



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME
Town Hall / 5-Nov-2022
"Recognition East To West"



Agenda

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CORA Town Hall Session Overview



CORA was founded in 1992. Yet Canadians had been participating in outrigger canoeing events in the 1970s and 1980s. Several CORA clubs were founded in the in 1980s and 1990s long before CORA ever came to be. There were many individuals whose exploits are known to very few.

The goal of this CORA Town Hall session is to raise awareness of the "Significant and Exemplary Contributions" to Canadian outrigger canoeing by the 2022 year class of Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Inductees so that you may know what they have achieved so that others may follow in their footsteps.

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Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Vision



At the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) November 2020 Pre-AGM (Annual General Meeting), there was consensus 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.

CORA introduced a formal process in January 2021 to nominate, research, vet, elect, and induct a backlog of influential individuals going back across four decades.

At the August 2021 CORA Board Meeting marking the end of the cycle for the inaugural year for this process, 18 individuals were inducted into this new Canadian Outrigger Canoeing Hall Of Fame. The 2021 inaugural year class of Inductees has set the bar going forward for future nominees.



CORA Virtual Presentation For 2022 Inductees



CORA has made best efforts to have an in-person presentation for as many of the 2022 Inductees as could be arranged. For those Inductees who are spread across Canada and around the world, CORA is hosting this online Town Hall to recognize those Inductees for whom an in-person presentation may not have been possible.

CORA has invited those Inductees we have been able to contact and one or more individuals who know / knew them well to speak on their behalf. Please note that CORA sincerely appreciates each Guest Speaker who has offered to share personal thoughts on the Inductees.

We have prepared a slide that highlights some of the major achievements that we have been able to confirm so that you may know more about each of the Inductees. We have asked each Guest Speaker to speak for 5-10 minutes as to how / when / where they met the Inductee and any personal thoughts they may wish to share about the Inductee.

The Agenda / Itinerary for Inductees and their Guest Speakers is as follows:

1. **Andrea Dillon:** Mel Whittall & Hugh Fisher & Susan Mott
2. **Grace Morissette:** Doug Mancell & Ken Asano
3. **Wendy Rae-Perkins:** Sheila Kuyper & Nancy Botting & Valerie Simmons
4. **Don Mulhall:** Launa Mulhall & Penny Seeley & Brad Lee & Jack
5. **Rosemary Henry:** Annie Boulding & Brian Henry & Russell Henry & Graham Henry
6. **Kamini Jain:** Leanne Stanley



CORA Hall Of Fame Guest Speakers (1 of 3)



<p>Melanie Whittall</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder Delta Outrigger Club • CORA Board Member 10+ Years • OOD C-Lion OC1 Distributor (120+) • 1998 Fiji IVF Sprints Medalist • CORA Hall Of Fame 2021 	
<p>Hugh Fisher</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1984 LA Olympics K2 Gold Medalist • Founder Pemberton Canoe • IVF World Sprints Medalist Umpteen Times • CORA Hall Of Fame 2021 	
<p>Susan Mott</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 x DBC Canadian National Team Drummer • FCRC Canadian National Team DB Coach 	
<p>Doug Mancell</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 CORA President • Lotus Sports Club Executive • Lotus CORA Rep • Author "The Malia in B.C."
<p>Ken Asano</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lotus Sports Club Poker Paddle Emcee • Centennial Secondary School Science Teacher • 2019 Peter Forand 5th Place
<p>Sheila Kuyper</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion For Inclusion Of Women-In-Canoe At The Olympics • Co-Founder Wai Nui O Kanaka • IVF World Sprints Medalist Umpteen Times • CORA Hall Of Fame 2021 	



CORA Hall Of Fame Guest Speakers (2 of 3)



<p>Nancy Botting</p>	 <p>Wai Nui O Kanaka Outrigger Canoe Club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought 1st OC6 to Ontario • Founder Mississauga OCC • Co-Founder Wai Nui O Kanaka • Wai Nui O Kanaka Rear Commodore • Principal Owner - Physical Edge Physiotherapy
<p>Valerie Simmons</p>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder Haunani OCC (Montreal) • CORA Board Member – Several Years / Committees • CORA Eastern Canada Rep
<p>Launa Mandrell & Penny Seeley & Brad Lee</p>	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Sponsor for Penticton Racing Events • "Behind Behind Every Great Man There Is A Great Woman"
<p>Annie Boulding</p>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strathcona Park Lodge Alumni • Brought "The Burrard" OC6 to Canada • Founder Comox (CVCRC) • CORA Hall Of Fame 2021
<p>Brian Henry</p>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder Ocean River Sports • Founder Current Designs • BC Outrigger Connection Mirage Franchisee • "Behind Behind Every Great Woman There Is A Great Man"
<p>Graham Henry</p>	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 Brazil to Florida 4000 Miles Sea Kayaking • 2015 Race 2 Alaska (R2AK) 7th Place Overall Double-Ama Clipper OC6 • 2017 Yukon River Quest K1 1st Place • 2018 Seventy48 5th Place Overall



