



CORA Annual Technical Meeting Minutes
Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 1:00 PM PST
Via Zoom Video Conference

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Present:

Ron, Jonathan, Leanne, Bethany, Rob V, Dean, Rob M, Cindy, Erik, Graeme, Foruzan and Marianne

Absent: Richard

The technical meeting is a CORA Board meeting to discuss forward-looking issues surrounding racing, development of the sport of outrigger, promoting and facilitating both individual and club members.

The CORA membership is invited to observe and provide input into the operational aspects of CORA's mandate.

It is not a substitute for the AGM although line items will have overlap with AGM topics.

1. Welcome and Roll Call (Ronald Chin)
2. 2026 CORA Event Schedule (Ronald Chin)
 - a. Reminder for race directors to request insurance certificates
3. Discussion of ongoing and new initiatives
 - a. CORA Member Club Summaries (Ronald Chin)
 - b. IVF Program - High Performance Committee (Cindy Wright)
 - c. Junior / Novice support (Marianne Pilon)
 - d. Race Committee - General discussion (Ronald Chin)

- i. Eastern Canada Race series spear-headed (Foruzan Velji)
 - 1. Haunani Challenge, Haunani Outrigger Club, Montreal
 - 2. Eastern Canadian Sprints Championships, Sunnyside Paddling Club, Toronto
 - 3. Fall Classic, Rideau Outrigger Racing Club, OttawaGrant funding to support these races.
- ii. Updates to Distance Race Rules to reflect predominance of ULs (should Spec divisions be consolidated?)
- iii. Discussion on collapsing OC6 and small boat categories
 - 1. Decision to eliminate the SPEC category from CORA classification
- iv. CORA Cup Series
 - 1. 2025 Winners - posted on CORA website
- e. CORA Off-the-Water Video Conference Series via Zoom (Ronald Chin)
 - i. Future topics - Race Directors' Stories
- f. Discussions, issues or concerns initiated by the members (Ronald Chin)

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm



General Account
Balance Sheet as at
December 31, 2024

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	Total	Total
ASSETS	\$	\$
Cash at RBC	20,496	62,664
Cash at Square	-	-
Government Funds (ITC)	709	432
Term Investments	40,000	10,000
TOTAL ASSETS	61,205	73,096
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	-	-
RBC Credit Card	-	-
Government Funds (GIC)	3,296	3,518
Retained earnings	57,509	69,578
NET ASSETS	61,205	73,096

Jonathan Wilkins
 Director

[1] Term Investment
 GIC Non-Red 2yr to 6/10/26 \$10,000 @ 4.0% to guarantee Credit Card
 GIC Non-Red 1yr to 1/15/25 \$20,000 @ 4.9%
 GIC Red 1yr to 1/15/25 \$10,000 @ 3.45%



Income and Expenditure - **General Account**

For the period to **December 31, 2024**

	Actual	Budget 2024	Actual 2023
REVENUES (Net of GST)	\$	\$	\$
Membership - Annual Adult	48,554	45,000	44,119
Membership - Annual Junior	1,225	600	663
Membership - One Day Adult	5,653	3,500	3,763
Membership - One Day Junior	347	150	297
Club Fees	5,985	5,220	5,101
National Sprints - Entries	16,886	-	-
National Sprints - Grant received	5,000	-	-
Other - GIC Interest / CC Cashback	280	280	280
TOTAL REVENUES	83,930	54,750	54,224
EXPENSES (Net of GST)	\$	\$	\$
Grant - Repair, Maintenance, Equipment	5,000	5,000	10,000
Grant - Clinic	1,028	4,000	-
Grant - Coaching Education	500	2,000	250
Grant - Regional Coach the Coaches	-	4,000	-
Grant - Canoe Trailering	14,400	15,000	9,691
Grant - National Distance - Hosting	2,500	2,500	2,075
Grant - National Distance - Medals	600	600	425
Grant - National Distance - Food & Entertainment	1,500	1,500	1,275
Grant - National Team Selection process development	n/a	-	-
Grant - National Team Junior process development	n/a	-	-
CORA Cup West - door prizes 5 x \$800	3,942	4,000	3,135
CORA Cup East - hosting, medals & door prize x3	1,200	1,600	-
CORA Cup - Medals	-	2,000	1,261
CORA Cup - Junior Entry Fees Max \$25 pp	1,200	800	503
National Sprints - Expenses	15,800	-	-
National Sprints - Medals and Prizes	1,247	-	-
Prizes for Novice/Junior. Eg Paddle/PFD	2,000	1,800	1,600
Bank Charges - RBC	138	100	79
Bank Charges - Square	3,153	3,000	2,278
Town Halls - Guest Expenses	200	1,000	-
Town Halls - 1/3 Zoom	214	500	347
Hall_Fame/H_Town/P_Forand plaques & postage	392	500	457
IVF Membership & Expenses	404	600	413
Strategic Planning - Visioning - Consultation	-	8,000	-
AGM Expenses	7,718	5,000	4,217
Insurance	11,294	11,000	9,930
Legal and Accounting	387	500	387
Office, Admin & 2/3 Zoom (Lahaina)	1,818	1,000	694
IT - Operations	5,504	5,000	4,555
IT - Enhancements	-	500	-
Social Media Advertising	-	700	-
Translation Services	80	1,000	-
	82,217	83,200	58,572
Excess/(Deficiency) Revenue over Expenses	1,713	(28,450)	(4,347)



CORA PRESIDENT'S AGM ADDRESS 2025

November 23, 2025

2025 presented us with another packed race calendar. We had the full roster of Spring-time races together, CORA Cup races, Nationals at a new venue on Comox Lake and the Eastern Canadian Race Series grew to 4 races.

The 2025 IVF World Distance Championships were held at Niteroi, Brazil, where Canada placed 3rd in the medal tally, with 4 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals. Congratulations to our athletes, Leanne, our IVF Project Manager Sherry and our new High Performance Committee for their time and efforts in supporting Team Canada. They're working on Team Canada representation for the 2026 IVF World Sprints in Singapore next August, before then, we'll be hosting a CORA Sprint Nationals in May 2026, and IVF will be taking an off year from Worlds in 2027.

This Fall, we inducted 8 incredible athletes, coaches and community builders, into the Canadian Outrigger Hall of Fame, which we capped off with a Town Hall videoconference. That recording and detailed biographies of the recipients are available on the CORA website.

I'd like to thank each of the CORA directors, officers and volunteers who have donated their time to make the organization run smoothly. Our finances are in check thanks to Jonathan Wilkins. Leanne Stanley, Sherry Hunt and the High Performance Committee for our successes abroad as we look forward to Singapore. Graeme Galves for his extensive work in CORA's historical review, the Hall of Fame and other awards. Foruzan Velji for spearheading our continuing growth in Eastern Canada with even more races planned for 2026. We have an ongoing debt of gratitude to Erik Ages and Paul Barton at Fairway Gorge for their work in managing the CORA website, video conferencing and other technical aspects of our operations.

Regards,

Ronald Chin
President

MEMORANDUM

To: CORA Board

From: Ronald Chin

Re: Grants Summary for 2025

Date: November 22, 2025

The following is a summary of the 2025 CORA Grants to date.

<u>2025 CLINIC GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	FCRCC	Warm Water Huli Drill	\$7.10	???
2.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Technical Clinic	\$442.43	Paid Sept. 22, 2025
3.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Huli Clinic	\$442.44	Paid Sept. 22, 2025
4.	VYPC	Youth/Novice Change Clinic	\$442.45	Paid Sept. 22, 2025
5.				
CLINIC GRANTS PAID			\$1334.42	
<u>2025 COACHING EDUCATION GRANTS</u>				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Coach / Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Suncoast	Sarah Bacon - Canoe Kids	0.00	Withdrew Application (paid herself)
2.	Lotus	Tyler Lee - NCCP Lake Kayak Instructor 1	\$200.00	Paid Oct 6, 2025
3.	Lotus	Ayden Mikita - NCCP Lake Kayak Instructor 1	\$200.00	Paid Oct 6, 2025
4.	FLCC	Aldine Castres – Canoe Kayak E-Learning	\$250.00	Approved Nov 11, 2025.
EDUCATION GRANTS PAID			\$650.00	
<u>2025 REGIONAL COACH THE COACHES GRANTS</u>				
		<u>Coach / Course</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.		Coaches Forum – Duel in the Desert (James Hill & Rob Magus)	\$200.00	Paid
2.		Coaches Forum – FLCC River Run	0.00	Cancelled due to illness
3.		Coaches Forum – Island Iron (James Hill & Leanne Stanley)	\$200.00	Paid
4.		Coaches Forum – Lotus Iron	0.00	Cancelled
5.		Coaches Forum – Comox Nationals	\$200.00	Paid
COACH THE COACHES GRANTS PAID			\$600.00	
<u>2025 TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS</u>				
		<u>Guest</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.				
TOWN HALL GUEST GRANTS PAID			0.00	

2025 Clinic Grant Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00

2025 Coaching Education Grant Budget Allocation: \$2,000.00

2025 Regional Coach the Coaches Budget Allocation: \$4,000.00

2025 Town Hall Guests Budget Allocation: \$400.00

2025 NATIONALS HOSTING GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Comox	Nationals (Distance) - Hosting	\$2500.00	Paid November 5, 2025
2.	Comox	Nationals (Distance) - Medals/Awards	\$650.00	Paid November 5, 2025
3.	Comox	Nationals (Distance) - Food & Entertainment	\$1500.00	Paid November 5, 2025
NATIONALS HOSTING TOTAL PAID			\$4650.00	

2025 Nationals (Distance) Hosting Budget Allocation: \$2,500.00
 2025 Nationals (Distance) Medals/Awards Budget Allocation: \$650.00
 2025 Nationals (Distance) Food & Entertainment Budget Allocation: \$1,500.00

2025 CORA CUP & EASTERN GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>CORA CUP Draw Prize Grants</u>				
1.	PPSA	Duel in the Desert	\$800.00	Paid May 23, 2025
2.	Jericho	Jericho Iron	\$525.60	Paid June 2, 2025
3.	FLCC	River Run	\$791.97	Paid July 1, 2025
4.	Comox	Island Iron	\$745.35	Paid July 1, 2025
5.	Comox	Nationals	\$800.00	Paid Sept 29, 2025
CORA CUP DRAW PRIZE GRANTS PAID			\$3662.92	
<u>Eastern Canada Hosting Grants</u>				
1.	Haunani	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$2000.00	Paid June 15, 2025
2.	Sunnyside	Eastern Canadian Sprints		To be paid November __, 2025
3.	TSCC Maka Koa	TIOC	\$2000.00	Paid Sept 6, 2025
4.	Rideau	Fall Classic		To come
EASTERN HOSTING GRANTS PAID			\$4000.00	
CORA CUP AWARDS TOTAL PAID				

2025 CORA Cup West – Draw prizes (5 x \$800)
 2025 CORA Cup East – Hosting & prizing (4 x \$2000)

2025 CANOE TRAILERING GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
1.	Suncoast	Crazy 8s	\$700.00	Paid March 15, 2025
2.	Comox	Crazy 8s	\$128.40	Paid March 17, 2025
3.	Aumakua	TIOC	\$700.00	Paid Sept 22, 2025
4.	Maple Bay	Island Iron	\$201.60	Paid June 25, 2025
5.	Leduc	Duel	\$700.00	Paid
6.	Lotus	Duel	\$459.60	Paid
7.	Calgary	Duel	\$700.00	Paid
8.	FLCC	Duel	\$618.00	Paid May 23, 2025
9.	Pacific Reach	Duel	\$480.00	Paid
10.	FCRCC	Duel	\$474.00	Paid May 25, 2025
11.	L48	Jericho	\$700.00	Paid June 2, 2025
12.	Comox	Jericho	\$700.00	Paid May 26, 2025
13.	Vernon	Duel	\$135.00	Paid June 2, 2025
14.	FLCC	Jericho	\$85.20	Paid June 6, 2025
15.	FGPC	River Run	700.00	Paid June __, 2025
16.	Kelowna	Duel	\$84.00	Paid June 6, 2025
17.	Kelowna	River Run	\$422.40	Paid June 6, 2025
18.	L48	Island Iron	\$306.00	Paid June 25, 2025
19.	Pacific Reach	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 1, 2025
20.	FGPC	Island Iron	\$234.00	Paid June 25, 2025
21.	Calgary	Freshwater Challenge	\$676.80	Paid June 29, 2025
22.	Star Nation	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 3, 2025
23.	FCRCC	Island Iron	\$700.00	Paid July 1, 2025
24.	FCRCC	Bowen 360	\$211.75	Paid July 1, 2025
25.	Sunnyside	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$637.20	Paid July 3, 2025
26.	River Runners	Defi Haunani Challenge	\$219.60	Paid July 15, 2025
27.	Penticton	Lotus Iron	\$542.40	Paid July 31, 2025
28.	FGPC	Lotus Iron	\$674.50.	Paid July 31, 2025
29.	FLCC	Lotus Iron	\$179.40	Paid July 31, 2025
30.	Vernon	Length of the Lake	\$147.60	Paid Sept 3, 2025
31.	L48	Length of the Lake	\$663.60	Paid Sept 12, 2025
32.	FCRCC	Length of the Lake	\$608.40	Paid Sept 4, 2025
33.	FGPC	Length of the Lake	\$700.00	Paid Sept 4, 2025
34.	River Runners	TIOC	\$592.20	Paid Sept 14, 2025
35.	Rideau Outrigger	TIOC	\$564.00	Paid Sept 29, 2025
36.	Suncoast	CORA Nationals	\$694.50	Paid Sept 29, 2025
37.	FGPC	CORA Nationals	\$262.80	Paid Sept 29, 2025
38.	FLCC	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid Sept 29, 2025
39.	L48	CORA Nationals	\$328.80	Paid Sept 30, 2025
40.	FCRCC	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid Oct 5, 2025
41.	Pacific Reach	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid Oct 7, 2025
42.	Vernon	CORA Nationals	\$700.00	Paid Oct 10, 2025
TOTAL PAID			\$21131.75	

2025 Canoe Trailering Grant Budget Allocation: \$21,000.00

2025 RME GRANTS				
	<u>Club</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
2025 Eligible Clubs RME Applications				
1.	Leduc	Trailer repairs	\$1,000.00	Paid May 14, 2025
2.	Aumakua	OC6 repairs, supplies, fan for storage trailer, maritime radio	\$1,000.00	Paid July 2, 2025
3.	L48	OC6 iakos	\$1,000.00	Paid June 2, 2025
4.	Lotus	OC1/V1 racks for trailer	\$1,000.00	Paid June 2, 2025
5.	Calgary	Trailer repairs and maintenance	\$1,000.00	Paid July 15, 2025
6.	Comox	Canoe rack	0.00	Ineligible in 2025
7.	Vernon	[Enquiry only]	0.00	Ineligible in 2025
8.	Sproat Lake	OC6 Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,000.00	Paid Sept 22, 2025
9.	FCRCC	OC6 and OC4 iakos	0.00	Ineligible in 2025
10.	Haunani	OC6 repairs and trailer parts	\$1,000.00	Paid November 5, 2025
11.	FVPC	Dock repairs	0.00	Ineligible in 2025
12.	Edmonton DB Club	OC1 rack, covers, repairs; PFDs	\$1,000.00	Paid November 5, 2025
13.	Toronto Harbour Va'a	Steering paddles	0.00	Ineligible in 2025
14.	FGPC	Wingtech slings	\$1,000.00	Paid November 5, 2025
15.	Pearson College	Paddles	\$1,000.00	In Process
ELIGIBLE 2025 GRANTS APPROVED OR PAID			\$10,000.00	
2025 Open Call RME Applications				
16.	N/A			
OPEN CALL GRANTS PROPOSED			0.00	
TOTAL PROPOSED, APPROVED OR PAID			0.0	

