fame has made best efforts to recognize individuals long overdue.
2. Average Inductees per year is between 4-9 with CORA Hall Of Fame matching BC Sports Hall Of Fame. CORA Hall Of Fame average Inductees per year is flattening out since the first year.
3. The percentage of Inductees per year compared to the annual membership in each sport Hall Of fame is between 0.4% and 0.6%.
4. All the other Hall Of Fames have paid Staff (Researchers; Directors) while CORA Hall Of Fame is supported by a handful of volunteers with day-jobs and personal lives.
5. BC Sports Hall Of Fame has 1 Canoe / Kayak Inductee of 521 Inductees. Ontario Sports Hall Of Fame has **zero** Canoe / Kayak Inductees out of 115 Inductees. Yet BC and Ontario both have a very large community of flatwater / whitewater / marathon canoe / war-canoe rock-stars that have not been recognized. Yet the CORA Hall Of Fame has inducted many individuals with a long history of flatwater / whitewater / marathon canoe / war-canoe achievements who have also had outrigger canoeing achievements. CORA Hall Of Fame has been recognizing these canoe / kayak rock-stars.

The bottom line is that the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame is very much on track as other Hall Of Fames, and this Hall Of Fame is recognizing many canoe / kayak rock-stars.

## 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 Trophy** 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 Trophy** 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 / RECOGNITION 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) 2024

## 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 2024 CORA racing season continue to have participation vastly exceed previous years.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- OC Sprints & Eastern Canada Outrigger Canoe Racing Support
- Crowded Race Schedule & New Events
- CORA Race Schedule & Conflicts
- First Nations Representation
- PNWORCA / USA / Canadian Reciprocity
- Traditional / Spec OC6 vs Unlimited OC6 Direction
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- Junior / Novice OC Paddle Initiative
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- Vendor / Sponsor Relationships
- PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series
- CORA Flag Banner Public Relations Initiative

## TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS / OBSERVATIONS

- Empirical analysis from 2022/2023/2024 has shown that inter-regional travel continues to increase, 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 / Spec OC6s** to distance races and instead have trailered / truck-topped their own Unlimited OC6s or have paddled their own OC6s to events at neighbouring clubs when possible or have relied on borrowing / sharing Traditional / Spec 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 2024 with 148 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 2024 with 5 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.
- The **Prizing (Swag) Initiative** was also made available to Sunnyside Paddling Club as host of the Eastern Canada Sprints Championships. North Water provided a substantial amount of **Prizing (Swag)** in exchange for CORA social media promotion as a sponsor of the Western Canada Sprints Championships

- 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.

## **OC SPRINTS & EASTERN CANADA OUTRIGGER CANOE RACING SUPPORT**

2024 was a big year for OC Sprints events / participation. The CORA IVF Committee covers 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints outcomes. There were 3 Western Canada OC Sprints Regattas including FGPC OC Sprints in Victoria in April, VCKC Wake-Up-The-Gorge OC Sprints in Victoria in April, and Western Canada CORA OC Sprints Championships in Delta in April (attended by Quebec / Ontario / Alberta / BC Team Canada competitors). There was also a first-time Eastern Canada CORA OC Sprints Championships in Toronto in August (attended by Quebec / Ontario / BC Team Canada competitors). There was also participation by Canadian paddlers at 3 PNWORCA OC Sprints Regattas including Spanaway Lake in Tacoma in May, Green Lake in Seattle in May, and Silver Lake in Everett in June.

## **CROWDED RACE SCHEDULE & NEW EVENTS**

CORA introduced a Race Schedule rule in 2023 to limit CORA clubs to a maximum of 3 weekend events per year, to address "*crowded race schedule*" concerns. This initiative had positive impacts in 2024. VCKC brought back the Switchblade event as the "Stormin Norman" event in recognition of Posthumous Canada Outrigger Hall Of Fame Inductee Norman MacDonell. Jericho introduced a V1 Only small-boat event as part of their Jericho Classic weekend event. Vernon Paddling Centre brought back the Freshwater Challenge (Na Pali format crew composition) as a beach change-out event. Sunnyside Paddling Club introduced the Eastern Canada CORA OC Sprints Championships.

