

The Jericho Story (1993-2020)

Much of this history was collected in a series of virtual interviews with Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) Executive and CORA Executive member Jan Chavarie. Additional details were provided by various Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) alumni and many other individuals with familiarity of the events of the early years of outrigger canoeing in Canada. The most definitive story on the formation of the Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) has been provided by JOCC alumni and VPD Officer Dan O'Donovan, with additional details courtesy of Matt Kelly. Official records on race results for Canada / California / Hawaii / IPCF / IVF events prior to 2000 are becoming increasingly difficult to locate in order to confirm historical events / results.

Major Revision

The original "*Jericho Legacy*" was published in early-2021, but many events / trends have transpired between early-2021 and late-2025, such that a Major Revision was in order before the CORA Historical Committee concluded their mandate as of early-2026. Some of the key points that are documented in various sections through-out this document are as follows:

- Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Inductions: Jan Chavarie was a recipient of the Hugh Town Builder Award in 2022. Bob Stewart was inducted into the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame in late-2024. Jan Chavarie was inducted into the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame in late-2025. Their Hugh Town Builder Award and Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Bios have been included in the **Luminaries** section.
- Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) co-founder Alana Taylor provided a wealth of photos from the early days of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC), and these photos have been incorporated into this document in various sections.
- CORA adopted a standard template for Club Legacy documents several years after the original "*Jericho Legacy*" was published, and this standard template with a table of References (with updated links) instead on inline links has been applied to this Club Legacy document.

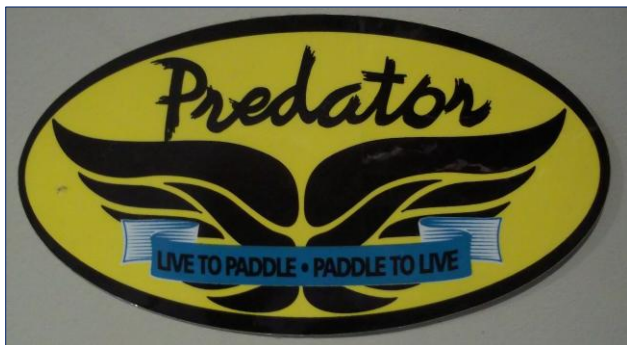
Roots / Threads / Chapters

This chronicle is intended to capture unwritten history of outrigger canoeing at Jericho from 1993-2020, as records from prior to 2000 are becoming more and more scarce. There were only two outrigger canoeing clubs in the BC Lower Mainland prior to 1993. False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC) and Lotus Sports Club were paddling clubs with whatever boats were available (flatwater; dragon boat; outrigger) until 1988 when the first



Canadian Malias were produced from the California Malia mould. Kirk and Alana Taylor were with False Creek until 1993 when they founded the Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) at the Jericho Sailing Centre with a small group of fellow paddlers with a single Canadian Malia OC6. Jericho would host the first Jericho Classic Iron OC6 race in the summer of 1993. Jericho would continue to grow steadily in membership until 1998 / 1999 when Jericho would find itself with far more paddlers than there were canoes. At the 2014 Jericho AGM, the club chose to rename Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) to the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) to reflect the growing diversity of paddling.

The far more extensive story on the formation of the Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) in 1993 has origins going back to a core group of members of the Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) in the late 1980s including Kamini Jain, Paul Dever, Jackie Webber, and team captain Dan O'Donovan. Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) had the top "War Canoe" or C-15 or WC crew in Western Canada during the late 1980s. Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) would take second place in "War Canoe" at the Canadian Canoe Championships in 1986 (Toronto), 1987 (Calgary), 1989 (Montreal). Kamini Jain and Jackie Webber would medal in K1 / K2 / K4 year-after-year with Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) between 1984-1989.



This core group of Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) flat-water sprint paddlers who would make contributions to both *The Jericho Story* and *The False Creek Story* began their move to Vancouver in 1987. Paul Dever was the first to arrive in 1987. Paul found himself paddling flat-water with False Creek Racing Canoe Club by virtue of working at that time with Don Irvine of False Creek, as Don was doing custom wood-working / finishing on the Red Robin chain of restaurants in Western Canada. Paul Dever was also very close friends with Matt Kelly, owner / operator of Granville Island based Predator Performance Designs. Matt Kelly had started a business

of initially distributing dragon boat and eventually outrigger canoe paddles to the paddling community that was growing rapidly by virtue of the ongoing success of the Canadian International Dragonboat Festival.

Kamini Jain was the next to arrive in 1990 and became part of a very large shared household along with Paul Dever. Kamini was in the early stages of her training in K1 / K2 / K4 with False Creek Racing Canoe Club for the PanAm Games, World Championships, and eventually the Olympics.

Dan O'Donovan was the next to arrive in 1991, after successfully landing a job with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). The VPD and Vancouver Firefighters had been fielding crews for the Canadian International Dragonboat Festival since the inaugural event in 1986. Dan found himself joining the VPD dragon boat team and becoming friends with fellow VPD members Paul McNamara and Peter Alfred.

Jackie (Jacqueline) Webber was the next to arrive in 1992, and joined the growing ranks of flat-water sprint paddlers at False Creek Racing Canoe Club. Two years after she arrived in Vancouver, Jacqueline Webber would win gold in the Master Womens V1 category at the 1994 Western Samoa IPCF World Sprints – the first Canadian woman to achieve this accomplishment.