2025 RME Grant Budget Allocation: \$7,000.00
 plus \$4,800.00 carried forward into RME Protected Fund from past years

2025 TOTAL GRANTS SUMMARY			
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Paid or Approved</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Clinic Grants	\$4,000.00	\$1,334.42	
Coaching Education Grants	\$2,000.00	\$650.00	
Regional Coach the Coaches	\$4,000.00	\$600.00	
Town Hall Guests	\$400.00	\$0.00	
Distance Nationals Hosting Grants	\$4,650.00	\$4650.00	
CORA Cup Draw Prizes	\$4,000.00	\$3,662.92	
Eastern Hosting Grants	\$8000.00	\$4,000.00	
Canoe Trailering Grants	\$21,000.00	\$21,131.75	
RME Grants	\$11,800.00	\$10,000.00	
RME Grants (Open Call)		\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$59,850.00	\$46,029.09	

CORA Club	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Association Francophone de Qathet (formerly Club Bon Accueil)							9
Aumakua - Club Nautique	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	13	15	16
Calgary Canoe Club	36	19	40	27	43	44	47
Club Bon Accueil	6	4	11	3	10	13	*dnr
Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club	49	45	49	55	61	74	78
Delta Outrigger Kanu Association	19	17	19	12	13	10	8
Edmonton Dragon Boat Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	22
Fairway Gorge Paddling Club	105	94	42	76	102	122	131
Falcon Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6
False Creek Racing Canoe Club	234	158	103	148	141	197	225
Fort Langley Canoe Club	104	96	48	74	110	134	149
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	52	26	17	17	33	34	27
Gibsons Paddle Club	16	4	13	16	20	17	23
Haunani Outrigger Club	n/a	14	26	19	22	16	35
Island Brave Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	15
Jericho Paddling Club	39	35	46	67	73	53	58
Kelowna Paddle Centre	58	20	17	17	62	74	76
Latitude 48 Paddling Club	65	66	86	94	91	94	103
Leduc Boat Club	49	23	12	*dnr	9	11	21
Lost Boyz Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	11
Lotus Sports Club	58	53	45	64	75	67	75
Maple Bay Ocean Canoe Club	32	17	22	23	18	30	32
Mississauga Canoe Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Nanaimo Ocean Paddling Club	116	121	126	145	142	148	154
Nanaimo Paddling Centre	12	5	4	*dnr	10	4	*dnr
Pacific Reach Paddling Club	34	32	29	23	30	33	21
Pearson College	n/a	23	2	18	14	21	28
Pemberton Canoe Association	2	1	2	3	5	7	2
Penticton Racing Canoe Club	66	19	28	43	35	24	27
Powell River OC Society	29	25	21	18	25	n/a	n/a
Prince Rupert Outrigger Assoc.	23	13	14	18	20	16	20
Rideau Outrigger Racing Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15
River Runners	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	26	24	32
Shxwhay Chief Canoe Club (formerly River Spirit Canoe Club)							5
Sproat Lake Canoe Club	39	35	38	41	44	49	45
Star Nation Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	14	18	12
Sudden Impact Paddling Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Suncoast Paddling Club (formerly Powell River OC Society)						24	30
Sunnyside Paddling Club	n/a	n/a	2	3	10	32	29
Thunder Bay Outrigger	19	2	0	2	4	5	5
Toronto Harbour Va'a (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9
TSCC Maka Koa Outrigger	46	9	25	71	60	62	54
Vancouver Ocean Sports	24	8	4	9	26	22	22
Vernon Paddling Centre	19	8	9	13	15	15	22
Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club	34	13	7	13	27	32	31
Victoria Youth Paddling Club	10	7	11	7	6	16	14
Vikki-Lynn Canoe Club	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	18
Wailua Outrigger Canoe Club	35	17	29	28	42	128	39
West Coast Paddling Club (New)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Non-CORA Club	62	33	26	37	114	82	109
Unaffiliated	73	44	53	86	118	137	213

* dnr - did not renew CORA

Age Division	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Junior	74	114	72	35	67	76	132	175
Open	201	318	211	108	156	291	267	325
Masters 40+	248	292	159	151	187	198	214	235
Masters 50+	409	439	299	241	308	376	395	415
Masters 60+	256	482	386	355	418	492	532	602
Masters 70+	125	135	152	160	200	251	312	356
Undeclared								21

Total Annual Memberships	
2002	621
2003	875
2004	988
2005	1002
2006	875
2007	880
2008	904
2009	956
2010	1171
2011	1123
2012	1325
2013	1371
2014	1422
2015	1450
2016	1462
2017	1483
2018	1483
2019	1780
2020	1279
2021	1050
2022	1336
2023	1684
2024	1852
2025	2129
2025 Gender	
Female	1289
Male	836
Other	4

2025 Single Event Memberships	
Adult	256
Junior	4



CORA OUTBOUND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

CORA'S board and supporting volunteers provided the public with a outbound email correspondence, social media pushes and website content over the 2025 year, including:

- Membership-related communications
- Race updates and information
- IVF-related emails and posts
- Race results
- Townhall events
- AGM proceedings
- Management of CORA's YouTube content

SOCIAL MEDIA & INTERACTIVE BROADCASTING

CORA engaged with members and non-members, both within and beyond Canada, through townhall sessions over the year. These sessions continue to meet a number of objectives, including keeping our members connected and communicating with each other through discussions relevant to our sport.

COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

The CORA board will continue to invest in improvements to speed, responsiveness and security of our platforms (web, direct email, social media) over the coming year. CORA now employs Google mail services over an above our "Elastic" mail broadcast system in order to avoid bumped and rejected emails for critical communications; further, technical improvements to Elastic broadcast services will reduce bumped emails in 2026.

Our website was continuously upgraded with new security and anti-spam services over the 2025 year.



CORA INBOUND COMMUNICATION REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

There was a time when the CORA Email Inbox necessitated constant monitoring due to the volume of enquiries for CORA Board activity that flowed through this channel.

The adoption of Google Workspace (formerly G Suite) with Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Chat, Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms has simplified internal / external communication. The migration to a new CORA website with many self-service capabilities has also reduced the workload on the CORA Board:

- **RME / Trailering / Coaching / Clinic Grant Applications** that had previously been submitted to the CORA Email Inbox and then forwarded to the Grants Officer are now sent directly to the Grants Officer via online forms.
- **Event Sanctioning Applications** that had previously been submitted to the CORA Email Inbox in the weeks prior to the AGM and then forwarded to the Race Committee are now managed directly by CORA Club Reps through the **CORA Website Race Calendar**.
- Enquiries for **CORA Membership Lists by Race Directors** prior to Sanctioned Events are now readily available from the Membership Officer.

There are presently several Board Members who receive notifications when messages flow into the CORA general enquiries email address. Filters / triggers / rules introduced by the CORA Website Admins are now sending many messages to specific Board Members.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS

This section is a Summary of **Inbound Communication Trends / Highlights / Developments**:

- CORA Inbox **SPAM communication** has continued to **decrease** due to more filters / triggers / rules introduced by the CORA Website Admins (Thank you Erik & Paul) that proactively push different inquiries to their relevant Directors – This is a good development.
- CORA Inbox **Race Results communication** has continued to **decrease** even with CORA Sanctioned Events increasing - This is not a good development. This topic may have belonged with the Race Committee Report, but that report has to do with Event participation. This topic has to do with Event responsibilities. The CORA Race Committee goes to great efforts to publish CORA Sanctioned Event Results in a timely manner and in a consistent format for 2 reasons: 1) To provide the paddling community a **single source of information** on the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series standings & the CORA Cup Series standings & every other OC6 / Small-Boat event so that the racing community can assess their performance in relation to other clubs / paddlers; 2) To provide the CORA Board with year-over-year data analytics to assess the direction of the sport of outrigger canoeing. The CORA Race Committee requests Host Clubs to submit event results to the CORA Inbox in a **timely manner** (within 48-96 hours) and in a **manageable format** (website link, TXT, Word, Excel, PDF – not photographs of white-boards or pieces of paper).

CORA WEBSITE POSTINGS ANALYSIS / OBSERVATIONS

Many of the CORA Inbound Communications have resulted in CORA Website Postings to support / engage with the CORA Membership. The CORA Board did an analysis of CORA Website Postings over the course of 20+ years

from the introduction in 2000 of the original ColdFusion CORA website through the 2019-Aug-15 cutover to the new WordPress CORA Website and through to 2025-Jan. There had been a total of 322 CORA Website Postings (some from before 2019-Aug-15 cutover and many from after 2019-Aug-15 cutover). The table and the chart below show a summary of the Categories / Topics that the CORA Board has posted to support / engage with the CORA Membership. **Sanctioned Races (39%) is the most posted Category.** Town Halls (13%), Team Canada (12%), Awards (7%), Health (6%), Engagement (3%), Legacy (3%), and Coaching Clinics (3%) collectively **comprise another 47% of all CORA Website Postings.** These 8 key areas are where the CORA Board has focused efforts via the CORA website to support / engage with the CORA Membership for many years.

Category	Topics	Count	Tag	Owner
Sanctioned Races	Promotion; Registration; Results	124	SR	Race Committee
Town Halls	Anything	41	TH	Town Hall Committee
Team Canada	Recruitment; Training; Results	40	TC	IVF Committee
Awards	Peter Forand; Hugh Town; Hall Of Fame	23	AW	Awards Committee
Health	COVID; Return-To-Sport	19	HL	Insurance Committee
Engagement	Interviews; Memorials; Social Media; Website; Facebook; Forums; Volunteers; Borders	10	EN	Education Committee
Legacy	Clubs / Individuals / Canoes History (Continuity)	9	LG	Historical Committee
Coaching Clinics	Dates; Venues; Topics	9	CL	Race Committee
Non-CORA Racing	Masters Games; Gorge; Catalina	8	NC	Race Committee
Membership	Fees; Club / Individuals Memberships	7	MB	Membership Committee
Financial Support	Maui; Molokai	6	FS	Membership Committee
CORA Cup	Schedule; Rules; Standings; Results	6	CC	Race Committee
AGM	Scheduling; Recruitment; Reports; Event Applications	6	AG	Prez; VP; Treasurer; Secretary; Membership
Grants	RME; Travel; Education; Coaching; Open Call	5	GR	Grants Officer
Prizing	Junior/Novice OC Paddle; Swag; Discounts	4	PZ	Race Committee
Race Rules	Amendments	3	RR	Race Committee
Insurance	Coverage; Exclusions; Safety	2	IN	Insurance Committee
ALL		322		



CORA WEBSITE POSTINGS RECOMMENDATIONS / PRIORITIZATION / ETIQUETTE

Several of the CORA Board Members engaged in working sessions in early-2025 to formulate an approach to CORA Website Postings Prioritization / Etiquette. These working sessions involved an analysis of:

- CORA Website historical Postings (types & frequency) and categorizations (as noted above)

- WordPress (CORA Website Content Management System) Posting / Blog technical behaviour

The outcome of those working sessions in early-2025 was a documented approach involving "*Etiquette Guidelines*" for publishing / updating of CORA Website Postings. These CORA Website Postings "*Etiquette Guidelines*" have been adopted and adhered to by CORA Board Members with Website Admin permissions, such that the CORA Home (News) Page has given highest prominence to the most relevant CORA News.

Concerns Noted:

Given the potential for 1) Postings being crowded / overloaded on the Home page due to overuse of the Sticky setting and; 2) Postings having a less than desirable order on the Home page due to inconsistent Published Dates, the following considerations / guidelines are proposed (see examples below):

Considerations / Definitions:

1. Some Postings (events) may have an "Upcoming Date" such as CORA Sanctioned Race, or a Coaching Clinic, or a Town Hall, or an IVF Camp, or RME Grants Open Call, after which these Postings may not be relevant.
2. Some Postings (announcements) may NOT have an "Upcoming Date" such as an Awards announcement (Peter Forand; Hugh Town; Hall Of Fame), or a CORA Cup Series announcement (schedule; results), or Travel Grant changes, or Race Rules Amendments, and the duration for which they are relevant is uncertain.

Etiquette Guidelines:

1. There should be a maximum of 4 Sticky Postings at any given time.
2. Postings without an "Upcoming Date" (announcements) **should not be Sticky**. However, there may be announcements (such as Membership Reminders) that may be Sticky until such time as the announcement has limited value.
3. Postings with an "Upcoming Date" (events) **may be Sticky**. However, the number of Sticky Postings must not exceed the maximum of 4 Sticky Postings at any given time.
4. Postings with an "Upcoming Date" (events) should have the Published Date set such that the Posting with the next "Upcoming Date" has the most recent Published Date (and so on), so as to give the **Posting with the next "Upcoming Date" the highest prominence**.
5. Postings with an "Upcoming Date" (events) should have the Published Date set in the past **within 1-2 days** after the "Upcoming Date" has passed (and the Sticky setting to Off, if it was On), so as to roll-off stale events to subsequent pages and give future "Upcoming Date" (events) higher prominence.
6. Postings without an "Upcoming Date" (announcements) should have the Published Date set in the past **within 14-21 days** after the initial Published Date (and the Sticky setting to Off, if it was On), so as to roll-off stale announcements to subsequent pages after 2-3 weeks on the Top page.
7. Postings that convey an endorsement by CORA of a merchant and/or merchandise and/or services, must be approved by the CORA Board before being published.
8. Postings for a Posting Category should only be published by an individual on a Committee who has responsibility for a Posting Category and who has Website access. However, an individual who is not on a Committee who has responsibility for a Posting Category and who has Website access, may prepare a Draft Posting to be published by an individual on a Committee who has responsibility for a Posting Category and who has Website access. Committees who have responsibility for a Posting Category and have no individuals who have Website access, should request that these Postings be published by Website Admins (Erik and/or Paul).



CORA Off-the-Water Video Forum Series 2025 Recap

November 23, 2025

The CORA Off-the-Water forum started in 2020/21 to help bring together paddlers during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Recordings of all the sessions remain posted on the CORA website and CORA YouTube channel.

In 2025, we hosted 2 sessions in the Fall arranged by Graeme Galves:

1. Kelowna Paddle Centre Youth Programs – October 19, 2025
2. Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Induction 2025 – November 9, 2025

During the Summer, in conjunction with the CORA Cup Series Races, we hosted live Regional Coaching Roundtables, which Dean Dougherty will discuss in his Education Report.

The Town Hall Committee of Ronald Chin, Erik Ages, Leanne Stanley and Foruzan Velji welcome suggestions on Town Hall topics.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I took on the role of secretary for CORA, because it is something that I am used to doing.

I did find Google to be a bit of challenge, it is a web based system that I do not regularly use. I am very grateful for the assistance of Graeme Galves, Erik Ages and Ron Chin for guiding me through, editing and helping on a regular basis.

The role of secretary has morphed during my time in this position. CORA has moved into a more business type of format which has allowed paddlers easy communication to CORA as well as easy access to information.

I encourage anyone taking on this role to be comfortable with google, it is an excellent form of communication. I appreciated the ability to locate previous documents as well.