## **CORA RACE SCHEDULE & CONFLICTS**

CORA Race Committee makes considerable effort to balance outrigger canoe racing events with other events on potentially conflicting dates such as regional / international dragon boat events, First Nations canoe races, and PNWORCA outrigger canoe racing events. This approach has evolved into a CORA outrigger canoe distance racing window 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. The CORA Western Canada outrigger canoe distance racing schedule has been empty for the month of August in 2022 (IVF London) & 2023 (IVF Samoa) & 2024 (IVF Hilo). Western Canadian paddlers interested in August outrigger canoe distance racing and not going to IVF Sprints / Distance have attended PNWORCA August outrigger canoe distance events (Seattle Da Grind; Bellingham Classic; Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge).

## **FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATION**

2024 saw the largest ever CORA Club Membership by First Nations clubs including Island Brave (Nanaimo), Star Nation (Cultus Lake), Lost Boyz/Girlz (Cultus Lake), Vicki Lynn (Cultus Lake), and River Spirit (Chilliwack). Chehalis (Harrison Mills) acquired 2 Traditional / Spec OC6s from Gibsons Paddle Club. Many paddlers from First Nations clubs attended 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints. Crews from First Nations clubs did exceptionally well in CORA Cup Series events. Many First Nations crews (Island Brave; Geronimo; Proud Mary; Rainbow Canoe Club; Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club; Star Nation; Lost Boyz/Girls, Vicki Lynn; River Spirit) attended CORA Sprints, Mid-Distance, and Long-Distance OC events in large numbers. CORA continues to reach out to First Nations clubs to become CORA Member Clubs and be part of Team Canada for IVF World Sprints / Distance events.

### **PNWORCA / USA / CANADIAN RECIPROCITY**

For many years, Jericho Classic and Howe Sound were the Canadian events that many USA crews attended. 2024 saw a large influx of USA crews at 2 CORA Cup Series events (Lotus; Penticton) in particular. Rikkole Cree, Kai Pana, Seattle Outrigger, Sand Point Outrigger, Merisa Mae, Autumn Rose, Montana, and Hawaii (Kai Elua) each sent several crews.

Not only did PNWORCA / USA crews attend Canadian OC6 events in large numbers, the same is true for Canadian crews attending PNWORCA / USA OC6 events. The Gorge is the PNWORCA / USA event that many Canadian crews traditionally attend. As noted earlier, Canadian paddlers attended 3 PNWORCA OC Sprints Regattas. Canadian paddlers also attended the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) OC6 event and the Bellingham Bay (BBOP) OC6 event. This attendance by Canadian paddlers at PNWORCA / USA OC6 events has been conducive to PNWORCA / USA paddlers attending Canadian OC6 events. CORA Sanctioned Event hosts envisioning participation by PNWORCA / USA crews, may wish to send crews to several PNWORCA / USA OC6 events.

### **TRADITIONAL / SPEC OC6 VS. UNLIMITED OC6 DIRECTION**

From a CORA perspective, there are 2 key observations based on race results. For OC6 Mid-Distance (boats-provided) events (Lotus Icebreaker Double-Hull; FGPC V12-V21 Double-Hull; FCRCC March Madness; VCKC Wake-Up-The-Gorge; Lotus Poker Paddle; Latitude 48 Bridges; FGPC Wet-Dashe), Traditional / Spec OC6 is the prevalent boat. For OC6 Distance events (Nanaimo Crazy 8s; FLCC Spring Run Iron; Penticton Duel Iron; Jericho Classic Iron; Latitude 48 Iron; Lotus Iron; Penticton Championships Iron) Traditional / Spec OC6 is the prevalent boat for clubs who opt to borrow a boat and Unlimited OC6 is the prevalent boat for clubs who opt to BYOB. Note that going forward, JD Davies for The Gorge will no longer recognize Traditional / Spec OC6s. Note that going forward, Seattle Outrigger for Da Grind will no longer recognize Traditional / Spec OC6s. Note that going forward, Catalina Crossing will no longer recognize Traditional / Spec OC6s. Although Traditional / Spec OC6s have and will continue to be the workhorse / staple for club training and CORA OC6 Mid-Distance racing, other associations are now recognizing only Unlimited OC6s – whether or not attending clubs have access to Unlimited OC6s.