When Dan O'Donovan arrived in Vancouver in 1991, the only clubs in BC that had outrigger canoes were Lotus Sports Club with two *Malias* and False Creek with two *Malias*. False Creek was many years away from having an outrigger canoe facility at Burrard Marina. The False Creek OC6s were stored at the canoe compound behind the False Creek Community Centre. Launching the OC6s before practices involved carrying the unrigged OC6s underneath the wooden bridge at the east end of Sutcliffe Park to the mudflats adjacent to the Alder Bay dock and there rigging the ama / iakos to the hull with inner tubes – and reversing that process after practices. Dan O'Donovan and Paul Dever and Matt Kelly participated in this OC6 practice tradition with False Creek for several years.

The Jericho Leadership / Volunteer Legacy

It can be easy to take for granted the ability to search online resources for historical events. Much of the Canadian Outrigger online history that is currently available and much of the details that went into the series of CORA Club "Legacy" articles compiled in 2020 has been sourced from websites originated by Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) members.



Jan was with the now defunct Dragon Canoe Club (DCC) Board until 1999 when she moved to Jericho Paddling Club (JPC). Nether Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) nor the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) had websites at that time back in 1999. When Jan joined Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) in 1999, one of her first accomplishments with Jericho was to collaborate with fellow

Jericho member and web designer / developer Colleen McCarthy to build the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website. The Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website has had several makeovers since the first release, but this website continues to be one of the best sources for reference material on events and photos and race results in Canada and around the world, going back as far as 2000. [101] [102]



CORA was founded in 1992, but did not have an online presence for many years. When Jan joined the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) Board in 1999 as Membership Director, one of her first accomplishments with CORA was to collaborate with fellow Jericho member and web designer / developer Colleen McCarthy to build the CORA first generation website using the commercial rapid web-application development computing platform ColdFusion, with a very basic Membership database. The CORA second generation website based on simple WordPress would be deployed in 2002. Colleen McCarthy would stay on as web designer / developer for the CORA website through many upgrades until the migration of the legacy CORA website to a sophisticated WordPress platform in 2019.



Jan has been on the Jericho Executive and the CORA Executive simultaneously in several roles since 1999. Jan assumed the role of CORA Chairman in 2005 and served for two years when Alan Carlsson stepped down after 2004. It is worth noting that through the efforts of Jan, the CORA AGM was held at the Jericho Sailing Centre for the first time in 2005 and has continued to be held at the Jericho Sailing Centre every year through 2019. The pandemic of 2020 resulted in a virtual CORA AGM, but it is possible that a number of CORA members maybe at the Jericho Sailing Centre on that date observing physical distancing guidelines. Jan has continued onto assist with CORA website maintenance and memberships and as Signing Officer on Financials as of 2020. Note that there are many other Jericho members that have served on the CORA Executive since 1999 including Sabrina Schwanebeck, Shauna Halferty, Peter Forand, Paul McNamara, Geoff Lucas, Colleen McCarthy, and Robin Roots.



Although Jericho has not hosted CORA Sprints Regattas, Jericho paddlers have participated in some of the IVF World Sprints, and one Jericho member in particular has made a significant contribution to the 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints. Jan has a long history of volunteer effort as race director and registrar and timer for Jericho events as well as events hosted by other clubs. Jan was one of several timers for the CORA Burnaby Lake Time Trials for 2012 Calgary IVF Sprints, as well as a timer at the 2012 Calgary IVF Sprints themselves.

Jericho Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Kirk / Alana Taylor are credited with being co-founders of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC). Predator Performance Designs had just relocated to Granville Island in 1991 / 1992, and was always busy with paddlers shopping for the latest in high-performance outrigger canoe and dragon boat paddles as well as designer sportswear. As the tale goes, Paul Dever was coaching dragon boat teams at that time and was doing custom woodwork for Matt Kelly at the Predator Performance Designs store one day when Kirk / Alana Taylor came in to do some shopping. Matt and Kirk / Alana Taylor got to talking and realized they had a shared vision that involved an outrigger canoe club operating like a Hawaiian club with the OC6s rigged ready to go and launched from the beach. Matt Kelly had intended to purchase a shop OC6 for Predator Performance Designs, but offered to buy the first OC6 for what would become Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) with an understanding that the club would repay Matt as the club generated revenue. Kitsilano Beach was the preferred venue, but Jericho Sailing Centre, twenty years into its restoration, with a spacious fenced compound and ease of beach access became home to Vancouver's third outrigger canoe club.

Apparently, Jericho had two OC6s at some point in the early 1990s. Dan O'Donovan recalls Jericho having one black and one yellow OC6 when he joined Jericho in early 1993, shortly before the inaugural Jericho Iron Classic that year. There is an OC6 named "Burrard" that many BC clubs have mentioned as their "starter" OC6. The "Burrard" weighed 600-pounds and is believed to be the plug of the California *Malia* mould that was delivered to Ron Kaschula of Calmar Fiberglass to make the Canadian *Malias*. Matt distinctly remembers paddling the black "Burrard" in the late 1980s with Don Irvine, Tony Van Buren, Mike Parks, and Gary Parsons. The Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club (VCKC) "50 Years Of Paddling" specifically notes that the "Burrard" was on loan in April 1993 to the Whistler (Pemberton) Canoe Club. VCKC took possession of their first OC6 in May 1995 and it is believed that the "Burrard" remained at Whistler for several years. The CORA loaner OC6 "Burrard" was certainly no longer with Jericho by the May 1993 Jericho Iron Classic. It is most likely that the official first Jericho OC6 was a yellow Canadian *Malia* manufactured by Ron Kaschula of Calmar Fiberglass, as Jan Chavarie has noted that Jericho owned a Canadian *Malia* but this first Jericho OC6 was subsequently irreparably damaged and then demolished several years later.



Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) Canadian Malia stored at Jericho Sailing Centre north perimeter fence

Alana Taylor, Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) co-founder, shortly after the 2025 CORA Distance Championships event, provided a set of photos from photo albums from the early days of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC). Although most of these photos were provided with minimal narrative, each of these 6 photos provides some interesting background. The

first photo shows the Jericho black-deck / yellow-hull Malia being "truck-topped" in the laneway behind the Calmar Paints & Fiberglass Ltd shop at 175 Pemberton Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, in early 1993. The North Vancouver location had been one of three venues where Calmar Paints & Fiberglass Ltd had done business over the years. It is unclear if the Jericho Malia was "truck-topped" from North Vancouver to Jericho Sailing Centre. The second photo shows the Jericho Malia rigged on the shores adjacent to the Port of Vancouver and the Seaspan Head Office. What is notable is that this photo shows the Big Yellow Sulphur Piles that have long been a distinguishing characteristic of the North Shore waterfront. The third photo shows the Jericho Malia going for a test run after being rigged in the slough adjacent to the Seaspan Head Office. What is unknown is whether the Jericho Malia made a maiden voyage from North Vancouver under the First Narrows Bridge all the way to Jericho Sailing Centre, or whether the Jericho Malia was "truck-topped" from North Vancouver to Jericho Sailing Centre. The fourth photo shows the Jericho Malia fully-rigged outside the Jericho Sailing Centre patio. The fifth photo shows the start of the Womens Race at the Jericho Iron Classic Inaugural Race 1993-July, where all canoes are Malias (Jericho with black / yellow; False Creek with red / white; Lotus with teal / white). The sixth photo shows the early stages of construction of the Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) boat house with the black-deck / yellow-hull Malia and the black-deck / yellow-hull Calmar Kaniela (C04).



Jericho Malia Truck-Topped Calmar Fibreglass North Van



Jericho Malia Rigged In Slough Adjacent To North Van Seaspan



Jericho Malia In Slough Adjacent To North Van Seaspan



Jericho Malia Outside Jericho Sailing Centre Patio



Jericho Iron Classic Inaugural Race 1993-July All Malias

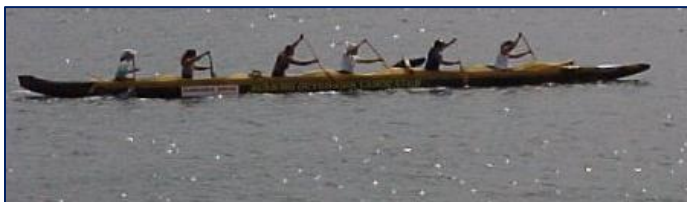


Jericho Sailing Centre OCC Boat Rack With 1 Malia & 1 Calmar

In the early 1990s, CORA and PNWORCA clubs struggled to acquire OC6s to support the growing number of outrigger canoe clubs. Ron Kaschula of Calmar Fiberglass had shops in North Vancouver, East Vancouver, and New Westminister and was manufacturing / repairing just about anything fiberglass since before 1990. Sometime around 1992, a Canadian Class Racer (CCR) OC6 started appearing at BC clubs – referred to as a "Calmar". It was discovered that when the Canadian Malias overturned, they rode low in the water. David Boulding, Hugh Fisher, Don Irvine, and several others had input into designing a canoe that would increase paddlers' safety in colder BC water. The Canadian Class Racer (CCR) was designed with more flotation, a bumpy front nose to hold the covers, and more strength in the seats which resulted in a stiffer boat with more flotation in the rear.

In the 1990s, there were many Lower Mainland outrigger clubs with Canadian Class Racer (CCR) OC6s: Lotus Sports Club acquired two in 1992; FCRCC acquired four by 1994; Dragon Canoe Club (DCC) at Burrard Marina acquired two by 1995; Jericho acquired four by 1997.

Jericho has a tradition of naming and blessing each of their canoes. The four Calmars were christened Kaniela (C04), Makana – aka "Mango" (C07), No Ka Oi (C06), and Sally Brown (C05) (in honour of a former member). All of the Jericho Calmars were sold by 2004. Three of the Calmars were acquired by Dragon Zone Paddling Zone. Sally Brown remained a yellow deck / hull and was later renamed "Calypso". No Ka Oi was repainted a white deck / hull and was later renamed "Ulysses". Makana was repainted a white deck / hull and was later renamed "Penelope". What became of the black deck / hull Kaniela is a mystery.



