#### Message from the Prez:

Aloha and E Komo Mai to all paddlers, prospective and past players! If there is one thing to be said it is that we are ALL stoked at the chance to get back on the water together after what felt like forever as we navigated through the global pandemic. Most clubs are dusting off the cobwebs and slowly starting practices once again after a near two year hiatus. Here in Central Oregon, we have other challenges to face, the biggest being river/lake water levels. As you can see, in the past we have begun paddling practices at the start of April. With current water levels at unmanageable lows, we will be unable to get our canoes into the Deschutes for a bit longer. That said, we remain excited to get things going! The 2022 season will be one of care for club resources/equipment, community engagement and reestablishment of skills and cohesiveness. This club is only as strong and active as it's members. I am asking that WE ALL step up to push BOO this year. Stay tuned for more info! IMUA!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# New Member Meeting & Club Registration

Friday, 4/15 6:30 PM at Tumalo Creek & Kayak

#### **Pre-Season Canoe Care**

Saturday, 4/16 All Hands @ 10 AM Location TBA



#### **Tentative First Practice!**

(depends on water levels)
Saturday April 23rd
Warm up @ 8:30 AM
On the water at 9 AM

Sign up on Teamer and watch for event postings on Facebook!







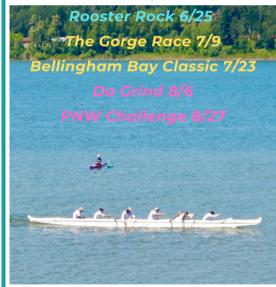


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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Potential Race Activity for BOO Teams during 2022 Season:



Men's 2019 Rooster Rock crew finishing race



Women's 2019 crew takes home some hardware

### CULTURE & LANGUAGE

#### Hawaiian word of the month:

**IMUA!** - Move Forward with Strength ee-moo-ah

It is also said that Imua is used to signify loyalty to Kamehameha or to express a deep commitment towards a feeling, idea or cause.



Rooster Rock Women's Race 2019 start line

It is often called out by the steersman/woman at the start of a race like pictured above. Imua!



#### CLUB NEWSLETTER

#### **CLUB CATCH-UP!**

If you can't be with the boat you love, *love the boat you're with...!* 

Build strength for 6-man season, paddle anything you've got!



#### **Early Season Practice Times:**



Mondays @ 5:30 PM Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM Saturdavs @ 9:00 AM

### **OUTRIGGER KNOWLEDGE**

#### Parts of the Canoe:

Let's begin with the entire Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe, called a Wa'a.

The Hawaii Woodcarving Art model below by Tevita Kunato, depicts the Dowsett design which was one of the first racing canoes. Late 1800's.

Notice the famous 'hidden lashings' exclusive to Hawaiian design that tie the gunwales to the canoe and are only visible from the inside.



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#### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



#### Vanessa Burton nickname: V

Paddlina Exp: 6 years

Proud Water Moment: My proudest moment was probably back in high school when I finished my very first race! It wasn't the first race I'd ever been in. My very first one we huli'd twice, once in the harbor (one of the girls dropped her wax over the side- never lean to the right!) and once out in the open ocean. In the heavy surf we couldn't get our boat bailed out and had to get towed back to the harbor. My next race I was so nervous it would all end in disaster again, but we finished! I don't even remember if we placed or not, but I was so proud that we actually completed a race!

#### Most looking forward to THIS season:

I am just really looking forward to getting back in the boat and spending time with amazing people out on the water!



Find out more about **Tumalo Creek** 

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



April comes from the Latin verb "Aperire" which means "to open."

Let the paddling season BEGIN!

**New Member Meeting** Fri April 15th Mālama Wa'a Day Sat April 16th **1st Practice** Sat April 23rd

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