### **TRADITIONAL / SPEC OC6 VS. UNLIMITED OC6 CHALLENGES**

CORA has requested that CORA Cup Series races increase in distance from early to late in the season. However, strong Unlimited OC6s crews have been finishing very far ahead of not so strong Traditional / Spec OC6 crews – adverse weather has only made matters worse. This has led to much longer race-days and delayed awards ceremonies, and a rush for crews to unrig/load/depart when attempting to return home via BC Ferries or across the mountains. This situation is common to many OC6 Distance races (NOPC Crazy 8s; Jericho Classic) and not just CORA Cup Series races. It might be advisable for CORA OC6 Distance event hosts to consider the composition of Traditional / Spec OC6 and Unlimited OC6 crews in planning out racecourses to as to reduce the overall length of the race-day.

### **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 Racing 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 Racing 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 CORA long-term vendor has been documented and saved to the CORA Google Drive for Business Continuity.

There has been much discussion about canoe (big-boat; small-boat) numbers. Concerns have been raised by Race Directors about difficulties in being able to read canoe numbers from a distance. CORA had proposed a big-boat numbering mechanism in 2020 that was **NOT** acted upon. CORA subsidizes Small-Boat Racing Number Decals to support **small-boat racing**. Please note that small-boats (OC1s; OC2s; V1s; Surfskis) have smaller/curved decks that make the Small-Boat Racing Number Decals difficult to read no matter the height/width. The Small-Boat Racing Number Decals were **NEVER** intended to be used as big-boat numbers. However, clubs and race directors who have been given a supply of Small-Boat Racing Number Decals continue to issue these Small-Boat Racing Number Decals to big-boats. The solution to the canoe numbering issues, is **NOT** to make these Small-Boat Racing Number Decals taller/wider, but to provide racecourses that have boats finish near to race officials

### **1-OF-1 IMPACTS**

CORA has stipulated a Race Rule such that the Top 1/2/3 competitors in each boat/gender/age division are to be recognized. This creates a situation whereby CORA Sanctioned Event Host Clubs must comply with this CORA Race Rule and provide for "recognition" of the Top 1/2/3 competitors in many boat/gender/age divisions. The table below of 2024 participation at race events illustrates that "1-Of-1" is a very common result (25%-45%) for small-boat and big-boat races. Likewise, boat/gender/age divisions have 3 or less entries 55%-80% of the time. These metrics indicate that CORA Sanctioned Event Host Clubs should expect to procure / provide awards for the vast majority of participants. CORA Sanctioned Event participants can support the CORA Sanctioned Event Host Clubs in adhering to this CORA Race Rule, by registering early no matter the expected weather for race-day, to assist the CORA Sanctioned Event Host Club in acquiring adequate awards for expected boat/gender/age divisions.

### **V1 – WHY? WHY NOT?**

At the CORA Cup Series Championships Small-Boat event, the Race Director recognized each V1 Division competitor (Junior; Open; 40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) and also rhetorically asked, why V1? This question was large, given that Jericho hosted a V1-Only Sunday event this year (Jericho Classic on Saturday; Green Lake Sprints on Saturday) and ARE World provided a trailer of 14 Mako V1s, yet only 14 V1 paddlers attended, and only 8 V1 paddlers did the long course. This question was perfectly valid as Sunday on Okanagan Lake was a horrible day of fluctuating north/south/west 35-45KM winds, and any V1 paddler who owned an OC1 would have opted to race OC1, yet a small number of hard-core CORA V1 paddlers (not a single PNWORCA V1 paddler) including Simon Corbeaux, Robbie Magus, Brendan Curson, Will Rainey, and Scott Borle dared to do V1 that day. As someone who completed that race V1, I struggled for months to justify my rationale for opting to race V1 that day. But I also realized that so many Canadian paddlers who have raced and/or medaled at IVF V1 Sprints / Distance did NOT race V1 that day. There has been horrible weather for many CORA and/or PNWORCA small-boat races in 2024 and past years, and only a handful of hard-core V1 paddlers dare to do battle with Mother Nature. V1 is a given for so many Australia / New Zealand / Tahiti / Polynesian / South America / Hawaii paddlers – and those V1 paddlers are tough competition.