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Russell Henry				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2014 Fastest Vancouver Island Solo Circumnavigation• 2014 Brazil to Florida 4000 Miles Sea Kayaking• 2015 Race 2 Alaska (R2AK) 7th Place Overall Double-Ama Clipper OC6• 2018 Seventy48 5th Place Overall
Leanne Stanley				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kelowna Paddle Centre Member• CORA Board IVF Committee• IVF World Sprints Medalist Umpteen Times



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME Andrea Dillon



Highlights / Vancouver

- 1973 Graduated University of Ottawa with Bachelors in Outdoor Education
- 1983 Moved to BC to run Andrea Dillon & Associates 30+ years as Sales Rep for many premier outdoor companies
- **1987-2007 FCRCC Womens Team take Gold at Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival a record 17 times with Andrea as paddler or coach for the team**
- 1987-2019 Recognized for dedicating 30+ years to the sport of dragon boating, having coached at 9 of the 13 IDBF World Championships, for being a driving force in the evolution of the inclusive National Team model, as well as coaching / medaling multiple times at the IDBF World Championships from 1995-2019
- **1993-1994 FCRCC Womens Outrigger Canoe Program 1994 Molokai Na Wahine 6th Place finish overall (Luminaries)**
- 1992 Meeting with Hugh Fisher outside False Creek Community Centre led to formation of CORA and Canada becoming an IPCF "member nation" just months before 1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints
- 1992-2022 Three decades of IVF World Sprints - Sacramento / New Caledonia / Fiji / Tahiti / London
- **1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints Bronze in V6 1000M Masters Women**
- 1996 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints Bronze in V6 500M Masters Women & Silver in V6 1000M Masters Women & Silver in V12 500M Masters Women
- **1998 Fiji IVF World Sprints Bronze in V6 500M Masters Women & Bronze in V12 500M Open Women & Gold in V6 500M Sr Masters Women & Silver in V12 500M Masters Women**
- 2002 Tahiti IVF World Sprints Gold in V6 500M Masters Women & Silver in V6 500M Sr Masters Women
- 2006 Yukon River Quest Womens Voyageur Canoe 1st place with FCRCC Women
- **2000-2012 Co-founded (Jackie Webber) Waters Edge Sport Performance as 1st Western Canada dragon boat / paddlesport service company**
- 2005-2022 Delivered technical / tactical / training education with Kamini Jain & Right Angle Performance
- 1987-2022 Served on FCRCC Executive as Commodore & with FCRCC Executive in some capacity for past 30+ years
- 2019 Inducted into Dragon Boat Canada Hall Of Fame in DBC HOF Inaugural year



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME Grace Morissette



Highlights / Burnaby

- 1981 Graduated with Bachelor in Education from SFU
- 2005 Graduated with Masters in Environmental Education from SFU
- 1980s Acquired National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) credentials from Coaching Association of Canada
- **1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints Steered Open Womens OC6 crew**
- 1987 Queen Liliuokalani Races first ever water-changes event
- **1987-2019 Queen Liliuokalani Races 13 times and 12 times as steersperson**
- 2006 Lotus Crews inaugurated Queen Liliuokalani Races (unofficial) Mixed Iron event
- 1989-2022 Race Coordinator for Lotus Iron & Lotus Ice Breaker & Lotus Fall Classic Sprints & Lotus Poker Paddle
- 2018-2022 CORA Memberships Officer
- 1989-2022 Lotus Executive & Lotus Juniors Coach
- 2020-2022 CORA Historical Committee research for *Lotus Legacy & False Creek Legacy & Jericho Legacy Archives*
- 1989 Founded Youth Development Program at 7 Tri-Cities Schools to bring 2000+ youth paddlers to Lotus programs
- 1987-2019 Introduced BC youths to paddlesports and Hawaiian outrigger culture at Queen Liliuokalani Races
- 1990s-2020s Nominated dozens of Secondary School Students as candidates / recipients of University Scholarships
- **2019 Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award 1st Recipient**



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME "Auntie" Wendy Rae-Perkins