Kaniela (C04)



Sally Brown (C05)



No Ka Oi (C06)



Makana (C07)

Karel Tresnak started distributing the Outrigger Connection Mirage through Current Designs in Victoria in 2002 (hence the misnomer of the Mirage as a "Current Designs" outrigger). [121]

The FCRC website notes that their first Mirage acquired in 2003 was the first in Canada. However, Jericho acquired a Mirage in 2002 (Nalu Hahai) from the Karel Tresnak distributor Current Designs in Victoria and this Mirage carries the legacy CORA canoe designation G01, indicating that this was the first ("01") Mirage ("G") in CORA. It maybe that FCRC acquired their Mirage from a US distributor, but the FCRC Mirage does not carry a CORA canoe designation. Jericho acquired another Mirage in 2005 (Imua Makai) and this Mirage carries the CORA canoe designation G08. Jericho still had these two Mirages as of 2020.

Prior to 2002, Jericho had a variety of Surfripper and Kaiwi Challenger OC1s for small-boat training. Open Ocean Outrigger (Ross Creasy and Melanie Whittall) had contracted Western Canoe and Kayaking to manufacture a line of single person outrigger canoes. Jericho acquired three of the first generation sit-on-top C-Lion OC1s from Open Ocean Outrigger in 2002. Jericho would sell all three of these first-generation C-Lion OC1s to Penticton Racing Canoe Club (PRCC) in 2006. Jericho then acquired three of the second-generation open cockpit sit-inside C-Lion ST OC1s from Open Ocean Outrigger in 2006. As of 2019, Jericho still had two of the C-Lion ST OC1s. The C-Lion was the OC1 chosen by CORA for the 2009 National Sprints Championships, the 2014 Rio IVF World Sprints Time Trials, and the 2016 Australia IVF World Sprints Time Trials. Western Canoe and Kayaking was the only manufacturing source during the entire 120+ canoe run.



Jericho C-Lion



False Creek C-Lion ST and C-Lion



Jericho acquired a white deck / hull Bradley Lighting from Pogue Sports circa 2011 (Kaula Uila) that carries the legacy CORA canoe designation L01. Jericho found that their Mirages performed better in the waters on English Bay and the surf along Spanish Banks than the Bradley Lightning, and would eventually sell this canoe to Fort Langley Canoe Club by 2017.



Jericho acquired a yellow / white Puakea Malolo Unlimited OC6 in the winter of 2017/2018. A "pineapple express" brought a tropical moist air front to meet an Arctic cold air front Saturday night after the Jericho PNWORCA Winter Series race. The canoe (007) was christened Makani (aka "The Wind") in a ceremony on a snow-covered beach that Sunday morning in February 2018 attended by several Hawaiian paddlers including Paul Aio and Bo Chun Fook. [122]

Jericho Events

Jericho Iron Classic



The Jericho Iron Classic inaugural event took place in 1993. The Lotus Iron would have their 5th Annual event in 1993. Both Lotus and Jericho had an uninterrupted series of outrigger canoe Iron races until the pandemic of 2020. The Jericho Iron Classic celebrated its 20th Annual event in May 2012. The 27th Annual event in 2019 would make the Jericho Classic Iron the second longest continuously running outrigger canoe Iron event in Canada.

Jericho PNWORCA / CORA Winter Series



The PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series has been running since at least 2004. Jericho had the honour of being the first Canadian club to host a PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Event and in that year of 2004, Jericho hosted Event #2 and Event #5 of the seven event Winter Series. It is worth noting that the fastest time of the day at the first ever Jericho Winter Series Event

in 2004 would be none other than the OC2 team of **Bob Stewart and Peter Forand**. Jericho has been sanctioned to host a PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Event every year from 2004-2019 (16 consecutive years). Jericho had been sanctioned to host Event #2 every year from 2004-2017. When long-time Winter Series host Hui Hei Hei of Silverdale WA opted out of Event #4 in 2018, Jericho requested the later date and has since been sanctioned to host Event #4 of the Winter Series. It has not mattered whether Jericho hosted Winter Series Event #2 (late January / early February) or Event #4 (late February / early March), winter conditions have sometimes prevailed and caused cancellation of Event #2 or Event #4 over the years.



PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series 2004 – Bob Stewart and Peter Forand 1st Place

Peter Forand left a lasting impression on everybody that he met during his time with Lotus Sports Club and Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) and Comox Valley Canoe Racing Club (CVCRC). The PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series Event #2 in January 2015 at Jericho would be Peter Forand's final race. Anyone who was at the venue that day knows all too well the loss felt by the paddling community. The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website has a perpetual page dedicated to the memory of Peter Forand. [131]



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 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 first year (2017) to Peter Marcus (Kai Pana Outrigger Canoe Club) and in the next three years (2018-2020) to Minnie Fontenelle (Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club). 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.

Jericho Oceanman



The fun and uniquely Vancouver annual Jericho Oceanman event is the creation of long-time Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) member and Jericho Beach Lifeguard, Gary Parsons. Legend has it that Gary fell asleep in the hot sun without his lifeguard hat one day back in 1999 and had a sunburned vision of a unique Vancouver beach adventure race which includes a 1Km ocean swim, 6Km paddle, 8Km run with the ever popular "Mystery Event". Given how much Gary likes to have fun, his vision had to include an awesome Salmon Barbeque with Bakehouse Pies, live music, awards and cool T-shirts. This is a fun, spectator friendly event as the swimming and on-water sections can be easily viewed from the Jericho

Sailing Centre's decks or the Jericho Pier. 2000 was the year of the first Annual event and 2015 was the 16th Annual event. This original event by another Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) member has caught the attention of paddlers and the media based on the number of online references. [141] [142] [143] [144] [145] [146] [147] [148]