### **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 2022/2023/2024 CORA events, a new Junior / Novice OC Paddle Draw Grant was funded. Every Junior / Novice participant at each 2022/2023/2024 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 5 entries for the end-of-season draw.

The response was impressive with 148 entries in total from 12 Western Canada OC clubs. There were at least 10 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 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 of their choosing within 1 year from the end-of-season draw date (28-Sep-2024).

CORA wishes to extend a round of appreciation to the Race Coordinators (Jim Heuving; Don Mulhall; Vivian Thomas; Grace Morissette; Launa Mandrell) from CORA Cup Series host clubs Penticton (twice), Fort Langley, Latitude 48, and Lotus, as well as the club reps who collected the names of Junior / Novice participants at these 5 events, and forwarded these entries onto the CORA Board for the draw at the Penticton Awards presentation.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-2024-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 4-5 Western Canada 2022/2023/2024 CORA Cup Series events, as well as the Eastern Canada CORA OC Sprints Championships. Each event host had a budget of \$800 to spend on draw prizes purchased from their own vendors / sponsors or from a set of CORA vetted vendors / sponsors and to conduct one or more draws throughout the OC6 event. The type and number of draw prizes varied for each of the Fort Langley, Penticton / Skaha, Latitude 48, Lotus, Penticton / Okanagan, and Sunnyside events. However, the event participants communicated that they believed this was a worthwhile initiative.

### **VENDOR / SPONSOR RELATIONSHIPS**

CORA has continued to engage with many Canadian vendors / sponsors such as Oddball Workshop, North Water, Coast Outdoors, Predator / XS Unified, St. Jean's Cannery, Spirit Bear Coffee, Waterfront Outfitters, Main Street Brewing, Toblerone Chocolates, Purdy's Chocolates, Perfectly Nuts, Kerr Recognition 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.

### **PNWORCA SMALL-BOAT RACING WINTER SERIES (WE HAVE A CANADIAN CHAMPION)**

The 2024 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series proceeded as per the 2024 PNWORCA racing schedule with 7 events (Wasabi; Jericho; Mountain Home; Bellingham; Kai Ikaika; False Creek; Sail Sand Point). The 2024 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 2024 season saw 7 races contend with Winter storms in Vancouver BC, Portland OR, Bellingham WA, and Seattle WA. There were 395 entries across 7 races. By virtue of having the most senior Date-Of-Birth, the PNWORCA 2024 Small-Boat Racing Winter Series winner of the Peter Forand Masters Challenge was Bob Stewart (Jericho Paddling Club) in the Men Masters 70+ OC1 Division, with Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club) in the Women Masters 50+ OC1 Division recognized as Co-Champion. Bob Stewart of Jericho Paddling Club was recognized as the 2024 ***Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy*** recipient and joins Peter Marcus, Beau Whitehead, Minnie Fontenelle, and Darian Hildreth as recipients of this award. <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/bob-stewart-jericho-paddling-club-wins-2024-peter-forand-masters-challenge/>

### **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 2022/2023/2024.

### **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 2020/2021/2022/2023/2024 and going forward, Race Results PDFs are now named as YEAR Club Event (2024 FGPC Wet-Dashe):
- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/races/race-results/>

### **2025 PLANNING**

CORA Event Sanctioning requests will continue to be accepted until April 2025. 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 RETURN TO RACING**

The CORA Cup Series continued in 2024 with 5 Western Canada events. CORA clubs were able to host **28 events in 2024 (2 cancelled events)**, a gradual increase from **26 events in 2023**. Please see the table below of 2024 participation at all events.