CORA CANOE REGISTRY REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

This initiative began in 2020 as an effort 1) to capture an inventory / demographics of CORA "big-boat" canoes (much like the SCORA / OH CRA / HCRA Registries) and 2) to capture details (names / IDs / colours / weights) of CORA "big-boat" canoes, as part of the CORA Mandate to "To set standards of equipment and safety for outrigger racing in Canada". This initiative continued in 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 with data quality improvements to the Canoe Registry and a photograph catalogue based on information collected by the Historical / Awards Committee on the movement of OC6s between CORA clubs.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS

This section is a Summary of **Canoe Registry Trends / Highlights / Developments:**

- The Appendix contains four tables / charts with summaries of "big-boat" canoes **by Province** (BC; AB; ON; QC; YK), **by Affiliation** (CORA Member; Unaffiliated / ECORA), **by Division** (Traditional OC4; Traditional V6; Unlimited V6), and **by Make / Model / Manufacturer**.
- The CORA Board now has a detailed "How-To Guide" for CORA Canoe Registry processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Race Committee going forward.
- 2025 was **Year Of The Snake** (in the Chinese Zodiac Horoscope) and **Year Of The Hydra** (Greek Mythology Serpent). The uptake of the Kai Wa'a Hydra Unlimited V6 among Canadian clubs was exceptional. There were **12 Kai Wa'a Hydra** in Canada as of Nov-2025. This may be as a result of a "Race To The Lightest" (a trend in sports and technology where manufacturers create the lightest possible equipment to improve performance) or as a result of the Kai Wa'a Hydra being chosen as the V6 for the 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints or by virtue of the Kai Wa'a Hydra allowing for versatile rigging as a V12. Given that the Kai Wa'a Hydra Standard hull weighs in at 118lbs (fully rigged at 148lbs) and the Kai Wa'a Hydra Pro hull weighs in at 96lbs (fully rigged at 126lbs), this is a substantial weight reduction from the Giblin Vortex at 145lbs and the Puakea Malolo at 145lbs and the Kamanu Elepaio at 190lbs and the Kamanu Nanahope at 205lbs and the ARE Matahina at 270lbs. What is even more amazing about the uptake of the Kai Wa'a Hydra, is that the Hydra Standard goes for \$23,160 USD (+tax) and the Hydra Pro goes for \$26,160 USD (+tax), whereas the Giblin Vortex and Puakea Malolo go for \$21,000.00 USD (+tax). The steady increase of various weight Unlimited V6s in Canada is discussed in the **CORA Race Review Report 2025**, but it is noteworthy that Canadian clubs are prepared to pay in excess of \$23,160 USD (\$32,500 CAD) for the latest Unlimited V6 in the "Race To The Lightest".
- Although the Kai Wa'a Hydra has now exceeded the number of ARE Matahinas in Canada, the **Puakea Malolo** is still the most prevalent Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 in Canada.
- Canada reached a milestone in 2024 of 200+ "big-boat" canoes. Canada is now known **as of late-2025 to have 226 or more "big-boat" canoes**. The CORA Canoe Registry as of 2020 showed 60 "big-boat" canoes within Canada, but the CORA Canoe Registry had not been updated since 2010. Also, there were many "big-boat" canoes within Canada, that CORA was not aware of for many reasons. The CORA Canoe Registry as of Autumn 2021 showed 169 "big-boat" canoes within Canada. This confirmed growth from 169 to 226 "big-boat" canoes within Canada over 4 years has come from 2 sources: 1) CORA Historical / Race Committee research has identified previously unknown "big-boat" canoes via review of social media; 2) Attendance by CORA Board Members at Western Canada events where new/existing "big-boat" canoes are seen for the first time. CORA has requested CORA member clubs to provide updates to CORA on their "big-boat" fleet acquisitions / transitions, but this has not been happening.
- The CORA Executive has been able to capture current photographs of **96% (218/226)** of the "big-boat" canoes within Canada.
- BC continues to be the 1st Province in growth of OC6s, with Ontario being the 2nd Province in growth of OC6s.

- More "*big-boat*" canoes are being concentrated at a smaller number of clubs as there are **8 CORA clubs and 1 ECORA club** that each own at least 7 "*big-boat*" canoes and **collectively own 37% (84/226) of all "*big-boat*" canoes** in Canada.
- The percentage of "*big-boat*" canoes owned by CORA-affiliated clubs stayed flat as more Unaffiliated / ECORA clubs became CORA Club Members and their "*big-boat*" canoes became affiliated with CORA, but Non-CORA Clubs acquired more "*big-boat*" canoes, with **23% (52/226) of "*big-boat*" canoes in Canada (over 1 in 5) are **NOT owned by clubs / teams affiliated with CORA.** There is an opportunity here for CORA to engage with non-CORA clubs.**
- The overall Traditional / Unlimited OC6 ratio has had 5% year-over year increase from Traditional / Spec OC6 to Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 as new Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s acquired by clubs exceeded the discovery of previously unknown existing Traditional / Spec OC6 s.
- FGPC continues to be the **dominant club in OC6 ownership**, now with 8 Traditional / Spec OC6s and 5 Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s.
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) continues to be the **sole provider of made-in-Canada Traditional / Spec OC6s** with several more on the books for 2025 (expect a 9-month turnaround).
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) has introduced a "light-weight" (230 lbs) Traditional / Spec OC6 for clubs interested in acquiring a "light-weight" canoe without paying a higher price for a Malolo or a Vortex or a Matahina Unlimited OC6.
- Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) has continued its growth to become the **dominant provider of Traditional / Spec OC6s** and has now passed in numbers the Calmar and Bradley Lightning OC6s.
- **First Nations clubs** have continued to embrace outrigger canoeing with Geronimo (Brentwood Bay) 2 Unlimiteds, Island Brave (Nanaimo) 1 Lightning and 3 Unlimiteds, Chemainus (Ladysmith) 1 Advantage, Star Nation (Cultus Lake) 2 Calmars and 1 Advantage and 1 Unlimited, Lost Boyz/Girlz 1 Unlimited, River Spirit (Chilliwack) 1 Advantage, Onake (Montreal) 1 Lightning and 1 Unlimited, and Chehalis (Harrison Lake) 2 Fijians from Gibsons.

SUMMARY

2025 was a busy year in terms of "*big-boat*" acquisitions / transitions. A small number of clubs have been transitioning their older Traditional (Spec) OC6s to other clubs. BC continues to lead all Provinces in "*big-boat*" acquisitions and much of this growth is by virtue of First Nations clubs growing their OC6 fleets. **Fairway Gorge (FGPC)** continues to be the dominant "*big-boat*" owner as their fleet has now grown to 13 OC6s.

18 new OC6s (all Unlimiteds) were acquired by Western / Eastern Canada clubs and 7 existing unaccounted OC6s/OC4s were confirmed at Western / Eastern Canada clubs since Oct-2024 when the previous **CORA Registry Report** was compiled. New / Existing "*big-boat*" acquisitions since the previous Canoe Registry update in Oct-2024 include:

1. 1 existing used Mirage OC6 transitioned to Sproat Lake from Pacific Reach.
2. 1 existing used Calmar OC6 transitioned to Sproat Lake from VCKC.
3. 1 existing used Calmar OC6 transitioned to West Coast (Ucluelet) from VCKC via Sproat Lake.
4. 1 existing used Lightning OC6 transitioned to Fort Langley from Dragon Zone.
5. 1 existing used Giblin Vortex OC6 transitioned to Rideau Outrigger from Sunnyside.
6. 2 more existing used Traditional / Spec OC6s owned by Alberta clubs that CORA learned of during 2025.
7. 2 more existing used OC4s owned by BC clubs that CORA learned of during 2025.
8. 3 more existing used Traditional / Spec OC6s owned by BC clubs that CORA learned of during 2025.
9. 7 new Hydras in total acquired by Geronimo and Nanaimo Ocean and Island Brave and Fairway Gorge and VOS and Vernon and Hana Hou Paddlesports from Ozone Hana Hou.
10. 5 new Hydras in total acquired by River Runners and Sunnyside and Wai Nui from Ozone Coldwater.
11. 1 new Giblin Vortex acquired by Westshore Paddling Club from Ozone Coldwater.
12. 1 new Puakea Malolo OC6 and 1 new Giblin Vortex acquired by Fort Langley from Ozone Hana Hou.
13. 1 new Puakea Malolo OC6 acquired by Hana Hou Paddlesports from Ozone Hana Hou.
14. 1 new ARE Matahina OC6 acquired by Lotus from ARE World.
15. 1 new ARE Matahina OC6 acquired by Pacific Reach from ARE World.

INSIGHTS

This ongoing initiative to maintain the [Canoe Registry](#) has yielded these insights:

- Canadian clubs have few options for new OC6s with only the Western Canada Ozone distributor (Hana Hou Sports) the Eastern Canada Ozone distributor (Coldwater), the Florida/Brazilian 3-piece Bradley Lightning distributor (Canoa Havaiana), Woo Outrigger (Europe), and the Western Canada Matahina distributor.
- Access to new canoes by Canadian clubs from the States has been impacted by the USA/Canada exchange rate (71%) and more stringent Border controls.
- Access to used canoes between Canadian clubs is a challenge as those Canadian clubs with a large fleet are reluctant to sell older canoes as these canoes are used for all-season training and these large fleets of canoes are used for events where the host club provides the majority of canoes.
- WCK continues to be the lone source of Canadian made Traditional / Spec OC6s. WCK manufactured 1 Clipper Advantage in 2024 and has 1 Clipper Advantage on the books for 2025.
- There is a huge demand for spare canoe parts and for OC6 / OC1 / ama / iako repairs. Should anyone know of companies / individuals who do fibreglass / woodworking for OC6s / OC1s / amas / iakos, please contact CORA so that we can update our [Outrigger Canoeing Resources Registry](#).
- CORA continues to reach out to unaffiliated Eastern Canada clubs (Onake; Ottawa River; Pickering; Wai Nui) and Western Canada First Nations clubs to become CORA clubs as CORA learns of OC6s at these clubs.

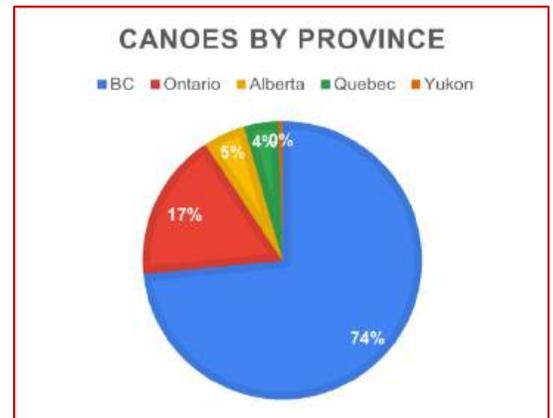
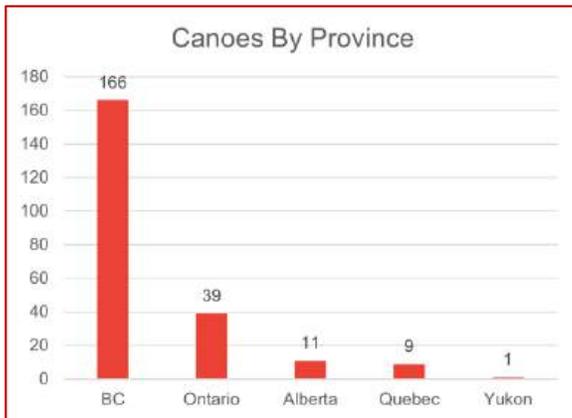
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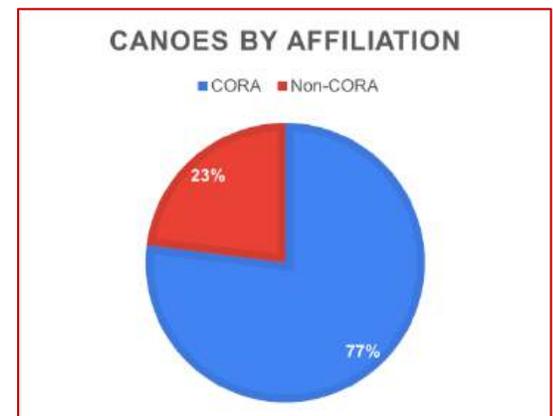
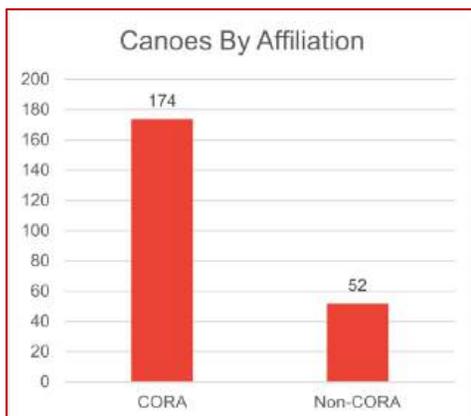
Canoes By Province (BC; AB; ON; QC)

Province	Canoes	Pct
BC	166	73.45%
Ontario	39	17.26%
Alberta	11	4.87%
Quebec	9	3.98%
Yukon	1	0.44%
All	226	100.00%



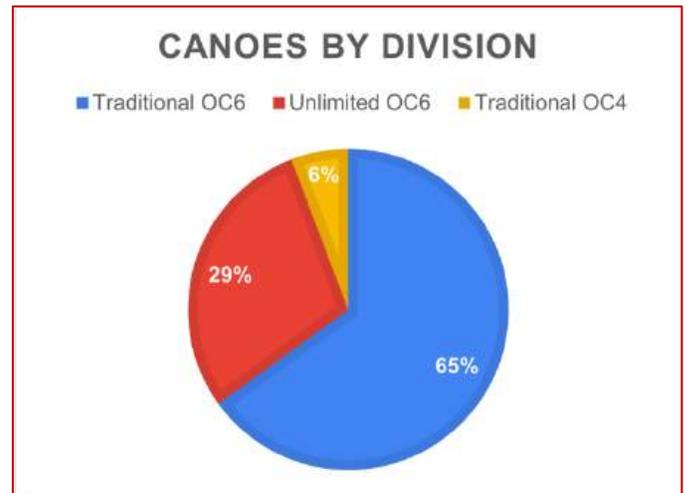
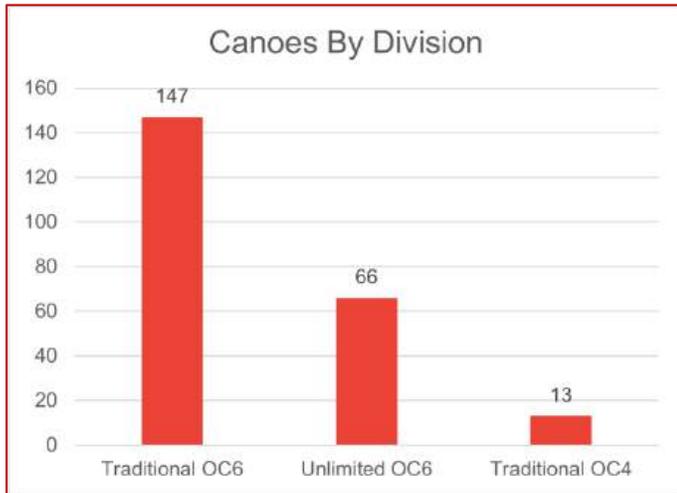
Canoes By Affiliation (CORA Member; Unaffiliated / ECORA)