Jericho WaveChaser Series

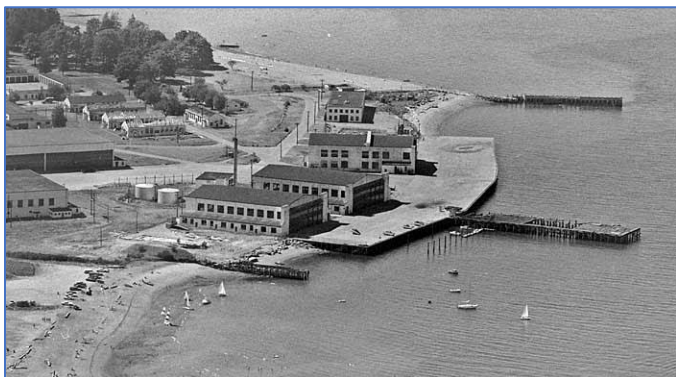


There had been a dearth of summer small-boat races in the BC Lower Mainland for many years as of 2006. Mind Over Mountain Adventure Race (MOMAR) organizers held the ten race Big Chop Summer Paddle Series that ran every second Thursday evening for thirteen years from 2006-2018. Jericho Sailing Centre introduced the ten race Jericho WaveChaser Summer Paddle Series in 2014. Long-time Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) members Laci Bujdos and Tim

Gale (Kauai Outrigger) stepped in as volunteers in 2015 to promote the series and bring sponsors onboard, with support on the BBQ by Marlene Bujdos and Margarite Bujdos. Estelle Matheson would take the lead organizing in 2018 to build on the continued success. The Series ran every second Thursday evening alternating with the Big Chop Summer Paddle Series such that every Thursday night for 22 consecutive weeks (weather permitting) there was a small-boat race open to all paddle craft. The Big Chop Summer Paddle Series came to an end in 2018 leaving the Jericho WaveChaser Summer Paddle Series as one of the few small-boat racing opportunities in the BC Lower Mainland. When the pandemic of 2020 forced the cancellation of the vast majority of paddle sport races from March 2020, the Jericho WaveChaser Summer Paddle Series filled the void and successfully navigated the BC Health Ministry guidelines to offer thirteen Thursday evening small-boat races. [151] [152] [153] [154] [155] [156]

Jericho Sailing Centre Venue Historical Significance

The facility and surroundings at Jericho Sailing Centre that would eventually comprise the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) outrigger canoeing venue has an extensive history going back to the 1920s.



The Jericho Beach Air Station first occupied the area now known as Jericho Beach Park in 1920, nine years before the city bought land at Sea Island to build Vancouver International. Before that, it was home to the Jericho Beach Golf and Country Club which, built in 1892, was the province's first golf course. Prior to that, it was an old-growth forest that was cleared by businessman Jeremiah Rogers. The cove was known as Jerry's Cove and, over time, shortened to its current name of "Jericho." [161] [162]



Jericho Beach Air Station, began operation in 1920 as a flying boat station, one of several that would open along the British Columbia coast. Federal and provincial government departments used the aircraft based here for civil roles such as anti-smuggling, fishery, and forestry patrols, and transportation to remote communities. The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) took over Jericho Beach in 1924, and the station was renamed "RCAF Station Jericho Beach." Jericho Beach Park and the adjacent lands south of 4th Avenue would become part of the largest military training base in western Canada, Canadian Forces Base Jericho Beach. The foreshore, which was hemmed with an apron of concrete wharves including four large airplane hangers and an Air Station Marine and Stores Building (now the Jericho Sailing Centre), was RCAF Station Jericho Beach, a flying boat and seaplane base. Department of

National Defence Building 13, now known as the Jericho Sailing Centre, was a hustling, bustling place during the Second World War. The Jericho Beach Air Station's focus was civil defence; launching reconnaissance missions from this shore to patrol the BC coast, looking for signs of enemy vessels and/or aircraft. This original Jericho "ocean access facility" featured floating wooden launch ramps, steel wheeled launch dollies, winches, winch ropes, indoor flying boat storage, armed guards and lots of barbed wire. [163]

In 1974 the former Jericho Beach Air Station Marine and Stores Building had long been abandoned and had an impending appointment with a wrecking ball. Although the building was hard to get to from the land side; through an armed guard station and other barb wire remnants of the closing military base; it was unofficially adopted by a passionate crew of dinghy sailors, including members of the UBC and Viking Sailing Clubs, who had a dream for a low cost, highly accessible, non-taxpayer funded community centre dedicated to ocean recreation for small, naturally powered craft. When the ominous wrecking ball confronted unrealized dreams, the sailors took their idea to the City of Vancouver who agreed to a tentative one-year agreement to see how such an entity might serve the needs of citizens in the newly created Jericho Beach Park. The Jericho Sailing Centre has been the park's "anchor tenant" ever since.



