



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

Kamini Elizabeth Jain



Summary

Kamini Jain as a 2-time Olympian represents 30+ years of success as both an athlete and coach in a multitude of paddlesports. Her approach has been developed from a 20-year full-time devotion to sprint kayaking in combination with many years of high-performance dragon boat, outrigger canoe, surfski and kayak competition. Combining high-level training and full-time coaching in a variety of paddling disciplines has allowed Kamini to examine paddlesports in a way that few people have had the opportunity to do. Her experiential knowledge is supported by master's degrees in both physiology and leadership.

Early Career

In 1969, [01] Kamini was born in Tripoli Libya to a father of Indian descent who worked in the oil industry and a mother with British citizenship. [02] Kamini's family relocated to Calgary Alberta in the early-1980s to a home close to the Calgary Canoe Club. [03] There she watched Hugh Fisher and Alwyn Morris win medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and set her own course to competing in the Olympics. [04] At the age of 15, [05] Kamini met lifetime friend Jackie Webber, as well as Paul Dever and Daniel O'Donovan with Calgary Canoe Club, [06] [07] who would compete with Team Alberta in the 1987 Western Canada Summer Games. [08] Kamini relocated to Vancouver in 1987 where she enrolled at Simon Fraser University (SFU). In 1995, Kamini would graduate from SFU with a Bachelors in Biology. In 1999, Kamini would graduate from SFU with a Masters in Biology. [09] At this point, Kamini would spend 9 years on the Canadian National Team pursuing her Olympic dream. [10] In 1997 / 1998 / 2001 / 2002 / 2003, Kamini would compete at Senior World Canoe Championships in K4 with Karen Furneaux, Sara Hopkins, and Carrie Lightbound. [11] [12] In 2000, Kamini would advance to finals at the Olympic Regatta in K4 with Gibeau-Ouimet, Carrie Lightbound, and Julia Rivard. [13] In 2001, at European leg of the World Cup season, Kamini would advance to finals in K1. [14] In 2001, at World Canoe Kayak Championships Gibeau-Ouimet, Carrie Lightbound, Liza Racine, and Kamini would take Bronze in K4 200M. [15] In 2002, at World Canoe Kayak Championships in Seville Spain, Sara Hopkins, Karen Furneaux, Carrie Lightbound, and Kamini would place 4th in K4 200M and 9th in K4 500M. [16] In 2003, at World Canoe Kayak Championships, Sara Hopkins, Karen Furneaux, Carrie Lightbound, and Kamini would advance to the finals in K4 500M. [17] In 2002, at Pan American Championships, Kamini would take Gold in K2 200M, Silver in K2 500M, Silver in K4 200M, Silver in K4 1000M, Silver in K1 500M, and Bronze in K1 200M. [18] At 2000 Sydney Olympics, Marie-Josée Gibeau, Carrie Lightbound, Julia Rivard, and Kamini would place 9th in Finals of K4 500M. [19] At 2004 Athens Olympics, Karen Furneaux, Carrie Lightbound, Jillian D'Alessio, and Kamini would place 8th in Finals of K4 500M. [20] [21] [22] [23] [24] [25] [26] In 2006, Kamini would complete the Canadian Securities Course from the Canadian Securities Institute. [09] In 2013, Kamini would graduate from Royal Roads University with a Masters in Leadership Studies. [09]

Outrigger Canoeing Achievements

Kamini has represented Team Canada at International Va'a Federation (IVF) World Sprints / Distance from 2008-2019. [27] At 2008 Sacramento IVF World Sprints, [28] Kamini would race with a Canadian crew that would take Gold while setting a new world record in V6 1000 Master Women, [29] as well as take Silver in V6 500M Masters Women, Silver in V12 500M Open Women, Silver in V6 1500M Open Women, and Silver in V6 500M Open Women. [30] At 2010 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints, [31] Kamini would take Silver in V1 500M Masters Women [32] after setting a course record in V1 500M Masters Women in early Heats, [33] and race with a Canadian crew that would take Gold in V6 1000M Masters Women, Gold in V6 1500M Open Women, and Gold in V6 500M Open Women. [34] At 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints, Kamini would advance to semi-finals in V1 500M Open Women, take Gold in V1 500M Masters Women, [35] and race with a Canadian crew that would take Gold in V12 500M Masters Women, Bronze in V12 500M Open Women, Silver in V6 500M Open Women, Silver in V6 500M Masters Women, and Silver in V6 1000M Masters Women. [36] At 2017 Tahiti IVF World Distance, Kamini would place 5th in V1, [37] and race with a Canadian crew of Leanne Stanley, Mel Conrad, Jill Kelly, Tara Hastings steered by Laurel Archer

that would place 4th in V6 Masters Women. [38] At 2019 Australia IVF World Distance, Kamini would take Silver in V1 Sr Masters Women and race with a Canadian crew that would place 6th in V6 Open Women. [39]