Affiliation	Canoes	Pct
CORA	174	76.99%
Non-CORA	52	23.01%
All	226	100.00%



Canoes By Division

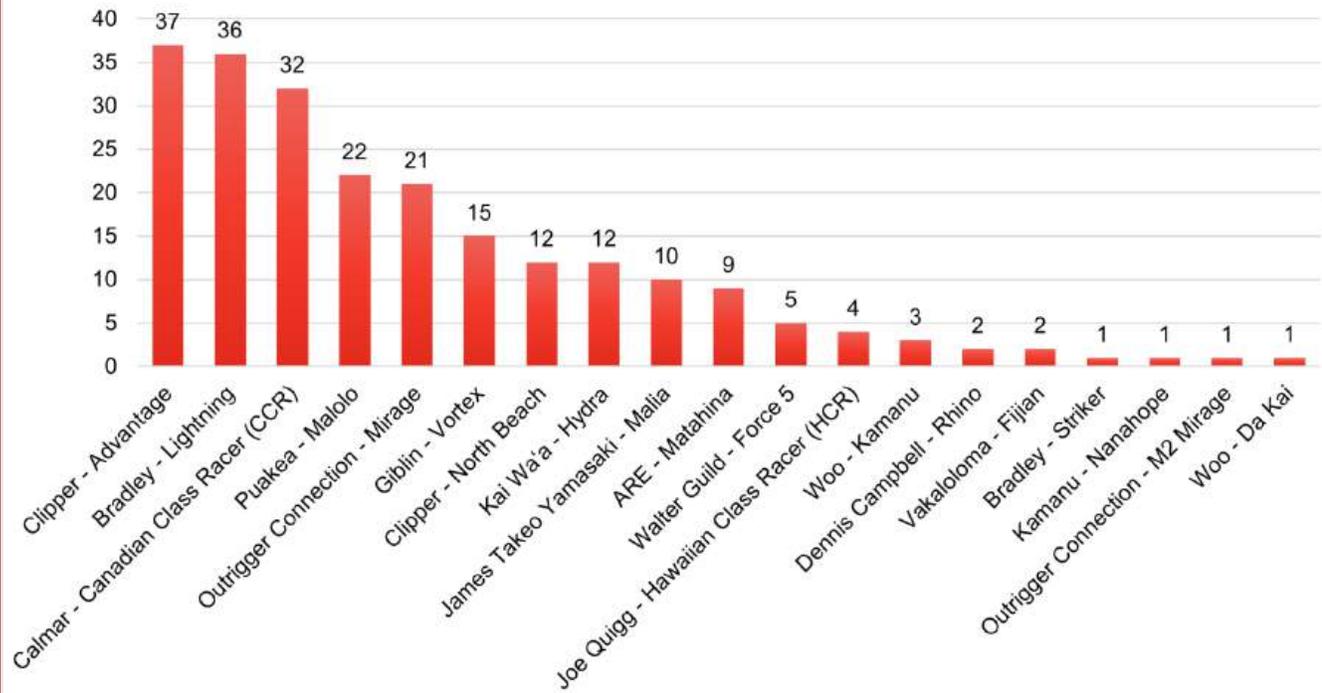
Canoe Division	Canoes	Pct
Traditional OC6	147	65.04%
Unlimited OC6	66	29.20%
Traditional OC4	13	5.75%
All	226	100.00%



Canoes By Make / Vendor / Model

Make - Vendor / Model	Canoes	Pct
Clipper - Advantage	37	16.37%
Bradley - Lightning	36	15.93%
Calmar - Canadian Class Racer (CCR)	32	14.16%
Puakea - Malolo	22	9.73%
Outrigger Connection - Mirage	21	9.29%
Giblin - Vortex	15	6.64%
Clipper - North Beach	12	5.31%
Kai Wa'a - Hydra	12	5.31%
James Takeo Yamasaki - Malia	10	4.42%
ARE - Matahina	9	3.98%
Walter Guild - Force 5	5	2.21%
Joe Quigg - Hawaiian Class Racer (HCR)	4	1.77%
Woo - Kamanu	3	1.33%
Dennis Campbell - Rhino	2	0.88%
Vakaloloma - Fijian	2	0.88%
Bradley - Striker	1	0.44%
Kamanu - Nanahope	1	0.44%
Outrigger Connection - M2 Mirage	1	0.44%
Woo - Da Kai	1	0.44%
All	226	100.00%

Canoes By Make - Vendor / Model



CLUB BRANDING / LOGOS

CORA collected a set of Club Branding / Logos for 2021 CORA Winter / Spring Small-Boat Virtual Races for the purpose of showcasing the hosts for these events. This effort continued through 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 with the outcome being a Club Branding / Club Logos Registry as of 2022 (found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder) and a page of Club Branding / Logos on the CORA website for when CORA opts to do further promotion on behalf of clubs:

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/canadian-outrigger-racing-association/cora-clubs/>

2025 JUNIOR REPORT

It is with some sadness that I write this report. I am stepping down from CORA this year. I have enjoyed my time on the board and wish everyone well as I watch the board develop into a very organized and resourceful unit.

This past year I have been discussing with paddlers what they are wanting from CORA, as such I have done, or a making note, of the following:

- 1) I have put together a quick “How to start a Junior Club” suggestions. Attached.
- 2) I am stating again what I stated in my 2024 report to CORA, Junior clubs want to connect with other junior clubs. We can do this by assisting with organizing:
 - a. Mini camps
 - b. Fun events
 - c. Fun races. This past summer a couple of clubs got together to form teams and did a fun change race.

Some of the issues behind getting junior clubs together or to races are:

- a. Accommodations, when a host club offers to do a training camp, clinic or fun race they are also responsible for organizing billeting. If it is a smaller club this is sometimes very difficult
 - b. Travel, it quite often falls to the same parents to organize this and provide transport for paddlers and their equipment and sometimes water craft as well. This isn't a CORA issue per se but perhaps it is something that we could suggest be considered when junior clubs are organizing travel, etc.
 - c. Chaperones, training chaperones is a must. They need to understand that they are there for a “job”. It isn't a “holiday”.
 - a. All chaperones must have a Criminal Record Check.
 - d. Criminal Record Checks – anyone needing to get a Criminal Record Check can ask the President of CORA for a letter confirming that they are a volunteer. The police will waive the fee.
- 3) With the above in mind, VYPC organized a weekend containing three clinics, Technical, Huli and Change Race and held them at Sproat Lake. We then held a change race on the Sunday. Sproat Lake Canoe Club is a very welcoming adult club, without their assistance this wouldn't have happened. In the end we had four clubs involved with the event. Many thanks as well to Oddball Workshop for supplying the team shirts.
 - 4) Juniors and Novice paddlers are our future. I was able to be more involved before COVID and really enjoyed seeing juniors blossom into competitive paddlers. Some are still paddling others are in university, etc.

JUNIOR CLUB START UP SUGGESTIONS

This document is to provide any club, group or individuals wanting to start a junior program with some suggestions and guidelines.

First off try and work with an adult club, they already have the infrastructure in place.

Coaches credentials:

At the very least anyone wanting to coach or volunteer must have:

Safe Sport - <https://coach.ca/module/coaching-canada>

Making Ethical Decisions - <https://coach.ca/module/nccp-make-ethical-decisions>

Criminal Record Check – note the CORA president can provide you with a letter confirming that you are a volunteer with a club. This will enable the police to waive the fee for a criminal record check. As of 2025 a criminal record check is good for five years, any adult volunteering (regularly) with youth, including coaches, must have a criminal record check.

Note – CORA recommends the above we do not monitor if you or your coaches have taken the above two courses or done a Criminal Record Check.

First Aid – all Coaches should have their first aid certificate.

Emergency Action Plan

Put together a one page guide, outlining:

- Contact names and phone numbers of coaches
- Emergency contact and phone number
- Address or detailed description of location of club. Emergency responders will need to know this
- Location of nearest hospital

Programs/Courses

There are resources for you to access to outline your programs or courses – such as LTAD – <https://sportforlife.ca/long-term-development/>

When looking at long-term athlete development in terms of a junior program – is the program going to support future generations of paddlers? Physiological and psychological factors must be considered in program planning (good technical training, social implications, over-use injury prevention, education regarding nutrition and hydration, adequate preparation for long distance racing vs sprint type)

When coaching you should always adhere to the two to one rule. You, as a coach, should never put yourself in a position of being one on one with a youth paddler. It should be one coach to two or more paddlers. Note we suggest the rule of one coach to a maximum of five paddlers, especially if they are just starting paddling.

Organizations that you can also refer to for information:

Canoe Kayak BC – canoekayakbc.ca

White Water – canoekayak.ca

Equipment:

Just starting out, work with an adult club to borrow their equipment. We strongly recommend you put together a letter of understanding (or form of contract) with the adult club to outline what each club (both adult and youth) will expect from each other, what equipment is available, responsibility for repairs, access to equipment, who is allowed access to equipment and respect for each other's club.

If an adult club is not available to you, you must ensure that you have a PFD, Transport Canada certified, for each youth in your new program. Note you will need to get a variety of sizes as they must fit properly. If you don't have the funds to purchase PFDs make this a requirement of each youth paddling with your program, again each PFD whether you supply or the paddler supplies MUST be Transport Canada certified.

Recommended equipment:

Outrigger Canoe(s) – selection from one person to team boats. You must ensure that they are water worthy.

Paddles – Grey owls for new paddlers is always a good start. They are inexpensive and tend to last.

PFDs – Any PFD must be Transport Canada certified. As of 2025 the Vaikobi's are not Transport Canada Certified.

CORA SAFETY GUIDELINES: (posted on the CORA website)

In this age of litigation, junior development programs must be well planned and safe. Climate and water temperature considerations must factor into almost all aspects of safety. Some of the concerns listed below may seem a little over zealous but remember that we are dealing with youth who don't necessarily think about the potential dangers, and things can go very wrong quickly on the ocean: it is vital that all the potential safety risks are covered to ensure personal safety.

All new junior paddlers must fill in a form that lists any medical concerns and an individuals' swimming ability. The form should also have emergency contact numbers. This could be part of the club's registration package.

A clothing list should be distributed to all juniors before they come to practice. Many teenagers do not understand the dangers associated with our cold climate. Due to economic considerations we can't expect our juniors to have wetsuit boots or other high-tech. warm weather gear but, if not taught otherwise, some teenagers are certain to come to practice on a cold day wearing nylon shorts or jeans and a cotton T-shirt. They simply are not allowed on the water unless dressed properly for the conditions.

Cotton clothing of any sort should be discouraged; even in the warm summer months a wet crew wearing cotton on a windy day will get very uncomfortable. Even with a clothing list and a meeting to discuss clothing issues, some juniors will come unprepared: if spare clothing is available then perhaps they can be let on the water but otherwise, do not let them in a boat as this sends the wrong message to others.

Personal floatation devices must be worn by all juniors at all times regardless of swimming ability.

The PFD also acts as an insulator.

Newer junior crews should always have the ama weighted until they become proficient at paddling and righting a canoe. Juniors must be competent with righting an overturned outrigger. Huli clinics can take place at a local pool prior to going out on the water so that all paddlers are familiar with the procedures before getting into an outrigger. Procedures should be reviewed prior to practices; each seat has a job so just call out the seat number and make sure that each seat knows their responsibility. Once an OC6 suddenly overturns the crew may become disoriented and forget individual responsibilities so give a two minute review before practice. Many juniors love the thrill of jumping into the water so, once the weather warms up a huli clinic can be arranged in the ocean but this can not take place until July so book a pool in the meantime.

Juniors should stay within 5 boat-lengths from shore. This is not always easy to control but it should be encouraged as much as possible. They should never be farther from shore than they can comfortably swim.

A coach boat with a qualified power squadron operator should accompany all junior practices on the water.

School districts have a Junior/Adult ratio policy. This ratio may differ between districts and for different environments. For example, ratio for land activities will differ from that of water activities. In Coquitlam school district we have a 1/12 adult to junior ratio for water activities.

Waivers

Contact CORA for a current waiver that each paddler and volunteer must sign before they commence any activity with your new club.

Suggestions on how to get youth into your program:

- 1) Drop in paddle days
- 2) Bring a friend to paddle days
- 3) Contact local schools and invite them down for a paddle. Note – though you will need to limit to the number of water craft you have available. Safety must also be adhered to, you should have enough volunteers (with criminal record checks) we recommend of at least a 5 to 1 ratio (paddlers to coach/volunteers). If a teacher is also a paddler they can volunteer and assist at the event.

Remember that it isn't just youth you need to communicate with but also their parents or guardians. Keep it simple but ensure you pass on all information.



CORA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

The CORA Historical Committee was officially formed in 2020 and consists of current and ex-Officio Board Members who continue to collect and curate Canadian outrigger canoeing historical records for posterity. The volume of historical material contributed month-after-month by the paddling community has continued to support the ongoing publication of Canadian outrigger canoeing historical documents.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS:

This section is a Summary of **Historical Trends / Highlights / Developments:**

- Although there will continue to be new developments in the history of Canadian outrigger canoeing, the work of the CORA Historical Committee is **drawing to a close**. The Cultural Continuity documents have captured and woven together the threads of Canadian outrigger canoeing history from the late 1970s to current day. The Cultural Continuity documents may be continuously updated as time progresses with new developments.
- Interviews with many of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductees continue to **fill in many gaps in Canadian outrigger canoeing history**.
- Paddling community members continue to contribute a wealth of names / dates / events / photos / stories in 2024/2025 that have been incorporated into **Club Legacy Documents** for Victoria Canoe Kayak Club (VCKC), Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap (Kamloops / Vernon / Shuswap / Kelowna) clubs. Many thanks to Alan Thomson, Candice Fleming, Bob Woodman, Randy Brooks, Hugh Fisher, and Karen Tomlinson for providing names / dates / events / photos / stories that have been incorporated into these **Club Legacy Documents**.
- **IPCF / IVF Team Canada Legacy** photos / videos / stories continue to be contributed from the paddling community.
- There are several documents that cover **major events in outrigger canoeing** (Molokai Na Wahine 1985 Crew; "The Burrard") that have outstanding updates to be incorporated.
- It is hoped that the Alberta (Calgary; Leduc; Edmonton) and Coast Salish (Geronimo) clubs will constitute the **remaining Club Legacy Documents** to be published sometime in early 2026.

LIVING DOCUMENTS

The 23 reference documents published since 2020 (see below) have been continuously revised with new developments. All reference documents published on the CORA website were meant to be "*living documents*" as details continue to surface that result in additions / revisions to these documents.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME OUTCOMES

This topic is covered in detail in the CORA Awards Committee Report. However, it is worth noting that the 45 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductee Bios posted on the CORA website Hall Of Fame perpetual page contain a wealth of historical knowledge covering Canadian outrigger canoeing history from the late 1970s to current day.

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/canadian-outrigger-hall-of-fame/>

Interviews with many of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductees and individuals who know / knew these individuals continues to fill in many gaps in Canadian outrigger canoeing history.

TEAM CANADA IVF LEGACY (ONGOING)

Interviews with several of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductees as well as several other IVF Sprints participants provided background on the Team Canada IVF paddlers and results from the 1992/1994/1996/1998/2002/2004 events. IVF has scant records on the early years of IVF Sprints and for these individuals who were there at that time to fill in the gaps on who was with Team Canada "*back in the day*" and their achievements are priceless.

- <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/team-canada-ivf-legacy/>

MOLOKAI NA WAHINE 1985 CREW (ONGOING)

The October 2023 CORA Town Hall virtual session featured a reunion of the all-Canadian women's 1985 Molokai Na Wahine crew that placed 5th overall in that race for one of the best ever showings by an all-Canadian women's crew in 38 years. All the names / dates / events / photos / stories related to this adventure that have been collected from 2020-2025, has been compiled into a legacy document and will be posted shortly to the CORA Cultural Continuity perpetual page.

- <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-town-hall-october-2023-the-wahines-in-the-boat/>

OUTSTANDING CLUB LEGACIES - ALBERTA; COAST SALISH

CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2020/2021 on 3 of the original Canadian clubs including False Creek, Lotus, and Jericho. CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2021/2022 on 2 more Canadian clubs including Ocean River, and Penticton / Skaha. CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2022/2023/2024 on 5 more Canadian clubs / regions including Onake / Montreal, Nanaimo, Sunshine Coast, Greater Toronto Area, and Comox. CORA accumulated a wealth of history in 2024/2025 on 3 more Canadian clubs / regions including Victoria Canoe Kayak Club (VCKC), Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap (Kamloops / Vernon / Shuswap / Kelowna). The details collected in the research of the 45 Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductees has been incorporated into many of these existing Canadian club / region legacies.