At that time, every window of the former Jericho Beach Air Station Marine and Stores Building was broken, the roof leaked, there were no washrooms, showers, running water or electricity; the only power came from people with passion who had a shared vision. Volunteers dug trenches for waterlines, fixed windows, built ramps, storage racks, washrooms, clubrooms, and removed metal and piling remnants from the beach. Over four decades of consistently passionate evolution have created the world class ocean recreation facility enjoyed today by many in this city named after a prominent seafarer. [164]

An online search for "Jericho Sailing Centre" will return hundreds of results. One article that epitomizes the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie of fellow boaters that is greatly appreciated in rough waters such as can be encountered on English Bay in adverse conditions, recounts the exploits of Jericho Sailing Centre Association member Lawrence Lemieux at the 2008 South Korea Olympic sailing venue. Lawrence Lemieux was in a position to take Gold, Silver or Bronze in windsurfing when he abandoned his Olympic dream to perform an amazing rescue of a Singapore team that was severely overcome by the conditions. Lawrence Lemieux was awarded the very rare "**Pierre de Coubertin Medal**" for Sportsmanship - while thousands of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals have been awarded in Olympic history only nine such medals have been awarded. With these words the President of the International Olympic Committee bestowed this medal upon the then member of the JSCA: "*By your sportsmanship, self-sacrifice and courage you embody all that is right with the Olympic ideal.*" [165]



Several crews from Jericho found themselves in a similar predicament in April 2002 when an evening paddle turned into a battle with 30+ knot winds and 6-foot waves. Members of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club recognized the situation the Jericho crews were in and launched a rescue boat to bring in one of the crews. Another rescue boat from the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station at Burrard Marina arrived shortly to bring the other crew into Royal Vancouver Yacht Club Marina. We should always appreciate that every year the Jericho Rescue Team, the Coast

Guard, pleasure craft operators, and fellow boaters come to the aid of countless mariners in peril. [166]

Jericho Achievements / Milestones

Outrigger Canoe Program Growth

The Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) membership increased steadily between 1993-1996. Jericho did not have a formal coaching program, but Dan'O, by virtue of his coaching experience with Calgary Canoe Club (CCC), was able to provide a coaching program for the womens crews and the mens crews that usually involved a workout on a sheet of paper posted at the boathouse.

Sometime around 1998 / 1999 Jericho emerged as a dominant force in BC outrigger canoe racing. Jericho was the beneficiary of a large influx of new members between 1998-2000. There are no doubt a variety of factors that led to a rapid growth in the number of crews and the performance of those crews at local and international races. One distinguishing feature of Jericho from other paddling clubs in BC has been the absence of Mixed crews as there has always been a clear separation between Mens and Womens programs. One of the key factors in the continual success of Jericho in the 1998-2005 era was the leadership of Paul McNamara as head coach, steersman, and driving force behind leveraging the Canadian outrigger canoe racing season as a foundation for building crews more than capable of competing at the international level in the Catalina Channel Crossing, Molokai Na Wahine, and Molokai Hoe races.

Race results from before 2000 have become increasingly difficult to locate. This makes it challenging to have a historical reference as to the evolution of Jericho establishing themselves as a club winning OC6 distance races on a regular basis. Fortunately, the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website continues to be one of the most reliable and robust sources of race results as far back as 2000. What the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website race results does show is a consistency in participation and performance between 2000-2005. During that six-year span and likely for 1998-1999 as well, Jericho was consistently fielding 3-4 Womens crews and 3-4 Mens crews for OC6 Iron (Jericho; Island; Lotus; Howe Sound) races, as well 1-2 Womens crews 1-2 Mens crews for Change-Out (Vernon; Jericho) races. Only False Creek was fielding as many Womens and Mens crews per race at this time.

The other notable point is that the Jericho Women and/or Men were consistently winning Iron and Change-Out races and placing second and third crews in the Top 5 during these years. When the Jericho Women or Men did not win a race, the winner was most likely False Creek Womens or Mens crews, with the occasional all-star team or out-of-town winner.

Year 2000 BC Iron and Change Race Results: [171] [172] [173]

Year 2001 BC Iron and Change Race Results: [181] [182]

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The Jericho Womens program had demonstrated their ability to compete at the international level by crossing the Kaiwi Channel with a 17th Place finish overall in the 1998 Molokai Na Wahine race. There is a Vancouver Courier article from July 2000 where Jericho co-founder Kirk Taylor discusses the Jericho Womens program training for the 2000 Molokai Na Wahine race. [231]

The Jericho Women would participate four times in the Molokai Na Wahine race from 1998-2003. Their 17th Place finish overall in the 1998 Molokai Na Wahine would be followed by a 15th Place finish overall in 2000, a 15th Place finish overall in 2001, and their best ever showing a 6th Place finish overall (4th Place Open - best ever for a Canadian team in either the Womens or Mens race) in 2003. Results for those Molokai Na Wahine races and photos of the crews can be found on the Jericho Paddling Centre website and the Molokai Na Wahine website. [232] [233] [234] [235] [236] [237]



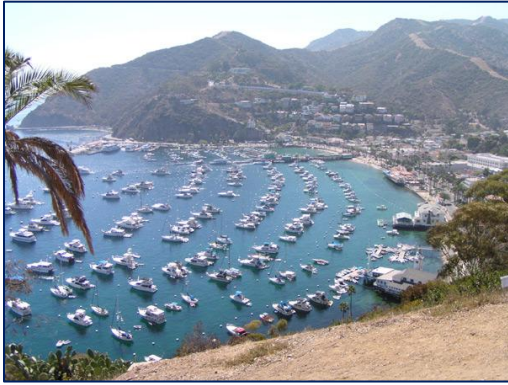
Race results show 2003 being the most recent year that the Jericho Womens program participated in the Molokai Na Wahine race. The Jericho Womens program sent paddlers to the Catalina Channel Crossing race in 2004. The Jericho Womens team would have a 7th Place finish overall (5th Place Open Spec) and a combined Ka Nai'a/Jericho Mixed team would have a 12th Place finish overall. Results for that Catalina Channel Crossing race and photos of the crews can be found on the Jericho Paddling Centre website. [241] [242]

