



**CORA Long Term Planning Meeting Notes  
Saturday November 26, 2016**

**CORA Mandate:**

Discussion resulted in the following potential amendments to the CORA mandate:

- To foster and develop the sport of outrigger racing in Canada
- To set standards of equipment and safety for outrigger racing in Canada
- To coordinate/schedule/sanction/support outrigger races in Canada
- To represent Canadian outrigger racers at international forums for outrigger racing
- To qualify/select to represent Canada in International Va'a Federation (IVF) World Championship outrigger races

**Priorities were listed and voted on in order to designate which items we should prioritize for the next couple of years, they are as weighted:**

1. IVF Support:

Both IVF Worlds Distance and Sprint Qualification will be reviewed.

We will look at providing additional support for Coaching (model), Team Selection and Camps (other support)

Consideration for Elite, Para, Juniors will be taken into account based on intent to compete interest and development plans.

2. Communication \*\*\* almost all other priorities depend on communication (technology improvements in order to be successful)

a. Technology updates;

Website improvements (Spam management, updated website)

Database upgrade (more information, easier to access and update)

b. Communication Activities and Strategies

Club Rep email access

Member email access

Communication of initiatives in support of the membership

3. Coaching – CORA will place a higher priority on supporting coaching development with our member Clubs and paddlers, how can we support this development;

- a. Coaching resources listed on the website, including NCCP benefits, other coaching resources and courses being offered.
- b. Coaching Community  
Involve and engage coaches in seminars, a forum, educational materials.  
Calendar of coaching events (Classes, events, seminars, training)
- c. Coaching Forum
- d. Sports Canada Resources
- e. Coach the Coaches symposium, etc– by CORA or others

The following items were also brought up but not listed as our top priorities, we will keep these items in mind as we move forward.

4. Club Support Needs board attention

New Participant Onboarding – etiquette, safety, transition from other sports (dragon boat, SUP), cultural awareness

New Club Onboarding – transitioning to iron events, transitioning dragon boat paddlers, boat access, club reps

5. Race Participation – geography/travel, cost, time/commitment, boat access/loan, new races, new hosts, support, race schedule (over) saturation?, new bid process?, more up front coordination from the board?
6. Aging Fleet Standard and equipment – access to buy, cost/damage, access to use, competitive training. Can CORA be a resource to help Clubs ?