CORA looks forward to working with the Alberta (Calgary; Leduc; Edmonton) and Coast Salish (Geronimo) clubs on these "*living documents*". Note that these 2 remaining clubs / regions are intended to be the final set of **Club Legacy Documents** compiled by the CORA Historical Committee.

RESOURCES

Fact-checking, grammar-checking, umpteen email exchanges, and endless online searches in 2020 resulted in a very definitive Canoe Registry of the vast majority of big-boats (OC4s / OC6s) throughout Canada as well as a timeline of the travels of those canoes (continuously updated through 2025).

- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/cultural-continuity/>

The end result of this ongoing research has been 23 reference documents:

1. The Malia in British Columbia - First publication on outrigger canoeing in Canada by Doug Mancell (Lotus Sports Club)

2. The First Outrigger Canoes in BC - Revisit of the Doug Mancell article with further insights on the Canadian Malias, Hawaiian Class Racers (HCR), and Calmar Canadian Class Racers (CCR) from the 2020 research
3. "*The Burrard*" - First OC6 in Canada (1985-2006)
4. The Lotus Story - Extensive history (1986-2019) of Lotus Sports Club
5. The False Creek Story - Extensive history (1982-2000) of False Creek Racing Canoe Club
6. The Jericho Story - Extensive history (1993-2020) of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (Jericho Paddling Club)
7. The ORPC Story - Extensive history (1995-2021) of Ocean River Paddling Club
8. The Skaha Story - Extensive history (1997-2021) of Penticton Racing Canoe Club
9. The Onake Story - Extensive history (1972-2023) of Onake Paddling Club (Quebec)
10. The Nanaimo Story - Extensive history (1980-2023) of Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Clubs
11. The Sunshine Coast Story - Extensive history (1992-2023) of Sunshine Coast Clubs
12. The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Story - Extensive history (1996-2023) of Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Clubs
13. The Comox Story - Extensive history (1995-2023) of Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club
14. The VCKC Story - Extensive history (1993-2024) of Victoria Canoe Kayak Club
15. The OCC Cancun Story - Full history (2020-2024) of Outrigger Canoe Club Cancun (English)
16. The OCC Cancun Story - Full history (2020-2024) of Outrigger Canoe Club Cancun (Spanish)
17. Team Cascadia Legacy - Extensive history (2013 / 2015 / 2016 / 2019) of the Team Cascadia legacy
18. Team Cascadia Origins - Extensive history (2012 / 2013 / 2014 / 2018) of the original Team Cascadia
19. The Pemberton Story - Extensive history (1996-2024) of Pemberton Canoe Association
20. The Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Story - Extensive history (1988-2025) of Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Clubs
21. Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy Legacy - Full history (2016-2024) of Peter Forand Masters Challenge Award
22. Unlimited Canoes In Canada - Detailed background on history / distributors / owners of all the various Unlimited OC6s across Canada
23. Outrigger Canoes Chronology - Collection of short stories on the history of outrigger canoes from the original Hawaiian Malia (1938) to the various Unlimited OC6s with a focus on outrigger canoes in Canada

PRESERVATION / ARCHIVAL

CORA Board recognizes that these historical documents are a legacy to the founders and builders of Canadian outrigger canoeing and should be preserved for posterity. These historical documents are to be found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder and have been published on the CORA website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

There are so many other individuals who have contributed to the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame 2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 Inductee Bios as well as the **Club Legacy Documents**. CORA wishes to thank all of the paddling community members who have made so many contributions to the CORA Historical Archives.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Canadian outrigger canoeing community is invited to contact CORA to contribute material / stories / photos that can be added to the legacy of Canadian outrigger canoeing.



CORA INSURANCE AND SAFETY REPORT (AGM) 2025

In August 2025, an outrigger canoe operated by the Kelowna Paddle Centre was hit by a wakeboat on Okanagan Lake. Apparently the OC6 was hit in the stern while at rest. While most paddlers managed to get out of the canoe, the collision resulted in minor injuries to two people and caused significant damage to the canoe. This is a reminder for paddlers to be vigilant while on the water, even when stopped at rest. Steers should look behind and around you, and don't assume that oncoming boats see you.

There have been no insurance claims to report.

CORA's insurance broker remains BFL Canada Insurance Services, and the underwriter is Markel Canada. Our membership portal now complies with Markel Canada's request that all CORA members provide a waiver of liability.

CORA maintains a Commercial General Liability Policy providing coverage for CORA Member Clubs ("CORA Clubs") and individual members against claims by third parties for bodily injury or damage third party property when participating in "sanctioned events". Coverage is for up to \$5M per occurrence. The interpretation of "sanctioned events" has always been somewhat vague. Sanctioned activities include the following:

- CORA-sanctioned races
- CORA-hosted practices, training, time trials and races
- CORA Club practices, training, time trials and races
- CORA Club recreational paddling activities
- CORA Club activities at locations other than the club, so you may paddle out from the club or launch from a remote location
- CORA Members training on their own time, but only if the training is sanctioned by their CORA Club. Coverage does not apply if the training is not sanctioned by a CORA Club or by CORA itself (ie. self-directed or independent training by unaffiliated CORA Members is not covered).
- Use of CORA Members' own equipment
- CORA Clubs may invite "guests" to activities (ie drop-in events) without charging a CORA "day fee" but these numbers should be reported to CORA for inclusion in the "day fee" numbers reported to BFL Canada (CORA is charged a premium for each day fee).

CORA Member Clubs' day-to-day practices and training activities are sanctioned by the CORA Board annually, through passage of a resolution sanctioning such activities, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CORA hereby authorizes each CORA Member Club to undertake the following club activities as sanctioned events:

- *open houses, demonstrations and introductory courses for new paddlers;*
- *instructional courses and training clinics for paddling skills development, education and safety, both on-water and on dryland;*
- *organized on-water training practices for paddlers at competitive, intermediate, beginner and recreational levels;*
- *organized time trials, races, festivals and special paddling events;*
- *paddling trips to experience diverse paddling environments; and*

- *awards ceremonies and banquets.*

Sanctioned events shall include all activities for the preparation, hauling, launching, return, storage and maintenance of watercraft, together with warm-up and cool down activities.

Sanctioned events may be attended by paddlers of all ages, may be hosted by the Member Club in its home waters or at remote locations, and must use watercraft less than 15 metres in length.

Personal training sessions and group fitness classes, such as aerobics, spin, pilates, yoga, meditation, cardio and swimming are expressly excluded.

CORA Clubs also disclose to CORA the nature of their operations and activities in a questionnaire received from CORA following Club Membership registration. This disclosure to CORA and CORA's acceptance thereof, constitutes the "sanctioning" process.

Member Clubs are reminded to inform CORA if any additional insureds need to be added in respect of their insurance coverage and we will request Certificates of Insurance confirming coverage for and naming additional insureds, such as landlords or local municipalities.

Likewise, Race Directors are also reminded to request Certificates of Insurance for their race confirming coverage for their event and naming additional insureds, such as landlords, local municipalities or other governmental authorities.

We have also confirmed with BFL Canada that CORA Members racing in specified international outrigger races (i.e. SCORA or HCRA races) may request Certificates of Insurance evidencing third party liability insurance coverage when racing, provided that race organizers accept such insurance. The Certificate of Insurance would be accompanied by a letter from CORA's Membership's Officer naming the crew and confirming CORA membership.

We continue to plan to develop a "plain language" explanation of the liability coverages.

CORA also maintains Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance and out Member Clubs' Directors and Officers are also covered under grandfathered insurance provisions.



CORA AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

The CORA Awards Committee was officially formed in 2020 and consists of current and ex-Officio Board Members who have responsibility for coordinating Canadian outrigger canoeing Awards including the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** since 2016 and the **Hugh Town Builder Award** since 2019 and the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** since 2021.

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS

This section is a Summary of **Awards Trends / Highlights / Developments**:

- The 2025 Annual Cycle has been the 7th year for the **Hugh Town Builder Award**. The **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** has provided an opportunity to recognize a backlog of past/present Builders over the past 5 years from 2021-2025. There is now a policy/process in place to provide for retirement of the **Hugh Town Builder Award**. In the event that 2025 is the final year for the **Hugh Town Builder Award**, the Trophy shall be displayed at the Lotus Sports Club Trophy Room.
- The 2025 Annual Cycle has been the 9th year for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy**. There is now a policy/process in place to provide for retirement of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy**. In the event that 2026 is the 10th and final year for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy**, the Trophy shall be displayed at the Jericho Sailing Centre Trophy Room.
- Over the course of the past 9 years, the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** has been won by female (4) and male (5) paddlers, won by Masters 40+ (3) and 50+ (4) and 60+ (1) and 70+ (1) paddlers, won by Canadian and Bellingham and San Juan Islands and Seattle and Portland paddlers, and there was even a tie 1 year resulting in Co-Champions. Peter Forand would be proud of how his legacy has been carried forward.
- Canadian standings in the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** had a setback, likely due to an exceptionally cold Winter, with two Canadians in 2025 (Bob Stewart; Dana Britton) finishing in the Top 7.
- The CORA Awards Committee makes best efforts to invite the **Hugh Town Builder Award** Recipient and a Guest Speaker to the CORA AGM. The CORA Awards Committee recognizes that **Hugh Fisher**, the 2025 Recipient and many of the lifelong friends who could speak on behalf of Hugh Fisher, are away in the Cook Islands racing as MI6 at the Vaka Eiva 2025 International Outrigger Canoe Festival. The CORA Awards Committee will publish a CORA Website posting very shortly acknowledging **Hugh Fisher**.
- The **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** process (Awards Committee) and presentation (Town Hall Committee) cycle has **continued for 5 consecutive years now** with the **Lifetime Achievements Times Eight** individuals (Daphne Ann Brockington; Helen Currey; Jacinta Sheridan; James Hill; Jan Chavarie; Linda Daigle; Melanie Conard; Sue Milligan) from across Canada Inducted in 2025, with heartfelt speeches by many Guest Speakers from all across Canada, Washington, Oregon, and Hong Kong. The CORA Awards Committee continues to solicit **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** Nominations at every possible opportunity.
- Congratulations to Bob Disbrow (and Kim Kawaguchi) on their recent induction into the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame in 2024. Note that CORA inducted Bob Disbrow back in 2021 into the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame**.
- **Hugh Town Builder Award** Nominations continue to be submitted and CORA has continued to hold in-person **Hugh Town Builder Award** presentations (Grace Morissette; Drew Mitchell; Don Mulhall; Jan Chavarie; Annie Boulding; Marc Lavertu) with much decorum – many thanks to Sue Milligan for her Comox Lake 2025 eloquent speech. The CORA Awards Committee continues to solicit **Hugh Town Builder Award** Nominations at every possible opportunity.

- The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Hugh Town Builder Award** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Awards Committee going forward.
- The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Awards Committee going forward.
- The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Awards Committee going forward.
- The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Town Hall** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Awards Committee going forward.

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE

Peter Forand left a lasting impression on everybody that he met during his time with Lotus Sports Club and Jericho Paddling Club and Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC). The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website has a perpetual page dedicated to the memory of Peter Forand.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/peter-forand-masters-challenge-trophy/>



Ross Creasy of Open Ocean Outrigger had a friendship with Peter Forand that spanned many years. After the passing of Peter Forand, Ross Creasy petitioned CORA and PNWORCA to commission a trophy to be awarded after the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Championship race each year, to the top OC1 Masters (40+; 50+; 60+; 70+) paddler (female / male). This **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was awarded in the 1st year (2017) to Peter Marcus (Kai Pana Outrigger Canoe Club), in the next 3 years (2018-2020) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club), in the 5th year (2021) to Beau Whitehead (Kikaha O Ke Kai), in the 6th year (2022) to Darian Hildreth (Friday Harbor), in the 7th year (2023) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club), in the 8th year (2024) to Bob Stewart (Jericho Paddling Club), and in the current year (2025) to Noah Johnson-Greenough (Kai Ikaika). The hand carved wooden fish hook sculpture at the top of the trophy represents the deep connection and reverence that we have with the sea. The trophy does make an occasional appearance at a PNWORCA Winter Series race to honour the memory of Peter Forand.



The 2025 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series proceeded as per the 2025 PNWORCA racing schedule with 7 events (Wasabi; Jericho; Mountain Home; Bellingham; Kai Ikaika; False Creek; Sail Sand Point). See the CORA Race Summary Report (AGM) 2025 for commentary on the 2025 PNWORCA Winter Series. Weather did not cooperate to allow all 7 events to happen in-person. Temperatures hovered at freezing for the Jericho event. Temperatures were below freezing for 2 weeks leading up to the Mountain Home event. Raging winds and a small craft advisory led to cancellation of the Bellingham event. Four Canadians finished in the Top 3 in their Boat / Age / Gender division. Two Canadians (#4 Bob Stewart; #6 Dana Britton) finished in the Top 7 **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** standings. Discussions between PNWORCA and CORA resulted in agreement that there was indeed an OC1 Masters paddler who dominated OC1 Masters paddling in all events.

The 2025 PNWORCA Winter Series champion for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was Noah Johnson-Greenough (Kai Ikaika), in the Men Masters 40+ OC1 Division. The 2025 PNWORCA Winter Series event organizers recognized Noah Johnson-Greenough as the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** champion in accordance with guidelines as the Female or Male Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) paddler with the highest number of points across all age / gender divisions at the end of the PNWORCA Winter Series. The **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** was on the road again in 2025 as it made an appearance at 5 of the 7 of the 2025 PNWORCA Winter Series events. And for the first time ever, the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** champion was a Portland paddler, and was acknowledged at the PNWORCA Winter Series Championship event at Sail Sand Point.

HUGH TOWN BUILDER AWARD



The purpose of the **Hugh Town Builder Award** is to recognize volunteers who have made significant and exemplary contributions to the Outrigger Canoe Racing Discipline of Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) within Canada in the Builder Category.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/the-hugh-a-town-memorial-builder-award/>

Prior to the 2019 CORA AGM there was no formal policy / process for administering and bestowing this award upon an individual. An outcome of the 2019 CORA AGM was approval of a policy / process to administer and potentially bestow this award upon a member each year.

<https://canadianoutrigger.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Hugh-Town-Memorial-Builder-Award-Policy.pdf>

The CORA Awards Committee has simplified and expedited the process for curating / evaluating nominations for the **Hugh Town Builder Award** in recent years. This has allowed the CORA Awards Committee to include the Recipients for both the 2025 (current) season and the 2024 (previous) season in the CORA Awards Committee Report for 2025.

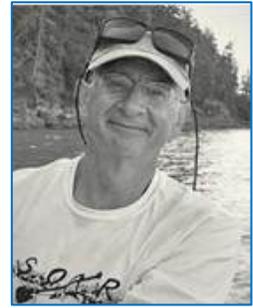
The CORA Awards Committee reviewed nominations received for the **2025 season** and recognized Hugh Fisher of Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA), as the 2025 Recipient of the **Hugh Town Builder Award**.

Hugh Fisher has a 40+ year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddlesports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. Hugh has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, and club level. Hugh has been part of False Creek (FCRCC) as the first outrigger canoeing club in Canada, as 1 of the 3 "Founding Fathers" of CORA, and founder of Pemberton Canoe Association (PCA) as the third outrigger canoeing club in Canada. Hugh has made significant contributions to the birth and growth of outrigger canoeing nationwide across Canada.



The CORA Awards Committee reviewed nominations received for the **2024 season** and recognized Marc Lavertu of Suncoast Paddling Club (PROCS), as the 2024 Recipient of the **Hugh Town Builder Award**.