1998 was the first recorded participation by the Jericho Mens program in the Molokai Hoe race. However, Dan'O has recounted how the Jericho Mens program DNF in the 1994 or 1995 Molokai Hoe race was an educational experience. The Jericho Men had trained for their first open ocean change race all year long and had made arrangements for an OC6 and escort boat. When the OC6s were loaded onto the barge for shipping from Oahu, or onloaded from the barge at Molokai, one OC6 was badly damaged. The race officials duct-taped the cracked nose and tail on this OC6 before assigning it to the Jericho Mens crew. Seven hours into the race, the soaked duct-tape had allowed water to completely fill the front and rear bulkheads of the OC6 and the Jericho Mens crew had to abandon the race. Kirk Taylor and seven of the guys boarded a rescue boat and carried on to Waikiki. Dan'O and Alana Taylor stayed with the support boat crew and managed to tow the nearly submerged OC6 into Waikiki. From them on, the Jericho Men made sure that any OC6 they were assigned was sea-worthy.



The Jericho Mens program had demonstrated their ability to compete at the international level by crossing the Kaiwi Channel with a 30th Place finish overall in the 1998 Molokai Hoe race. The Jericho Men would send at least one team to participate eight consecutive times in the Molokai Hoe race between 1998-2005. In 1999, the Jericho Men would have a 21st Place finish overall. In 2000, the Jericho Men would improve yet again to have a 17th Place finish overall. In 2001, several Jericho paddlers would form a BC Allstar team to have a 19th

Place finish overall while an all Jericho team would have a 73rd Place finish overall. In 2002, the Jericho Men would have an 18th Place finish overall. In 2003, Jericho Men sent three crews to the Molokai Hoe race, with the crews having a 19th Place finish overall and a 61st Place finish overall and a 69th Place finish overall. In 2004, the Jericho Men would have a 27th Place finish overall. In 2005, Jericho Men sent two crews to the Molokai Hoe race, with the crews having a 22nd Place finish overall and a 51st Place finish overall. Results for those Molokai Hoe races and photos of the crews can be found on the Jericho Paddling Centre website and the Holoholo website and Georgia Straight articles and Honolulu Star Bulletin articles. [251] [252] [253] [254] [255] [256] [257] [258] [259] [260] [261]



Race results show 2005 being the most recent year that the Jericho Mens program participated in the Molokai Hoe race. The Jericho Mens program sent paddlers to the Catalina Channel Crossing race at least three times. In 2004, Jericho Men sent two crews to the Catalina Channel Crossing race, with the crews having an 8th Place finish overall and a 24th Place finish overall (1st Place finish Sr. Masters). In 2007, several Jericho paddlers would form a BC Allstar team to have a 19th Place finish overall. The BC mens provincial team delivered a first for Canada in 2000. A crew of paddlers racing as "Team BC" from Jericho, Pemberton, and False Creek including Hugh Fisher, Rick Nu'u, and Don Irvine would finish Spec 1st place Open and 1st place Overall in the Catalina Channel Crossing race – the best ever

showing for an all Canadian crew at Catalina. It was a major upset, especially as sponsorship for outrigger racing in Canada is nonexistent: unlike their well-financed foreign rivals, local crews have to raise all their own travel and expense money through fundraisers and other events. Results for those Catalina Channel Crossing races and photos of the crews can be found on the Jericho Paddling Centre website and the SCORA website. [271] [272] [273] [274] [275]

Sowing Seeds

There are several themes that are synonymous with Jericho Paddling Club (JPC). One of these themes is "sowing seeds". Jericho has a long history of the club itself and individual members contributing to the continued growth of outrigger canoeing within Canada and beyond. This chronicle has already touched on many of the ways in which Jericho has been supportive of the paddling community:

- One of the final accomplishments of Jan as a member of the Dragon Canoe Club (DCC) Executive in 1999 before joining Jericho was to arrange the sale of two DCC Calmars to Lotus Sports Club to increase their OC6 fleet to five Calmars, two Canadian Malias, and a Hawaiian Class Racer – which assisted greatly with Lotus being able to provide canoes for the Lotus Ice Breaker
- Jericho sold three Calmars to Dragon Zone Paddling Club (DZPC) in 2003 / 2004 to expand outrigger canoeing to the dragon boat paddlers at False Creek East
- Jericho members Colleen McCarthy and Jan collaborated on the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website that is likely the most definitive source for paddling history in Canada
- Jericho members Colleen McCarthy and Jan collaborated on the first and second generation CORA websites that have been the source of Canadian Outrigger reference material for CORA members
- Jericho member and Open Ocean Outrigger (OOO) founder Ross Creasy introduced the first mass-produced Canadian single-person outrigger canoe in 2002 that would result in 120+ OC1s being distributed across the Pacific Northwest
- Jericho sold three C-Lion first-generation OC1s to Penticton Racing Canoe Club (PRCC) to increase their small-boat fleet in 2006
- Jericho sold their Bradley Lightning to Fort Langley Canoe Club (FLCC) in 2017 to pair with the Bradley Lightning acquired from VOS
- Jericho member and Open Ocean Outrigger (OOO) founder Ross Creasy petitioned CORA and PNWORCA to establish the **Peter Forand Masters Challenge Trophy** to recognize the PNWORCA Winter Series top OC1 Masters paddler