Event Name	Event Type	Finishers / Participants	Spec Crews	Unltd Crews	Spec Crews (Short)	Unltd Crews (Short)	1-Of-1	1-Of-1 Pct	<=3	<=3 Pct
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 1 Wasabi	Small-Boat Distance	44 / 44	-	-	-	-	15	34%	31	71%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 2 Jericho	Small-Boat Distance	49 / 49	-	-	-	-	18	37%	31	63%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 3 Mountain Home	Small-Boat Distance	46 / 46	-	-	-	-	10	22%	37	81%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 4 BBOP	Small-Boat Distance	59 / 64	-	-	-	-	14	24%	41	70%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 5 FCRC	Small-Boat Distance	57 / 65	-	-	-	-	15	26%	40	70%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 6 Kai Ikaika	Small-Boat Distance	56 / 56	-	-	-	-	13	23%	30	54%
2024 PNWORCA Winter Series 7 SPOCC	Small-Boat Distance	75 / 76	-	-	-	-	22	30%	54	72%
2024 Lotus Icebreaker	OC12 Mid-Distance	36 / 36	36	-	-	-	2	5%	16	44%
2024 FGPC V12-to-V21 Heat-and-Overall Results	OC12 Mid-Distance	16 / 16	16	-	-	-	4	25%	15	94%
2024 FGPC Kan U Hak It OC6 Sprints	OC6 Sprints	27 / 30	27	-	-	-	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only
2024 VCKC WUTG Sprints	OC6 Sprints	22 / 22	22	-	-	-	4	18%	8	36%
2024 VCKC WUTG Small-Boats	Small-Boat Sprints	14 / 14	-	-	-	-	7	50%	14	100%
2024 VCKC Stormin Norman Distance	OC6 Mid-Distance	5 / 5	5	-	-	-	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only
2024 VCKC Stormin Norman Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	17 / 17	-	-	-	-	7	41%	17	100%
2024 NOPC Crazy 8s OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	37 / 38	12	26	-	-	8	22%	29	78%
2024 NOPC Shark Attack Small Boats	Small-Boat Distance	23 / 23	-	-	-	-	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only
2024 FCRC March Madness OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	82 / 85	82	-	-	-	8	10%	16	20%
2024 Western Canada Sprints OC6	OC6 Sprints	46 / 46	-	6	-	-	7	15%	23	50%
2024 Western Canada Sprints Small-Boats	Small-Boat Sprints	45 / 45	-	-	-	-	5	11%	20	44%
2024 FLCC Spring River Run OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	37 / 37	11	16	10	-	13	35%	33	89%
2024 FLCC Spring River Run Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	35 / 36	-	-	-	-	21	60%	33	94%
2024 Penticton Duel In The Desert Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	38 / 38	4	28	1	5	15	39%	25	66%
2024 Penticton Duel In The Desert Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	49 / 49	-	-	-	-	20	41%	27	55%
2024 Jericho Classic Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	39 / 42	11	23	2	6	18	46%	34	87%
2024 Jericho V1 Only Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	14 / 14	-	-	-	-	5	36%	14	100%
2024 Latitude 48 Island Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	37 / 44	4	31	-	9	11	30%	26	70%