Marc Lavertu has a 25-year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddlesports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. Marc has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, regional, and club level. Marc was a founding member of the Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society (PROCS) & Club Bon Accueil (CBA). As a former Family Justice Counsellor (2013 Retired) and fluent French speaker, Marc was able to bring a wealth of expertise and legal contacts to his role as Secretary for both PROCS & CBA. Marc has not served on the CORA Board, but has served as CORA Club Rep for Powell River many years, and has represented Team Canada at 2008 Sacramento IVF World Sprints and at 2019 Australia IVF World Distance.



<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-cup-series-2025-championships-junior-novice-oc-paddle-draw/>

The Canadian Iron Championships has been designated as the preferred venue to present the **Hugh Town Builder** trophy. However, several outrigger canoeing scheduling changes in recent years have made this impractical. The Gorge OC6 race has moved to mid-July from early-July and the Gorge Downwind Championships now follows the Gorge OC6 race 1 week later, and these 2 events are well attended by Canadian paddlers. IVF World Sprints / Distance Championships are now occurring every year in mid-August, meaning that Team Canada paddlers are away for most of the end of August every year. These scheduling changes have led the Awards Committee to make best efforts to present the trophy to the most recent Recipient at a mutually convenient time / place. A formal ceremony was held in September 2025 at Courtenay and District Fish & Game Protective Association Clubhouse during the 2025 Comox Iron CORA Cup Series Championship event with Powell River luminary Sue Milligan making the presentation and accepting on behalf of Marc Lavertu (2024 Recipient) with the Comox Lake waters as a backdrop. The **Hugh Town Builder Award** 2025 Recipient is to be announced at the 2025 CORA AGM.

CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

CORA gave this proposal serious consideration. CORA evaluated the policies / processes of the Pro Baseball Hall Of Fame, BC Sports Hall Of Fame, Ontario Sports Hall Of Fame, Pro Hockey Hall Of Fame, and Dragon Boat Canada Hall Of Fame to arrive at a policy / process that would make this **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** a meaningful endeavour and that those individuals inducted in the inaugural year would set the bar for nominees in future years. It took the CORA Board four months to arrive at a vision that was unanimously approved via a CORA Board Meeting Motion.

This **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** has a mandate that can be summarized as follows:

- *Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) recognized 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.*

The CORA website has a perpetual page dedicated to the **Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame** where one can view the Bios of the eighteen 2021 Inductees (Jackie Webber; Rick Nu'u; Peter Forand; Hugh Fisher; Sheila Kuyper; James Van Nostrand; Don Irvine; David Boulding; Mel Whittall; Heather Taylor; Drew Mitchell; Garry Mancell; Bob Disbrow; Cheryl Skribe; Alan Carlsson; Jim Mancell; Ron Kaschula; Annie Boulding) and the six 2022 Inductees (Andrea Dillon; Wendy Rae-Perkins; Rosemary Henry; Grace Morissette; Don Mulhall; Kamini Jain) and the seven 2023 Inductees (Ruth Matson; Nancy Botting; David Hill; Lynda Roberts; Norman MacDonell; Leanne Stanley; Len Morris Jr.) and the six 2024 Inductees (Janet Davis; Ron Dickinson; Zoe Norcross-Nu'u; Ron Zander Williams; Laurel Archer; Bob Stewart) and the eight 2025 Inductees (Daphne Ann Brockington; Helen Currey; Jacinta

Sheridan; James Hill; Jan Chavarie; Linda Daigle; Melanie Conard; Sue Milligan) that should provide the level of credentials CORA takes into consideration for nominees.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/community-2/canadian-outrigger-hall-of-fame/>

Comox had graciously offered to host a Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame presentation at their 2025 CORA Cup Series Championship event. Unfortunately, many of the 2025 Inductees were already committed to other activities on that weekend.

CORA hosted an online Town Hall session in Nov-2025 for the Inductees spread across Canada and the rest of the world. The Inductees and Guest Speakers included Daphne Ann Brockington, Helen Currey, Jacinta Sheridan, James Hill, Jan Chavarie, Linda Daigle, Melanie Conard, Sue Milligan, Bruce Layzell, Ruth Matson, Bob Stewart, Carole Fullerton, Ashley James, Alison Hart, Kate Zubick, Pauline Adams, Gordon Kirkpatrick, Alan Goto, Jesse Balcom, Ken Asano, Andrea Dillon, Grace Morissette, Robin Macnair, Laura Kelly, Laurel Archer, Dr. Emma Cope, Kelsey Siddall, Whitney Horstman and several other luminaries. The Town Hall session was recorded and this priceless gathering of some of the most influential individuals representing 4 decades of outrigger canoeing history may be found on the CORA website.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-town-hall-9-november-4pm-pacific-lifetime-achievements-times-eight-cora-hall-of-fame/>

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

CORA Board recognizes the challenges in administering trophies based on experience with the CORA Cup Series trophies and various Dragon Boat BC trophies that CORA Board members have found themselves caring for over the years. CORA Board recognizes that trophies are an investment and should be tracked to avoid having to replace quite often irreplaceable mementos. CORA Board continues to maintain Chain-Of-Custody documents for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** and the **Hugh Town Builder Award** to ensure that the last known whereabouts can be easily determined. These Chain-Of-Custody documents have become part of the Properties Registry as of 2022 (found on the CORA Google Drive in the Resources folder).

PETER FORAND MASTERS CHALLENGE AWARD ADMINISTRATION

PNWORCA Executive is responsible for administering the PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results and communicating standings in each boat / gender / age division. It is important that CORA and PNWORCA Race Directors communicate PNWORCA Winter Series Race Results in a timely manner and consistent format to the PNWORCA Race Chairman. Administration of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** standings adds a level of complexity due to the consolidation of all female / male OC1 Masters (40+ / 50+ / 60+ / 70+) into a single division. CORA Board has taken the lead on PNWORCA Winter Series Race Points for the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** standings and collaboration with the PNWORCA Race Chairman since 2017. There is a Series Points Template to assist with this process. There should be a knowledge transfer for this process.

HUGH TOWN BUILDER AWARD ADMINISTRATION

The procedure for administration and bestowing is well-documented. This is still a novel process and is steadily becoming ingrained in CORA Board business-as-usual with an expectation that this should happen on an annual basis. An individual should be tasked with ensuring that the procedures are followed going forward.

CORA AWARDS / RECOGNITION VENDORS

Note that Kerr Recognition Services Inc. in Vancouver BC has provided trophies and glass awards and medals for CORA for many years. There are many recognition services vendors that provide comparable products / services. However, the proprietor (Sae Kerr) and the designer (Ross Lawton) have collaborated with CORA for many years and provide exceptional service and maintain records of design work and invoices going back to the 1990s. A recent change in business operations for Kerr Recognition Services means that when plates / shields on trophies require engraving to commemorate the current year Recipient, these plates / shields are now out-sourced to a third-party vendor and CORA must replace the existing plates / shields that are affixed with double-sided tape.



Canadian Outrigger Racing Association

IVF Committee



2025 CORA AGM IVF Director Report

DISTANCE – Brazil 2025:

The [2025 World Va'a Distance Championships](#) in Nitoroi, Brazil were held from August 13th-21st, 2025. [Results](#) are posted on the IVF website.

Team Canada sent a small but mighty team to Brazil coming home with 4 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Though there were some challenges around communication and obtaining Visas for some of the athletes, the paddling community rallied and our junior crews were able to race exhibition, both crews placing 4th.

Medalists from Canada are listed at the bottom of this report.

SPRINTS - Singapore 2026:

Trials for Singapore took place September 20/21, 2025 in Calgary. Thank you to Lynda Roberts and the Calgary Canoe Club for their amazing work as hosts. Most of the paddlers have been selected as a result of these trials. There is currently an open call for V6 and V1 categories that still have available spots. Please see the website for details.

This cycle, the Elite crew selection and crew preparation are guided by Coaches selected by the CORA High Performance Committee.

Earlier this year, CORA formed the High Performance Committee to oversee all aspects of the National Team Program (program manager, coaching selection, selection protocols, etc.). The committee description and applications were posted on the CORA website. The CORA board appointed this committee.

Other IVF NEWS:

The IVF AGM is scheduled for December 13, 2025.

Take a look at the IVF website for the [Global Race Calendar](#) for races around the world.

There will be NO IVF event in 2027. There was a survey to obtain feedback regarding the future scheduling of IVF events that was sent out in September for member feedback. The IVF had a meeting to review the results mid November. There has not yet been an announcement about the future schedule.

Presented by: Leanne Stanley – CORA IVF Director

Canada's Medal Count for the 2025 IVF World Distance Championship in Brazil:

4 Gold:

Women's Master 70 V6:

- Lorene Archdekin
- Yvonne Sharpe
- Shirley Curtis
- Kat Town
- Barb McColl
- Rosemary Neill

Kat Town: Women's Master 70 V1

Barb McColl: Women's Master 75 V1

Melanie Conard: Women's Master 50 V1

1 Silver:

John Roberts: Master 80 V1

2 Bronze:

Women's Master 40 V6

- Whitney Horstman
- Kim Inglis
- Melanie Conard
- Marnie Conklin
- Carole Fullerton
- Sheila Kuyper

Men's Master 70 V6



CORA RACE REVIEW REPORT (AGM) 2025

OVERVIEW

The CORA Board never lost sight during the COVID Pandemic of the CORA Mandate to "*foster and develop the sport of outrigger racing in Canada*". The CORA Race Committee and the CORA Board had collectively strived to keep the membership engaged with virtual racing options, establish vendor / sponsor relationships for prizing, and pursue initiatives to grow the sport once "Return To Sport" became more tangible. This downtime to plan for the future has resulted in the 2025 CORA racing season continue to have participation vastly exceed previous years.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Eastern Canada Outrigger Canoe Racing / Membership Growth
- Junior / Novice OC Paddle Initiative & Youth Programs Support
- CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) & Hosting / Awards Initiative
- Small-Boat Racing Support
- PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series (Almost A Decade)
- OC6 Distance Event Canoe Sharing / Rentals
- Traditional / Spec OC6 Vs. Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Considerations
- Crowded Race Schedule & New Events Concerns
- CORA Race Schedule / Conflicts
- CORA (Canada) / PNWORCA (USA) Reciprocity
- First Nations Representation
- OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints
- V1 Distance / Sprints
- Race Results
- 2026 Race Planning
- CORA Return To Racing

TRENDS / HIGHLIGHTS / DEVELOPMENTS / OBSERVATIONS

- **Eastern Canada** CORA club memberships, CORA individual memberships, CORA Sanctioned events, outrigger canoe racing participation, and big-boat ownership was substantially up.
- **Junior / Novice participation** in CORA Cup Series races was noticeably up (183 entries in total from 14 Western Canada OC clubs), and this carried across to other CORA Sanctioned events.
- Support for and uptake of **Event Prizing (Swag) Grants** by the 5 Western Canada CORA Cup Series host clubs & **Hosting / Awards Grants** by the 4 Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series host clubs was strong and contributed to the success of these high-profile events.
- CORA continues to distribute ~100 pairs of **zero-cost Small-Boat Number Decals** to CORA clubs every 14-16 months as CORA members continue to acquire new small-boats to race in CORA Sanctioned events.
- Participation in the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series continues to average approximately 60 entries per event. Host clubs that have offered a short course have seen above average participation. **Cross-border participation by CORA / PNWORCA small-boat paddlers** was noticeably down in not only the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series, but in other Canadian / Washington / Oregon small-boat races.

- Rentals / loans of Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s by Canadian OC6 distributors (Hana Hou Paddlesports; Coldwater) and the sharing of Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s between have & have-not CORA clubs has led to the **number and percentage of Traditional / Spec OC6s** at CORA Sanctioned OC6 long-distance events steadily decreasing.
- Whereas Traditional / Spec OC6 hull makes have been standardized at ~400lbs, CORA Sanctioned OC6 long-distance events have seen **at least 8 Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 hull makes** (Lightning; Matahina; lightweight Advantage; Kamanu Nanahope; Malolo; Vortex; Hydra Standard; Hydra Pro) ranging from 340lbs to 96lbs raced in the Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Division.
- The CORA directive to **limit clubs to 3 CORA Sanctioned event weekends per year** has continued to provide for open weekends to allow the introduction of new / novel races and the return of legacy races.
- The **CORA Race Schedule** between 2022-2025 has evolved towards a full slate from May through June, followed by a hiatus from late-July through end-August as Canadian paddlers attend IVF Sprints / Distance, and then a full slate from September into October.
- The **CORA OC6 distance racing window** has continued to be boxed into May & early-June & late-July due to several factors including, prime-time dragon boat racing season running early-May to late-June, The Gorge and the Gorge Downwind Champs now held on back-to-back weekends in early-July, and IVF Sprints / Distance now held every year sending Team Canada paddlers away from early-Aug to late-Aug.
- **Cross-border participation in OC6 long-distance events** by CORA / PNWORCA clubs has fallen dramatically, with the exception of First Nations clubs (Island Brave; Geronimo; Star Nation; Lost Boyz; Rikkole Cree) who continue to demonstrate support for cross-border OC6 long-distance events.
- CORA club memberships, CORA individual memberships, outrigger canoe racing participation, and small-boat / big-boat ownership continues to increase for **First Nations clubs**.
- There were few **CORA OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints** in the 2025 IVF World Distance Championships year. It is expected that there will be more CORA OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints on the 2026 schedule. There is also the 31st annual PNWORCA OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints Series of 4 events where Canadian paddlers will have opportunities to compete against USAORCA paddlers ahead of the 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints Championships.
- There has been a **gradual increase in Canadian V1 ownership**, but V1 participation in PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events remains flat with 25 Canadian V1 (7%) and 16 PNWORCA (4%) of 355 entries across 6 races. V1 participation in CORA Small-Boat races is slightly higher with 78 Canadian V1 (12%) of 605 entries. It is noteworthy that 90 V1 paddlers competed for 54 V1 spots at the Canadian Sprints Trials, whereas 190+ V1 paddlers competed for 54 V1 spots at the USAORCA Sprints Trials.
- Empirical analysis from 2022/2023/2024/2025 has shown that crews continues to travel inter-regionally to hugely support gender & mixed **mid-distance host-club-provided-OC6** events.
- There were 20 Small-Boat Distance, 1 Small-Boat Sprints, 2 OC12 Mid-Distance, 3 OC6 Sprints, 5 OC6 Mid-Distance, 4 OC6 Long-Distance (Non-CORA Cup), and 7 OC6 Western / Eastern CORA Cup events (see table below).
- The CORA Race Committee continues to visit club websites, club Google Drives, Webscorer, PaddleGuru, and Pacific Multisports websites to **locate Race Results**, to publish timely / accurate race results.

EASTERN CANADA OUTRIGGER CANOE RACING / MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

2025 saw an increase in Eastern Canada outrigger canoe racing with the introduction of an Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series comprising 4 events. Haunani hosted the Defi Challenge in Montreal, Sunnyside hosted the Eastern Canada Outrigger Canoe Sprints Championship in Toronto, TSCC Maka Koa hosted the Toronto International Outrigger Challenge (TIOC) in Toronto, and Rideau Outrigger Racing Club hosted the Fall Classic in Ottawa (participation in table below). It is anticipated that the Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series will return in 2025 with the possible addition of a distance race along the Whitby-to-Pickering waterfront.