Kamini would race with crews that would place in the Top 6 in their division at 3 Molokai Na Wahine events. [40] At 2010 Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race, Kamini would race with a Calgary Canoe Club crew that would take Gold in OC6 Iron Open Non-Koa. [41] At 2011 Catalina Challenge Relay, Leanne Zrum and Kamini would take Gold in OC1 Open Women. [42] At 2013 Maui to Molokai, Kamini would take Silver in OC1 Masters Women. [43] At 2013 Ocean to Ocean Cayuco Race, [44] Cat Dailey, Sara Jordan and Kamini would compete in a grueling 3-day 5-leg 50-mile regatta through the Panama Canal. [45]

Coach-Builder Achievements

Kamini has organized dragon boat coaching worldwide for groups focused on local, national or international competition such as Abreast In A Boat Dragon Boat Camp, [47] FCRCC Grand Dragons Coaching, [48] [49] FCRCC Senior C Coaching, [50] NSW Lachlan Dragon Camp, [51] Noosa Sound Dragon Boat Workshop, [52] Lake Canobolas Dragon Boat Clinic, [53] [54] 2017 FLCC Senior C IDBF World Championships Coaching, [55] and FCRCC Premier (North America's first dragon boat team since 1986) Coaching, [56] as well as individualized courses for Dragon Boat Canada certification. [57] [58] [59] Kamini has contributed to paddlesports publications such as the chapter on coaching in "Paddles Up! Dragon Boat Racing in Canada". [60] [61] Kamini has organized outrigger canoe courses, clinics, camps and programs for specific clubs such as Arizona Outrigger Canoe, [62] Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society, [63] and Shuswap Association for Rowing and Paddling, [64] [65] as well as specialized training for individuals such as Small-Boat Training Program for Outrigger Racing. [66] Kamini has organized venues and notable speakers such as Andrea Dillon, Johnny Puakea, [67] and Zoe Norcross [68] for events such as the 2017 Right Angle Performance Outrigger Summit at Granville Island Hotel. [69] Kamini has been with FCRCC Executive in some capacity since the mid-1990s including time as Flatwater Representative [70] and recently as Vice Commodore. [71] Kamini was nominated to the CORA Board in 2021 to participate on the IVF Selection / Coaching Committee. [72] In a 2021 interview with Fairway Gorge, [73] Kamini noted she had wanted to do an online seminar series for quite some time and the COVID pandemic of 2020/2021 provided an opportunity to follow through with that endeavour. Kamini already had a long history of YouTube training videos including *Kamini Talking About Paddling Stroke Technique*, [74] [75] [76] *Kamini Breaking Down The Start Of The Power Phase*, [77] and *FCRCC - In The Same Boat*. [78] During the COVID pandemic Kamini expanded her online offerings to podcasts such as *The Link Between Preparation and High Performance* [79] [80] and CORA virtual Town Halls such as *Making the Most of Available Resources, Pandemic or Not*. [81]

Pioneering Achievements

In a 2021 interview with Fairway Gorge, Kamini noted that when she retired from Olympic paddling after 2004 Athens Olympic Games, Jackie Webber brought Kamini into her clinics and taught Kamini how she ran things, how she ran camps, and how she ran groups. [82] Kamini founded Right Angle Performance as a paddlesport service company in Vancouver in 2005. Right Angle Performance delivers to teams, individuals and coaches technical, tactical and training education for dragon boat, outrigger canoe, surfski and kayak racing. All of these world-class paddlesport services evolved from the experience and skills Kamini gained through her 35 years commitment to top competitive paddling, with over a decade of these years dedicated to coaching as a full-time profession. [83]

Exemplary Achievements

The Art Smith Amateur Sport Legacy Fund is a partnership between the Calgary Booster Club and the Parks Foundation Calgary that provides much needed assistance for amateur athletes. Kamini was awarded this endowment fund in 2000 & 2004 for Kayaking. [84] The 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games Torch Relay involved over 12,000 torchbearers traversing 45,000 kms and more than 1,000 communities. [85] The last day of the 2010 Torch Relay on February 12, 2010 [86] featured dragon boats and Voyageur canoes as Olympic gold medalist canoeist Hugh Fisher passed the torch to 2-time Olympian Kamini Jain in the middle of False Creek. [87] Kamini has further impressive credentials in outrigger canoeing and dragon boating such as Technical Director 2007-2012 for the Canadian Sprint Outrigger Team for the 2008, 2010 and 2012 IVF World Sprints, [88] Head Coach 2007-2019 for multiple teams taking umpteen medals at IDBF World Championships and IDBF World Club Crew Championships, 14-time IDBF World Championships medallist as an athlete, 11-time IDBF World Club Crew Championships medallist as an athlete, [89] and International Dragon Boat Federation 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee in Athlete Category.

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