2024 Latitude 48 Island Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	35 / 35	-	-	-	-	10	29%	20	57%
2024 FCRCC Round Bowen OC6 / Small-Boats (Cancelled)	OC6 Mid-Distance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 Vernon Freshwater Challenge OC6 Changes	OC6 Long-Distance	5 / 5	5	-	-	-	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only	Open Only
2024 Lotus Iron OC6	OC6 Long-Distance	52 / 52	12	29	6	5	19	37%	33	63%
2024 Eastern Canada Sprints OC6	OC6 Sprints	21 / 21	4	2	-	-	5	24%	21	100%
2024 Eastern Canada Sprints Small-Boats	Small-Boat Sprints	14 / 14	-	-	-	-	4	29%	14	100%
2024 Lotus Poker Paddle OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	28 / 28	28	-	-	-	3	11%	15	54%
2024 Penticton Iron OC6 Nationals	OC6 Long-Distance	69 / 69	3	55	3	8	16	23%	34	49%
2024 Penticton Small-Boats Nationals	Small-Boat Distance	96 / 112	-	-	-	-	40	42%	73	76%
2024 Latitude 48 Bridges OC6	OC6 Mid-Distance	62 / 62	62	-	-	-	5	8%	14	23%
2024 Latitude 48 Bridges Small-Boats	Small-Boat Distance	60 / 61	-	-	-	-	22	37%	45	75%
2024 FLCC Fall River Run Small-Boats (Cancelled)	Small-Boat Distance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024 FGPC Wet-Dashe	OC6 Mid-Distance	TBD								

**Table Of 2024 Participation At All PNWORCA / CORA Events**

## 2025 CORA Race Calendar

Name of Race	Host Club	Proposed Date	Event Type
PNWORCA WS #2	Jericho	January 25, 2025	Small Boats
Lotus Ice Breaker	Lotus	February 1, 2025	V-12
FGPC V12 Valentine's Double Hull 10km Race	FGPC	February 8, 2025	V-12
PNWORCA WS #5	FCRCC	March 1, 2025	Small Boats
Nanaimo Crazy 8 and NPI Attack	NOPC	March 8-9, 2025	OC6 / Small Boats
FGPC St. Patrick's Day Kan-U-Hakit OC6 Sprints	FGPC	March 16, 2025	OC6 Sprint
FCRCC March Madness	FCRCC	March 22-23, 2025	OC6
Stormin' Norman Canoe Race	VCKC	April 5, 2025	Multi-craft
Wake Up The Gorge (WUTG)	VCKC	April 12-13, 2025	OC6 Sprint / Small Boats
Duel in the Desert	PPSA	May 10-11, 2025	OC6 <b>CORA Cup</b> / Small Boats
Jericho Iron Classic 2025	Jericho	May 24, 2025	OC6 <b>CORA Cup</b>
FLCC River Run	FLCC	May 31/June 1, 2025	OC6 <b>CORA Cup</b> / Small Boats
Bowen 360	FCRCC	June 7 or 8, 2025	Multi-craft Relay / Iron
Island Iron (Comox)	CVCRC	June 14-15, 2025	OC6 <b>CORA Cup</b> / Small Boats
Lotus Iron	Lotus	July 26, 2025	OC6
Lotus Poker Paddle	Lotus	Sept 13, 2025	OC6
Team Canada 2026 IVF World Va'a Sprint Trials / Camp	Calgary	Sept 20-21, 2025	OC6/V1/OC1
CORA National Outrigger Championships	Comox	September 27-28, 2025	OC6 <b>CORA Cup</b> / Small Boats
Lat48 Bridges	Latitude 48	Oct 4-5, 2025	OC6 / Small Boats
FLCC Fall Small	FLCC	Oct 25, 2025	Small Boats
FGPC Wetdashe	FGPC	Nov 15-16, 2025	OC6 Dry Change



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(December 1, 2024)  
(Maximum 15 Directors)**

Name	TERM EXPIRES @ AGM IN:			
	2024	2025	2026	2027
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2. Leanne Stanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. Mony Sy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. Graeme Galves		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. Rob Magus, FCRCC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
6. Marianne Pilon, VYPC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
7. Jonathan Wilkins, FLCC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
8. Dean Dogherty, CVCRC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
9. Foruzan Velji, Sunnyside		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
10. Erik Ages, FGPC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11. Rob Varnel, Pacific Reach			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12. Cindy Wright, ORPC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Paige Misfeldt, Sunnyside			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Ronald Chin, FCRCC				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>NOMINEES FOR ELECTION @ 2024 AGM</b>				
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