2025 also saw an increase in Eastern Canada CORA membership. Each of the 4 Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series events were CORA Sanctioned, which necessitated all event participants having CORA Individual Membership. CORA Individual Memberships do not accurately represent total Eastern Canada CORA Membership, as many Eastern Canada paddlers who are with non-CORA Clubs (Wai Nui; OHDBC; TSCC Free Spirit; Rio Outrigger; Ottawa River; Onake; Canadian Senior Dragon Boat Club; New Dragons Racing Club) may have participated in CORA Sanctioned Events as Unaffiliated paddlers. Eastern Canada had 9 clubs become CORA Club Members with Aumakua Club Nautique (QC), Haunani Outrigger Club (QC), Mississauga Canoe Club (ON), Rideau Outrigger Racing Club (ON), Rideau Valley River Runners (ON), Sunnyside Paddling Club (ON), Toronto Harbour Va'a (ON), Thunder Bay Outrigger Club (ON), Westshore Paddling Club (ON), and TSCC Maka Koa Outrigger Club (ON).

Many thanks to Eastern Canada CORA Board Members Foruzan Veiji and Bethany Yam and Richard Lalancette for their efforts in contributing to the growth of outrigger canoeing racing and CORA membership in Eastern Canada. These efforts to support Eastern Canada Outrigger Canoe Racing / Membership Growth have delivered positive results.

JUNIOR / NOVICE OC PADDLE INITIATIVE & YOUTH PROGRAMS SUPPORT

CORA Board introduced a new initiative for 2022 at the 2021 CORA Pre-AGM. To encourage participation by new paddlers at 2022/2023/2024/2025 CORA events, a new Junior / Novice OC Paddle Draw Grant was funded. Every Junior / Novice participant at each 2022/2023/2024/2025 CORA Cup Series event was given 1 entry for the end-of-season draw. It was possible for each Junior / Novice participant to have up to a maximum of 5 entries for the end-of-season draw. The response in 2025 was even more impressive as the previous participation in 2024 of 148 entries was surpassed in 2025 with **183 entries in total from 14 Western Canada OC clubs**. There were at least 10 entries in each of the Junior Women, Junior Men, Novice Women, and Novice Men divisions such that 2 winners were drawn from each of these 4 divisions.

CORA wishes to extend a round of appreciation to Oddball Workshop, our generous sponsor, for contributing Gift Certificates for each of the 8 Junior / Novice winners to redeem for a paddle of a length of their choosing within 1 year from the end-of-season draw date (28-Sep-2024). CORA wishes to extend a round of appreciation to the Race Coordinators (Jackie Bell; Dean Dougherty; Don Mulhall; Launa Mandrell; Cheryl Bublitz; Carole Fullerton; Jan Chavarie) from CORA Cup Series host clubs Comox (twice), Penticton; Fort Langley, and Jericho, as well as the CORA Club Reps who collected the names of Junior / Novice participants at these 5 events, and forwarded these entries onto the CORA Board for the draw at the Comox Awards presentation.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-cup-series-2025-championships-junior-novice-oc-paddle-draw/>

The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Junior / Novice OC Paddle Draw** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Race Committee going forward.

The CORA Town Hall Committee collaborated with Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) on a Town Hall covering the KPC Youth Programs. This forum was led by various Kelowna Paddle Centre members with topics such as: Programming and Coaching; Funding, Insurance, and Other Logistics; Growing Pains and Challenges. That CORA Town Hall is available on the CORA Website for review by clubs that already have in place or are building a youth outrigger canoeing program, to review what resources may be available to youth outrigger canoeing programs for the 2026 season.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/cora-town-hall-kelowna-paddle-centre-youth-programs-sunday-19-october-2025-4pm-pacific-time/>

These efforts to support Junior / Novice / Youth Paddlers Support have delivered positive results.

CORA CUP SERIES EVENT PRIZING (SWAG) & HOSTING / AWARDS INITIATIVE

CORA Board introduced a new initiative for 2022 at the 2021 CORA Pre-AGM. To improve the "event quality experience", a new CORA Cup Series Event Prizing (Swag) Grant was funded. This initiative involved a budget for each of the 4-5 Western Canada 2022/2023/2024/2025 CORA Cup Series events. Each event host had a budget of \$800 to spend on draw prizes purchased from their own vendors / sponsors or from a set of CORA vetted vendors / sponsors and to conduct one or more draws throughout the OC6 event. The type and number of draw prizes varied for each of the Penticton, Jericho, Comox Marina, Fort Langley, and Comox Lake events. However, the event participants communicated that they believed this was a worthwhile initiative.

CORA Board introduced a new initiative for 2025 at the 2024 CORA Pre-AGM. To support the growth of Eastern Canada outrigger canoe racing, a new Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series Event Hosting / Awards Grant was funded. This initiative involved a budget for each of the 4 Eastern Canada 2025 CORA Cup Series events. Each event host had a budget of \$2000 to spend on expenses associated with the event such as Hosting and/or Awards. The nature of Hosting and Awards varied for each of the Haunani, Sunnyside, TSCC Maka Koa, and Rideau Outrigger events.

These efforts to support the Western Canada CORA Cup Series and the Eastern Canada CORA Cup Series have delivered positive results

SMALL-BOAT RACING SUPPORT

CORA Board continues to support small-boat racing by providing subsidized Small-Boat Number Decals at zero cost to host clubs. For CORA Sanctioned Events, CORA attempts to distribute blocks of CORA Small-Boat Number Decals to Club Representatives from Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland, Okanagan / Interior clubs. The goal is to have an inventory of CORA Small-Boat Number Decals in the hands of clubs hosting small-boat events in the coming year.

The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **CORA Small-Boat Number Decals** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Race Committee going forward.

The CORA Board has communicated to CORA Club Reps that the use of CORA Small-Boat Number Decals as big-boat numbers has issues. CORA Clubs should refer to the CORA Canoe Registry which is updated frequently and published to the CORA Website, for big-boat numbers that are already in use, and to select / acquire unique big-boat numbers that do not conflict with the existing CORA Canoe Registry big-boat numbers. The CORA Canoe Registry may be found on the CORA Website on the "Documents and Archive" page within the "CORA Canoe Registry Documents" section. These efforts to support Small-Boat Racing have delivered positive results.

<https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/canadian-outrigger-racing-association/resources/documents-and-archive/>

PNWORCA SMALL-BOAT RACING WINTER SERIES (ALMOST A DECADE)

The 2025 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series proceeded as per the 2025 PNWORCA racing schedule with 7 events (Wasabi; Jericho; Mountain Home; Bellingham; Kai Ikaika; False Creek; Sail Sand Point). Weather did not cooperate to allow all 7 events to happen in-person. Temperatures hovered at freezing for the Jericho event. Temperatures were below freezing for 2 weeks leading up to the Mountain Home event. Raging winds and a small craft advisory led to cancellation of the Bellingham event.

Inconsistent event registration systems / rules across the 2 Canadian and 5 Washington / Oregon Winter Series event host clubs has continued to cause issues in tracking Winter Series standings. Host clubs are using

Webscorer or PaddleGuru or Pacific Multisports or Google Sheets for event registration. CORA and PNWORCA have different **nomenclature** (Golden Master; Kapuna) and **ranges** (50-54; 55-59; 50-59; 60-65; 60-69) and **cut-offs** (birthday; birthyear) for Age Divisions. The result has been participants registering in different Age Divisions across the Winter Series and impacting Division standings. This situation has been prevalent for many years and will continue going forward with each of the host clubs using different event registration systems.

The PNWORCA Race Committee no longer tracks Small-Boat Racing Winter Series points and the Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Championship event host no longer recognizes Division Top 3 Finishers. However, the CORA Race Committee continues to track Small-Boat Racing Winter Series points so as to recognize Canadians who are among the Top 3 Finishers in a Boat / Gender / Age Division and to continue the tradition of the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** for the 9th consecutive year. These efforts to support the PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series have delivered positive results.

The CORA Board now has a detailed "*How-To Guide*" for **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** processes as knowledge transfer and transparency for the Race Committee going forward.

The PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series is not only about putting in miles on the water, but also about putting in miles on the highway. There were 395 entries across 7 races in 2024, but the cancellation of 1 event and inclement winter weather led to 353 entries across 6 races in 2025. There was one individual who dominated OC1 Masters paddling in all 2025 PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events. Noah Johnson-Greenough of Kai Ikaika was recognized as the 2025 **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** recipient and joins Peter Marcus, Beau Whitehead, Minnie Fontenelle, Darian Hildreth, and Bob Stewart as recipients of this award. <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/noah-johnson-greenough-kai-ikaika-wins-2025-peter-forand-masters-challenge/>

OC6 DISTANCE EVENT CANOE SHARING / RENTALS

There are 2 trends that emerged in 2025 to increase the presence of Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s at CORA Sanctioned OC6 long-distance events. The 1st trend had been the willingness of Ozone Canada West (Hana Hou Paddlesports) and Ozone Canada East (Coldwater) to deliver their Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s to CORA Sanctioned OC6 long-distance events and make these canoes available to event participants on a rental / share basis, where the end result had been a reduction in the number of Spec / Traditional OC6s in the long-distance events. The 2nd trend had been the collaboration between clubs with Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s to share their canoes with clubs without Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s. The reciprocity between have and have-not clubs had taken many forms, but the end result had been a reduction in the number of Spec / Traditional OC6s in the long-distance events.

The only noticeable downside to this trend had been those clubs that reserved a Spec / Traditional OC6 with the host club or another club, and registered as a Spec / Traditional OC6, and then secured an Unlimited / Ultralight OC6, but failed to communicate to the event organizer that they had switched OC6 divisions – after the host club or another club had provided a Spec / Traditional OC6 on their behalf. The CORA Forums which facilitates communicate between CORA Members to support OC6 Distance Event Canoe Sharing / Rentals have delivered positive results.

TRADITIONAL / SPEC OC6 VS. UNLIMITED / ULTRALIGHT OC6 CONSIDERATIONS

This may be a contentious topic as it delves into areas subject to interpretation. This is also a lesson on the history of the evolution of OC6s in Canada. One of the items of the CORA Mandate is "*To set standards of equipment and safety for outrigger racing in Canada*". The CORA Canoe Registry had become incredibly out-dated between 2010-2020 due to lack of attention, as the number of known big-boats in Canada had increased from 60 canoes to 170 canoes between

2010-2020. The CORA Canoe Registry had served several purposes, one of which was to track the weights of six-person canoes as part of the "*set standards of equipment*" of the CORA Mandate. The CORA Board had made best efforts to weigh and track OC6 hulls at CORA Cup Series Championships events so as to ensure that all Traditional / Spec OC6s weighed in at 400lbs. The 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints had ushered in Canadian manufactured Bradley Lightning OC6s weighing at 340lbs ("Unlimiteds"), and an effort to ensure that these Canadian manufactured Bradley Lightning OC6s (that were acquired by Canadian and USA clubs) were weighed, so as to ensure that they were weighted up to 400lbs to race as Traditional / Spec OC6s or declared as Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s when the only Age Division for Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s was Open.

The Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 market had only the Bradley Lightning OC6 at 340lbs until 2016. The Giblin Vortex at 145lbs and the Puakea Malolo at 145lbs became popular between 2016-2020. The ARE Matahina at 270lbs became popular between 2018-2022. The Kamanu Elepaio at 190lbs and the Kamanu Nanahope at 205lbs became popular between 2020-2024. The Western Canoe Kayaking (WCK) "light-weight" Clipper Advantage at 230lbs became available in 2023. The Kai Wa'a Hydra Standard at 118lbs and the Kai Wa'a Hydra Pro at 96lbs became popular in 2025. During the growth of Unlimited / Ultralight OC6s in Canada, the CORA Race Rules were amended to provide for every Age Division in both Traditional / Spec OC6 and Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Divisions. The end result has been a "*Race To The Lightest*" where clubs have fielded crews in the Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Division with Bradley Lightning OC6s at 340lbs, ARE Matahina OC6s at 270lbs, "lightweight" Clipper Advantage OC6s at 230lbs, Kamanu Nanahope OC6s at 205lbs, Puakea Malolo OC6s at 145lbs, Giblin Vortex OC6s at 145lbs, Kai Wa'a Hydra Standard OC6s at 118lbs, and Kai Wa'a Hydra Pro OC6s at 96lbs in the same race.

Note that this situation only occurs in CORA Sanctioned OC6 long-distance events. This situation leads to **dilemma #1** where CORA Sanctioned Event hosts are required to recognize every Age Division in both Traditional / Spec OC6 (in a level playing field at 400lbs) and Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Divisions. This situation leads to **dilemma #2** where crews are racing in the Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Division (in a not so leveled playing field under 400lbs), but are racing in 340lb and 270lb and 230lb and 205lb and 145lb and 120lb and 100lb canoes. The CORA Board has not responded to this Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 situation that falls within "*set standards of equipment*" of the CORA Mandate. This situation leads to **dilemma #3** where Eastern Canada clubs / events have not been through the Traditional / Spec OC6 and Unlimited / Ultralight OC6 Boat Division evolution or the Age Division evolution and most Eastern Canada clubs / events opt for an across the board Open Age Division with some separation by Boat Division. <https://www.canadianoutrigger.ca/canadian-outrigger-racing-association/coras-mandate/>

CROWDED RACE SCHEDULE & NEW EVENTS CONCERNS

CORA introduced a Race Schedule rule in 2023 to limit CORA clubs to a maximum of 3 weekend events per year, to address "*crowded race schedule*" concerns. This directive had positive impacts in 2024 with the availability of more open weekends allowing for the introduction of new events. This directive in 2025 provided for a renewal of some of those new events from 2024 and the return of the Okanagan Length-Of-The-Lake Ultradistance beach-relay event.

Eastern Canada clubs and Eastern Canada CORA Board Members have collaborated to facilitate an Eastern Canada outrigger canoe racing schedule that minimizes conflict with other paddlesports events such as local / national / international dragon boat festivals, the Wai Nui Why Not event, and IVF Sprints / Distance Championships events. These efforts to address the Crowded Race Schedule & New Events Concerns have delivered positive results.

CORA RACE SCHEDULE / CONFLICTS

CORA Race Committee makes considerable effort to balance outrigger canoe racing events with other events on potentially conflicting dates such as regional / international dragon boat events, First Nations canoe races, and PNWORCA outrigger canoe racing events. This approach has evolved into a CORA outrigger canoe distance racing

window boxed into May and early-June and late-July due to several factors including, prime-time dragon boat racing season running early-May to late-June, The Gorge and the Gorge Downwind Champs now held on back-to-back weekends in early-July, and IVF Sprints / Distance now held every year sending Team Canada paddlers away from early-Aug to late-Aug. The CORA Western Canada outrigger canoe distance racing schedule has been empty for the month of August in 2022 (IVF London) and 2023 (IVF Samoa) and 2024 (IVF Hilo) and 2025 (IVF Brazil). These efforts to address the CORA Race Schedule / Conflicts have delivered positive results.

Note that the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival in Vancouver, traditionally held in late-June each year, will not be held in 2026 due to **restrictions from the 2026 FIFA World Cup**. CORA Clubs may wish to consider where municipality agreements with FIFA prohibit cultural and sporting events in certain areas and during specific times, with regards to scheduling of their CORA Sanctioned Events.

PNWORCA (USA) / CORA (CANADA) RECIPROCITY

Participation by PNWORCA paddlers at CORA events and participation by CORA paddlers at PNWORCA events plummeted in 2025. CORA paddlers had minimal participation in all PNWORCA-based Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events. PNWORCA paddlers had minimal participation in CORA-based Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events. CORA paddlers had minimal participation in all PNWORCA-based OC6 events including The Gorge Races (5-8 Canadian crews), the Bellingham Classic (3 Canadian crews), and the Sand Point (PNWOC) Pacific Northwest Outrigger Canoe Challenge (1 Canadian paddler). It is noteworthy that Canadian First Nations crews (Island Brave; Geronimo; Star Nation; Lost Boyz) and freelance crews (MI6) had the most participation in PNWORCA-based OC6 events. Lotus Iron was the only CORA OC6 event that had participation by any PNWORCA clubs (Kai Pana; Rikkole Cree).