Highlights / Oakville

- **1992 Novice Kayak Master Gold with Burloak Canoe Club**
- 2000 Womens Gold at Swan Boat International World Championships in Ayutthaya as guest of Queen of Thailand
- 2001 Gold / Silver with Canadian Dragon Boat National Team at IDBF World Championships in Philadelphia
- **2002 Gold at Canoe Kayak Canada Canadian Masters Sprint K1 500M**
- 2002 Organized conference with Sue Humphries & Adrian Lee as 1st general meeting of what would become DBC
- 1998 Took 4 medals at Portland World Masters Games for canoe / kayak / outrigger canoe
- 2003 1st Molokai Na Wahine crossing with Mississauga OCC Masters 35+ crew
- **2005 Took 9 medals at Edmonton World Masters Games for canoe / kayak / outrigger canoe**
- 2014 Silver Masters Women with Wai Nui in CORA Distance Championships at Howe Sound BC
- **1996 With Mississauga OCC since its inception as 1st Outrigger Canoe Club In Ontario**
- 2003 Recognized as ambassador for sprint Canoe / Kayak & War Canoe & Dragon Boat "Masters paddlers"
- **2004 Co-founded Wai Nui O Kanaka with Nancy Botting & Karen Simpson & Sheila Kuyper**
- 2004 Wai Nui Why Not 1st & longest running OC race in Eastern Canada started by Wai Nui & Wendy
- 2004-2022 Wai Nui becomes largest outrigger canoe club in Eastern Canada with 6 Traditional & 2 Unlimited OC6s
- 2004-2022 With Wai Nui, supported Eastern OC events such as Liberty Challenge, Blackburn Challenge, TIOC, GMOC
- 2004-2022 With Wai Nui, supported Eastern Canada clubs & paddlers with trailering & canoes & guidance
- **2004-> Founder of Home Suite Hope, Canadians for Safe Technology, Shark Fin Free, Street Soccer Canada**
- 2006 Paddle All program introduced at Wai Nui by Rich Carson & Wendy in conjunction with Charterability
- 2006 Lobbied to protect right to paddle at Wai Nui's new location with paddling being declared a heritage sport
- **2008 Recognized with ATHENA Oakville Award**
- 2021 Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Member
- **2014 & 2022 Landed Ontario Trillium Foundation Grants to expand recreational boating facilities at 16 Mile Creek**



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Don Mulhall



Highlights / Penticton

- **1999 Co-founded Penticton Racing Canoe Club with Brent Bagnall**
- 1999-2022 Race Coordinator for Duel In The Desert OC6 Race (3rd longest running Canadian OC6 race)
- 1999-2019 Race Coordinator for Length of the Lake Ultra-Distance Race
- Race Coordinator for Duel In The Desert small-boat event
- Race Coordinator for Skaha Downwind event between Penticton & Okanagan Falls
- Race Coordinator for Channel Parkway 10K small-boat event between Skaha Lake & Okanagan Lake
- Race Coordinator for Rattlesnake Island Small Boat Race from Antlers Beach around Rattlesnake Island
- 2000 Responsible for having GO Rowing & Paddling deliver a dragon boat & paddles & PFDs to Penticton
- **2000-2022 Provided race management for the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival (PDBF) for 20 years**
- 2000-2019 Served as Race Director in Penticton as well as for many BC dragon boat & outrigger canoeing events
- 1999-2022 Continuously upgraded the Penticton OC6 fleet from "*The Burrard*" to a Hawaiian Class Racer to Dennis Campbell Rhinos to a Calmar Canadian Class Racer to an Outrigger Connection Mirage to Bradley Lightnings
- 1999-2022 Served to expand access to canoes to other CORA member clubs through his ongoing efforts to upgrade the Penticton canoe fleet
- 2002-2022 Approached City of Penticton about converting a 1960s shed at Skaha Lake Park East into dragon boat & outrigger canoe storage in addition to investing extensive volunteer time for many years to provide the club with an OC6 trailer & outrigger canoe & dragon boat carts & small-boat racks
- **2011-2017 Coached Penticton Competitive / Recreational / Junior crews to success at CORA Cup Series races & PNWORCA events & Hawaii races**
- 2018-2022 Reunited "Jack" with his rightful owner & brought the beloved icon home to the paddling community
- **2000-2022 Served on Penticton Executive & as Penticton Competitive / Recreational / Juniors Coach**
- 2017-2019 Served on CORA Board in several roles as well as CORA Cup Series Rules / Points / Results Officer
- 2020-2022 CORA Historical Committee research for the *Skaha Legacy* & "*The Burrard*" Archives
- **2021 Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award 3rd Recipient**



CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

Rosemary Henry



Highlights / Victoria

- 1981-1994 Strathcona Park Lodge alumni (Annie Boulding; Laurel Archer; Sheila Taylor; David Boulding)
- 1994-1995 With VCKC after Snow to Surf Race in Courtenay while "*The Burrard*" was on loan to VCKC by CORA
- **1995 Founded Ocean River to encourage competitive paddling on Vancouver Island**
- 1995-2005 Grew Ocean River to be largest Vancouver Island OC club with 100+ members & 4 OC6s
- 1997 Brought Rick Nu'u & Jackie Webber to Ocean River for coaching clinics
- **1998 developed Learn to Outrigger canoe program which was advertised around Victoria**
- 1996-2003 Brian Henry supported Ocean River with 2 Outrigger Connection Mirage & 2 Clipper Advantage OC6s
- **1996 Established Bridges Race (6KM) as one of the longest continuous running OC6 races in Canada**
- 1997 Established Inny / Outty small-boat race
- 1999 Established Island Iron (17KM) as 1st & longest running outrigger canoe race on Vancouver Island
- 1996-2005 Race Director for Bridges & Inny / Outty & Island Iron
- 1996-2004 Served as CORA Representative for Ocean River
- 1996 -> Contributed to Ocean River boathouse construction
- **2002 Tahiti IVF World Sprints Bronze in V1 500M Sr Masters Women & Silver in V6 500M Sr Masters Women**
- 2004 Hilo IVF World Sprints & 2008 Sacramento IVF World Sprints semi-finals in multiple V1 / V6 / V12 events
- 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints team co-ordinator for Sprint Council
- **2005 Gold & Silver in 2 events at Edmonton World Masters Games for outrigger canoe**
- 2021-2022 CORA Historical Committee research for the *Ocean River Legacy Archives*
- 2021-2022 Provided wealth of photos / names / dates for the Team Canada IVF Legacy Archives
- **Living legacy in sons Russell & Graham:** 2014 Brazil to Florida 4000 miles sea kayak expedition; 2015 (inaugural) Race to Alaska (R2AK) in double-ama Clipper Advantage OC-6 with 2 sail rigs; 2018 Seventy48 5th Place Overall (tandem kayak); 2017 Yukon Quest 1st in K1; 2014 Vancouver Island solo circumnavigation record



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Kamini Elizabeth Jain



Highlights / Vancouver

- 1980s Raced for Calgary Canoe Club in K1 / K2 / K4 / War Canoe with Jackie Webber & Dan O'Donovan & Paul Dever
- 1995-2004 Trained with Canadian National Team pursuing her Olympic dream
- **2000 Sydney Olympics Placed 9th in Finals of K4 500M (Marie-Josée Gibeau, Carrie Lightbound, Julia Rivard)**
- **2004 Athens Olympics Placed 8th in Finals of K4 500M (Karen Furneaux, Carrie Lightbound, Jillian D'Alessio)**
- 1993-1994 FCRCC Womens Outrigger Canoe Program 1994 Molokai Na Wahine 6th Place finish overall (Luminaries)
- **2008 Sacramento IVF World Sprints - Gold while setting a new world record in V6 1000 Master Women & Silver in V6 500M Masters Women & Silver in V12 500M Open Women & Silver in V6 1500M Open Women & Silver in V6 500M Open Women**
- 2010 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints - Silver in V1 500M Masters Women after setting a course record in V1 500M Masters Women in early Heats & Gold in V6 1000M Masters Women & Gold in V6 1500M Open Women & Gold in V6 500M Open Women
- 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints - Gold in V1 500M Masters Women & Gold in V12 500M Masters Women & Bronze in V12 500M Open Women & Silver in V6 500M Open Women & Silver in V6 500M Masters Women & Silver in V6 1000M Masters Women
- 2017 Tahiti IVF World Distance - Placed 5th in V1 & Placed 4th in V6 Masters Women
- **2019 Australia IVF World Distance – Silver in V1 Sr Masters Women & Placed 6th in V6 Open Women**
- 2010 Queen Liliuokalani Canoe Race – Gold with Calgary Canoe Club crew in OC6 Iron Open Non-Koa
- 2011 Catalina Challenge Relay – Gold with Leanne Zrum in OC1 Open Women Relay
- 2013 Maui to Molokai – Silver in OC1 Masters Women
- 2013 Ocean to Ocean Cayuco Race – Competed in grueling 3-day 5-leg 50-mile regatta through the Panama Canal
- **2005-2022 Founded Right Angle Performance as world-class paddlesport service company in Vancouver**
- **Conducted outrigger canoe & dragon boat courses / clinics / camps / programs / coaching / training worldwide**
- 2007-2012 Technical Director for Canadian Sprint Outrigger Team for 2008 & 2010 & 2012 IVF World Sprints
- 2007-2019 Head Coach 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
- **2021 International Dragon Boat Federation Hall of Fame Inductee in Athlete Category**