



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

Jim Mancell



Summary

Jim Mancell is known more for his distinguished career as an Officer with Vancouver Police Department and long-distance bicyclist, than for his achievements with the paddlesports community. Jim raced with Canadian crews to Top 3 placings at the Catalina Channel Crossing race multiple times when there were still only 2 outrigger canoe clubs in Canada. Jim was part of the "Lotus Eaters" dragon boat team that would win the 1988 Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival and go to the 1989 Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival International. Jim has been a pioneer through the early days of outrigger canoeing in BC, when Lotus in 1988 was founded as only the second outrigger canoeing club in Canada, when Lotus in 1989 hosted the first outrigger canoe Iron event in the Pacific Northwest, when Lotus in 1993 hosted the first double-hull outrigger canoe event in Canada, when Lotus in 1991 acquired the first six-person outrigger canoe trailer in Canada, and when Lotus in 1992 acquired a fleet of California OC1s after the 1992 Sacramento IVF Sprints.

Early Career

Earl and Caren Mancell had 4 sons (Garry; Jim; Don; Doug), were grandparents to 17, and great-grandparents to 3. Three of their sons would become synonymous with Lotus Sports Club. [01] Garry was born September 1951 in Vancouver BC, Jim was born in 1954, and Doug was born in 1959. The Mancell brothers have been an integral and continuous presence in dragon boating and outrigger canoeing with the Lotus Sports Club since the 1980s.

In 2003, Jim would graduate from the Masters of Arts Program in Leadership with Royal Roads University in Victoria, under the Supervision of Dr. Darryl Plecas. [02] His graduate thesis on "B.C. Municipal Police Officer Selection", [03] was designed to obtain a historical perspective from practitioners, police officers who have recently been through the selection and training processes, as well as other partners of the municipal policing community that have a vested interest in recruit selection, and would become the standard for identifying the necessary pre-entry requirements for a policing career. [04]

The Mancell brothers Jim and Doug would participate in kayaking at the 1973 Canada Summer Games [05] on Burnaby Lake along with Hugh Fisher and Colin Shaw. [06]

The "Lotus Eaters" men's team would win the 1988 Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival and go on to represent Canada at the 1989 Hong Kong World Championship International Dragon Boat Festival. [08] The "Lotus Eaters" men's team was comprised of cross-country ski racers, kayakers and canoeists, triathletes and ex-Olympians including Jim Mancell, Garry Mancell, Walt Dengler, Kris Landal, John Simpson, Scott Selbie, Ken Williams, Chris Cooper, Eric Grummisch, Gord Lyster, Mike McRae, Al Thomas, Peter Price, Steve Schleicher, Jack Cairney, Jim McArthur, and Bill Alley. [09]

Outrigger Canoeing Achievements

Although the first outrigger canoes did not arrive in BC until 1987, Lotus paddlers including Jim / Garry Mancell were already attending distance outrigger canoe races in Hawaii and California as early as 1987. Lotus paddlers including Jim / Garry Mancell would attend the Catalina Channel Crossing race in August 1987 when this event preceded the Queen Liliuokalani Race. Lotus would send a crew for the first time to the 1987 Queen Liliuokalani Race, when the change-out race was introduced and then every other year for decades.

Garry Mancell confirmed that when Lotus finished building the two Canadian Malias, they trailered them to the Catalina Channel Crossing race in August 1988. The Lotus mens team consisting of Jim / Garry Mancell, David Boulding, Bob Disbrow, Pete Zubick, John Healy, Jack Cairney, and a California steersman would place 2nd in their age category behind a team from Hawaii who was racing in a Hawaiian Class Racer (HCR). Bob Disbrow of First Marathon Securities was one of the paddlers on

the Lotus mens team. After the 1988 Catalina Channel Crossing race, Bob Disbrow was convinced by Jim Mancell to buy a Hawaiian Class Racer for Lotus so the Lotus team could be more competitive. The Lotus mens team consisting of Jim / Garry Mancell, and most of the 1988 Catalina Channel Crossing team trailered the "Disbrow" Hawaiian Class Racer to the 1989 Catalina Channel Crossing race and would place 3rd in their age category behind teams who had moved to the then dominant Bradley Racer.

Lotus would send 2 womens teams and 2 mens teams including Jim / Garry Mancell to the 1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints. [10] Jim / Garry Mancell purchased 2 of the Jerry Montgomery OC1s used at the 1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints, [11] and made arrangements with Hugh Fisher, Don Irvine, and David Boulding to have them delivered to Lotus.

The Lotus mens team consisting of Jim / Garry Mancell, Dave Ruse, Colin Shaw, Brent Bagnall, John Taylor, Pete Zubick, Mike Jordan, and Pierre Buchholz would participate in their first Molokai Hoe race in 1993. Jim / Garry Mancell would make multiple crossings of the Kaiwi Channel in the prestigious Molokai Hoe race.

Pioneering Achievements

The "Lotus Eaters" were formed in 1986 to compete in the inaugural Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival. Lotus Sports Club was founded in 1988 by Jim / Garry Mancell and Bob Disbrow shortly after John Ticknor negotiated for Lotus to be able to acquire and move into the former Texaco facilities at Barnet Marine Park in late 1988.

The Lotus Iron inaugural event was started by members of the Lotus Competitive outrigger teams including Jim / Garry Mancell, first taking place in 1989 at Barnet Marine Park with 2019 marking the 30th Anniversary. [13] The Lotus Iron was the first and the longest running outrigger canoe race in Canada as well as the whole Pacific Northwest. [14]

The Lotus Ice Breaker double-hull (V12) inaugural event in 1993 was started by members of the Lotus Competitive outrigger teams including Jim / Garry Mancell. The Lotus Ice Breaker was the first double-hull event in Canada and is traditionally held in January as the first event of the year. The Lotus Ice Breaker was inspired by the Queen Liliuokalani Race Sunday double-hull event that Lotus had first attended in 1987, and was started as a way to kick off the outrigger canoe racing season and made for a safe winter outrigger canoe racing event.

Attending outrigger canoe racing events often involves trailering 44' canoes. The ability to get canoes to venues where events were being held was facilitated when Jim / Garry Mancell commissioned John Taylor, who had a metal fabrication shop in New Westminster, to organize the construction of the first six-person outrigger canoe trailer in Canada.

Exemplary Achievements

Jim has made meaningful community contributions while volunteering his time on rescue activities, public-speaking, and charitable events. As someone well-connected with the local police forces, [15] and familiar with evidence searches and urban searches for missing persons, [16] Jim has volunteered as a member of Coquitlam Search & Rescue since the early 2000s, [17] where he has participated in a 100s of searches. [17] Coquitlam Search & Rescue is a community-based volunteer organization formed in 1972 providing land and inland water search and rescue services and wilderness public safety education in the Tri-Cities (Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody) area that includes some of the most rugged and inaccessible terrain in the southwest region of the Province of British Columbia. The team is called out to roughly 30-40 search and/or rescue operations each year. [18]

As a member of the Vancouver Police Department and the Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) Police Academy, Jim would be interviewed and quoted in several publications on Community-Centered Policing, such as the PolicyLink report on *Community-Centered Policing: A Force for Change* where Jim Mancell (often misspelled as "Mansell") discusses how all municipal police recruits for British Columbia and the RCMP are trained at the central police academy (JIBC) and required to complete and present a Diversity Project. [19]

Jim is an avid bicyclist having competed in the 120-km GranFondo road bike ride several times, [20] guided cyclists in Carombe Provence France, [21] and cycled with Coquitlam Search & Rescue on fundraisers such as the Wheel-2-Heal for the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation. [22]

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