Given that 2025 was not an IVF Sprints Championships year, there was minimal participation by Canadian paddlers at the 4 PNWORCA OC Sprints Regattas including Spanaway Lake in Tacoma in May, Green Lake in Seattle in May, Silverdale in June, and Silver Lake in Everett in June.

We can only hope that USA / Canada border relations return to a place where they had been for many decades, so that CORA (Canada) / PNWORCA (USA) OC6 clubs / crews can resume attending / supporting each others events. There have been no collaborative efforts nor has there been any mandate by CORA to encourage / support participation by CORA members in PNWORCA (USA) events.

FIRST NATIONS REPRESENTATION

2025 saw continued engagement with and CORA Club Membership by First Nations clubs including Star Nation (Cultus Lake), Lost Boyz/Girlz (Cultus Lake), Vicki Lynn (Cultus Lake), and River Spirit / Shxwhay Chief (Chilliwack). Paddlers from First Nations clubs attended 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance. Crews from First Nations clubs did exceptionally well in CORA and PNWORCA events. Many First Nations crews (Island Brave; Geronimo; Proud Mary; Rainbow Canoe Club; Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club; Star Nation; Lost Boyz/Girls, Vicki Lynn; River Spirit / Shxwhay Chief) attended CORA Sprints, Mid-Distance, and Long-Distance OC events in large numbers. Many First Nations clubs (Geronimo; Chemainus; Island Brave; Star Nation; Lost Boyz/Girlz; River Spirit / Shxwhay Chief) continue to grow their fleet of OC6s. CORA continues to reach out to First Nations clubs to become CORA Member Clubs and be part of Team Canada for IVF World Sprints / Distance events. These efforts to support First Nations Representation have delivered positive results.

OC6 / SMALL-BOATS SPRINTS

2025 was an IVF Distance Championships year and there were minimal CORA Sprints events with the exception of FGPC Kan U Hak It OC6 Sprints, VCKC WUTG OC6 Sprints, and Sunnyside Eastern Canada OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints. It is hoped that CORA will have a full slate of OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints events in the coming year ahead of the 2026 Singapore IVF Sprints Championships. Please note that PNWORCA has had an OC6 / Small-Boats Sprints Series of 4 events running for 30 years. CORA Sprints crews may wish to consider attending the PNWORCA OC Sprints Regattas including Spanaway Lake in Tacoma (May-16), Green Lake in Seattle (May-23), Silverdale Waterfront Park in Silverdale (Jun-6), and Silver Lake in Everett (Jun-13).

V1 DISTANCE / SPRINTS

Participation increased slightly in V1 Distance racing in 2025 with 25 CORA entries (vs. 16 PNWORCA entries) in PNWORCA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series events (Wasabi = 1; Jericho = 11; Kalama = 0; FCRCC = 5; Kai Ikaika = 1; Sand Point = 7) and 78 V1 entries out of 605 entries in CORA small-boat races. The most dominant V1 Distance paddler in 2025 was Melanie Conard and this was reflected in her 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance Championships V1 Gold. Participation in V1 Distance racing bodes well for future Canadian IVF World Distance Championships V1 participants.

CORA 2025 IVF Sprints Time Trials participation by V1 paddlers showed 90 V1 paddlers competing for 54 spots (9 Age Divisions * 2 Gender Divisions * 3 per Division) in multiple Age Divisions. That is 5 CORA paddlers on average competing for 1 of 3 spots in V1 per Age / Gender Division. In comparison the USAORCA 2025 Sprints Championships (Time Trials) limited V1 paddlers to compete in a single age division. There were 190+ V1 paddlers out of 500+ participants at the USAORCA 2025 Sprints Championships. There were 110 out of those 190+ V1 paddlers (58%) from PNWORCA / NCOCA / SCORA / ECORA that were from PNWORCA. There were 64 out of 190+ V1 paddlers (34%) who were U16 / U19 / Open. USAORCA showed 190+ V1 paddlers competing for 54 spots in a single Age Division. That is 11 USAORCA paddlers on average competing for 1 of 3 spots in V1 per Age / Gender Division. Those metrics show that interest in V1 Sprints by USAORCA paddlers is more than double that of CORA paddlers. There have been no collaborative efforts nor has there been any mandate by CORA to encourage / support participation by CORA members in V1 Distance / Sprints activities and events.

RACE RESULTS

There is an ongoing request of CORA Clubs to provide timely/accurate Race Results to the CORA Race Committee. Of the 42 Sanctioned Events in 2025 (Small-Boat; OC6 Long-Distance; OC6 Mid-Distance; OC6 Sprints), the CORA Race Committee only received (timely and accurate) Race Results for 15 Sanctioned Events from host clubs. The CORA Race Committee visits club websites, club Google Drives, Webscorer, PaddleGuru, and Pacific Multisports websites to locate Race Results. Publishing timely / accurate Race Results is not part of the CORA Mandate, but a task which the CORA Race Committee has made a priority.

- Clubs are encouraged to submit Race Results in formats that are conducive to ease of reformatting for data / trend analysis (CSV; XLS; TXT; WORD), with the confidence that these Race Results will be posted to the CORA website in PDF format.
- Race Results continue to be collected and reported in various formats including PDFs and Google Sheets and WebScorer and Images and unformatted emails.
- CORA hopes to address this concern by introducing a standardized Race Results template that will facilitate CORA Cup Series Points tracking and reporting.
- With the new CORA website and a reorganization of content, for 2020/2021/2022/2023/2024/2025 and going forward, Race Results PDFs are now named as YEAR Club Event (2025 FGPC Wet-Dashe):
- <https://canadianoutrigger.ca/races/race-results/>

2026 RACE PLANNING

CORA Event Sanctioning requests will continue to be accepted until April 2026. However, CORA Board recognizes that clubs should be able to submit Event Sanctioning requests up to 2-3 weeks prior to their proposed event date as long as the proposed event date does not conflict with other prioritized CORA Sanctioned Events.

CORA RETURN TO RACING

The CORA Cup Series continued in 2025 with 5 Western Canada events and 4 Eastern Canada events. CORA clubs were able to host 37 events in 2025, a noticeable increase from 30 events in 2024 (as much of the increase in 2025 resulted due to more Eastern Canada CORA Sanctioned Events). Please see the table below of 2025 participation at all events.

Event Name	Event Type	2025 Finishers	2025 / 2024 Spec Crews / Entries	2025 / 2024 Unltd Crews / Entries	2025 / 2024 Spec Crews / Entries (Short)	2025 / 2024 Unltd Crews / Entries (Short)	V1s	Seq
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 1 Wasabi	A-Small-Boat Distance	83	83 / 44	-	-	-	CAN=1 & USA=4	01
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 2 Jericho	A-Small-Boat Distance	49	49 / 49	-	-	-	CAN=11 & USA=0	02
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 3 Mountain Home	A-Small-Boat Distance	44	44 / 46	-	-	-	CAN=0 & USA=3	03
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 4 BBOP	A-Small-Boat Distance	0	CANC / 59	-	-	-	-	04
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 5 FCRCC	A-Small-Boat Distance	34	34 / 57	-	-	-	CAN=5 & USA=2	05
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 6 Kai Ikaika	A-Small-Boat Distance	40	40 / 56	-	-	-	CAN=1 & USA=2	06
2025 PNWORCA Winter Series 7 SPOCC	A-Small-Boat Distance	85	85 / 75	-	-	-	CAN=7 & USA=5	07
2025 Lotus Icebreaker	C-OC12 Mid-Distance	39	39 / 36	0 / 0	-	-	-	08
2025 FGPC V12-to-V21	C-OC12 Mid-Distance	15	15 / 16	0 / 0	-	-	-	09
2025 FGPC Kan U Hak It OC6 Sprints	D-OC6 Sprints	30	30 / 27	0 / 0	-	-	-	10
2025 VCKC WUTG OC6 Sprints	D-OC6 Sprints	22	22 / 22	0 / 0	-	-	-	11
2025 VCKC WUTG Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	18	18 / 14	-	-	-	CAN=4	12
2025 NOPC Crazy 8s OC6	E-OC6 Mid-Distance	37	8 / 12	29 / 26	-	-	-	13
2025 NOPC Shark Attack Small Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	27	27 / 23	-	-	-	CAN=0	14
2025 FCRCC March Madness OC6	E-OC6 Mid-Distance	69	69 / 82	0 / 0	-	-	-	15
2025 Penticton Duel In The Desert Iron OC6	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	48	3 / 4	34 / 28	2 / 1	9 / 5	-	16
2025 Penticton Duel In The Desert Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	89	89 / 49	-	-	-	CAN=13	17
2025 FCRCC Round Bowen OC6	F-OC6 Long-Distance	7	0 / CANC	7 / CANC	-	-	-	18
2025 FCRCC Round Bowen Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	19	19 / CANC	-	-	-	CAN=0	19
2025 FLCC Spring River Run OC6	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	40	4 / 11	24 / 16	7 / 10	5 / 0	-	20
2025 FLCC Spring River Run Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	51	51 / 35	-	-	-	CAN=12	21
2025 Jericho Classic Iron OC6	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	46	3 / 11	34 / 23	3 / 2	6 / 6	-	22
2025 Comox Island Iron OC6	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	50	4 / 4	42 / 31	0 / 0	4 / 9	-	23
2025 Comox Island Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	58	58 / 35	-	-	-	CAN=11	24
2025 Kelowna Waterman Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	36	36 / CANC	-	-	-	CAN=2	25
2025 Vernon Freshwater Challenge OC6 Changes	F-OC6 Long-Distance	10	2 / 5	8 / 0	-	-	-	26

2025 Haunani Defi Challenge OC6	G-OC6 East CORA Cup	14	4 / NOPE	14 / NOPE	-	-	-	27
2025 Haunani Defi Challenge Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	13	13 / NOPE	-	-	-	CAN=0	28
2025 Lotus Iron OC6	F-OC6 Long-Distance	55	1 / 12	43 / 29	2 / 6	9 / 5	-	29
2025 Eastern Canada OC6 Sprints	D-OC6 Sprints	20	17 / 15	3 / 6	-	-	-	30
2025 Eastern Canada Sprints Small-Boats	B-Small-Boat Sprints	13	13 / 14	-	-	-	CAN=6	31
2025 VYPC Sproat Lake Changes	F-OC6 Long-Distance	2	2 / NOPE	0 / NOPE	-	-	-	32
2025 TIOC OC6	G-OC6 East CORA Cup	35	12 / 9	23 / 12	-	-	-	33
2025 TIOC Small Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	68	68 / 45	-	-	-	CAN=0	34
2025 Lotus Poker Paddle OC6	E-OC6 Mid-Distance	28	28 / 28	0 / 0	-	-	-	35
2025 Comox Lake Iron OC6 Nationals	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	56	2 / NOPE	47 / NOPE	0 / NOPE	7 / NOPE	-	36
2024 Penticton OK Lake	G-OC6 West CORA Cup	69	NOPE / 3	NOPE / 55	NOPE / 3	NOPE / 8	-	36
2025 Comox Lake Small-Boats Nationals	A-Small-Boat Distance	88	88 / NOPE	-	-	-	CAN=18	37
2024 Penticton OK Lake	A-Small-Boat Distance	96	None / 96	-	-	-	CAN=12	37
2025 Latitude 48 Bridges OC6	E-OC6 Mid-Distance	59	59 / 62	0 / 0	-	-	-	38
2025 Latitude 48 Bridges Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	60	60 / 60	-	-	-	CAN=10	39
2025 Rideau Fall Classic	A-Small-Boat Distance	37	37 / NOPE	-	-	-	CAN=0	40
2025 FLCC Fall River Run Small-Boats	A-Small-Boat Distance	41	41 / CANC	-	-	-	CAN=8	41
2025 FGPC Wet-Dashe	E-OC6 Mid-Distance	26	22 / 30	4 / 2	-	-	-	42

Table Of 2025 Participation At All PNWORCA/CORA Events

Notes:

- CANC = Cancelled in 2025 or 2024
- NOPE = Not scheduled in 2025 or 2024
- CAN = Canadian V1 paddlers
- USA = USA V1 paddlers

Proposed 2026 CORA Race Calendar

(As of November 22, 2025 – to be confirmed)

Name of Race	Host Club	City	Proposed Date	Event Type
PNWORCA WS #2	Jericho	Vancouver, BC	Jan 24, 2026	Small Boats
Lotus Ice Breaker	Lotus	Burnaby, BC	Jan 31, 2026	V-12
FGPC V12 Valentine's Race	FGPC	Victoria, BC	Feb 7, 2026	V-12
PNWORCA WS #5 ¹	FCRCC	Vancouver, BC	Mar 7, 2026	Small Boats
FGPC Kan-U-Hakit OC Sprints	FGPC	Victoria, BC	Mar 14-15, 2026	OC6 / Small Boats
March Madness	FCRCC	Vancouver, BC	Mar 28-29, 2026	OC6
WUTG	VCKC	Victoria, BC	Apr 11, 2026	OC6 Sprints
Stormin' Norman Canoe Race ¹	VCKC	Victoria, BC	Apr 12, 2026	Multi-craft
Nanaimo Crazy 8 and NPI Attack	NOPC	Nanaimo, BC	[Apr 18-19, 2026] ²	OC6 / Small Boats
CORA Sprint Nationals	CORA	Burnaby, BC	May 9-10, 2026	OC6 / Small Boats
Duel in the Desert / Choose Your Weapon	PPSA	Penticton, BC	May 16-17, 2026	OC6 CORA Cup / Small Boats
Jericho Iron Classic 2026	Jericho	Vancouver, BC	May 23, 2026	OC6 CORA Cup
Island Iron - Cadboro Bay	L48	Victoria, BC	Jun 6-7, 2026	OC6 CORA Cup / Small Boats
SaskaJack – East bound and down	EDBC	Devon, AB	Jun 6, 2026	Multi-craft
SaskaJack – Rip up the River	EDBC	Edmonton, AB	Jun 6, 2026	Multi-craft
Open Water Challenge ¹	Mississauga	Mississauga, ON	Jun 13, 2026	OC6
River Run	FLCC	Fort Langley, BC	Jun 20-21, 2026	OC6 / Small Boats
Waterman Paddle Fest	KPC	Kelowna, BC	Jun 27, 2026	Small Boats
Freshwater Challenge	VPC	Vernon, BC	Jun 28, 2026	OC6 Change / Relay
Haunani Challenge ¹	Haunani	Montreal, QC	Jul 4, 2026	Multi-craft
4 Arm Fiasco		Alberni-Clayoquat, BC	July 19, 2026	Multi-craft
Lotus Iron	Lotus	Burnaby, BC	Jul 25, 2026	OC6 CORA Cup
Durham Outrigger Challenge ¹	Westshore	Whitby, ON	Jul 25, 2026	OC6
Bowen 360	FCRCC	Bowen Island, BC	Aug 1, 2026	Multi-craft Relay / Iron
Island Changes – Junior/Novice	VYPC	Kleecoot, BC	August 9, 2026	OC6 Change
Eastern Canadian Sprint Championships	Sunnyside	Toronto, ON	[July/August – TBD]	OC6 / Small Boats Sprints
Lotus Poker Paddle	Lotus	Burnaby, BC	Sep 12, 2026	OC6

CORA National Outrigger Championships	FLCC	Fort Langley, BC	Sep 19-20, 2026	OC6 CORA Cup /Small Boats
Bridges	L48	Victoria, BC	Oct 3-4, 2026	OC6 / Small Boats
Fall Classic	Rideau	Ottawa, ON	Oct 11, 2026	Small Boats
FLCC Fall Small	FLCC	Langley, BC	Oct 24, 2026	Small Boats
FGPC Wetdashe	FGPC	Victoria, BC	Nov 14-15, 2026	OC6 Dry Change

1. Race Application to come.
2. To be confirmed.



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