There is a long-time Jericho member whose volunteer efforts were very much appreciated. Barry Kosturos was the person working the grill at summertime events hosted by Jericho. He travelled with Jericho crews to the Molokai races to be a one-man support team. Even when other clubs hosted the CORA OC6 Iron Distance Championship race, Barry would quite often be leading the team providing the meals to hungry paddlers. The OC6 trailer that Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) acquired in 2004 and eventually sold to a club in Alberta was manufactured by Barry as was the prototype for OC6 trailers made by a Langley trailer manufacturer. When Barry relocated to Powell River in 2011, he took his love of volunteering and outrigger canoeing with him. Barry had bought two Bradley

Lightning canoes from Pogue Sports with the goal of bringing outrigger canoeing to the youth community at Powell River. Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society (PROCS) had established a connection with the paddling community many years before. As a member of the Rotary Club Powell River, Barry was known to prepare and serve Christmas Dinner to the men, women and children of Powell River. [281]

The Powell River Sea Fair Parade was all that remained of a summer event that celebrated Powell River as a seafaring, coastal community for more than 50 years. What had been a three-day festival with entertainment, a fishing derby, food vendors, fireworks and a carnival midway was reduced to a single event in 2016: a Saturday morning parade. As event co-organizer in 2016 Barry Kosturos, contributed to the success of the 54th annual parade. [282]

In 2014 / 2015, after several years of attempting to build community support for an outrigger canoeing youth program, Barry sold one Bradley Lightning to Powell River Outrigger Canoe Society (PROCS) to add to their fleet of two Canadian Malias and a Clipper Advantage. The second Bradley Lightning was sold to a PNWORCA club and shipped on a barge from Powell River to Richmond and then a trucking company picked it up and moved it south to Oregon.

Innovation

Another theme that is synonymous with Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) is setting precedents. Jericho has a long history of the club itself and individual members being the first to embark on endeavours out of the ordinary for Canadian paddlers. This chronicle has already touched on many of the ways in which Jericho has been a pioneer within the paddling community:

- Jericho deployed the first Canadian website showcasing outrigger canoe events / results in Canada, the West Coast, and Hawaii in 2000
- Jericho members hosted the first Jericho Oceanman beach adventure multi-sport race event in Vancouver in 2000
- Jericho members as part of "Team BC" were the first all-Canadian Mens crew to **finish** 1st place Overall in the Catalina Channel Crossing race
- Jericho acquired the first Mirage in Canada (Nalu Hahai) from the Karel Tresnak distributor Current Designs in Victoria in 2002
- Jericho acquired the first C-Lion first-generation OC1s from Open Ocean Outrigger in 2002
- Jericho acquired the first C-Lion second-generation OC1s from Open Ocean Outrigger in 2006
- Jericho hosted the first PNWORCA / CORA Small-Boat Racing Winter Series event in Canada in 2004
- Jericho was not the first club to host a small-boat summer paddle series, but Jericho was the first to host a small-boat summer paddle series after the COVID pandemic of 2020



The annual **La Ruta Maya Belize Endurance Canoe** race is the longest race of its kind in Central America. One hundred and seventy miles of paddling on the Belize River over the course of four days. The race gets underway in San Ignacio Town Cayo District just under the Hawksworth Bridge on Day One and finishes on Day Four at the Belchina Bridge "Finish Line" in Belize City.

The race began in 1998, as a part of the "Save Our River Programme," which hosted the canoe race to raise funds to clean up the Belize River. Since its inception, the race grew

becoming one of the most popular events of the year and one of the country's biggest tourist attractions. In 2014 on the 16th anniversary of the race, it fell under the patronage of the local beer monopoly, Belikin Beer, as a part of the company's community initiatives.

The La Ruta Maya River Challenge has now become a major public and tourist attraction especially as the race takes place over the long weekend in March that celebrates Belize's Public and Bank Holiday of National Heroes and Benefactors Day. All teams consist of three members who must be aboard the canoe at the start of the race and no substitutions are allowed once the race has started. Timing for determining a winner is on an elapsed time basis. [291] [292] [293] [294] [295]



In February 2005, Jericho paddlers Colleen McCarthy and Sabrina Schwanebeck would fly to Belize to be the first Canadian gals to participate in the La Ruta Maya Belize Endurance Canoe race. Awaiting them in Belize City was their tour guide Allie Johnstone – former Lotus Sports Club and Dragon Ladies member. Allie Johnstone had been running a tour agency on Caye Caulker, as calm a place as one could hope to find to escape from the world, since at least 1999. The Jericho gals would finish 12th overall out of 27 teams – mostly men. [296]



Vaka Eiva is the biggest sporting event in the Cook Islands. The event started in 2004 and has grown every year since. Vaka Eiva is an international paddling competition held every November that sees paddlers from all around the world travel to Rarotonga to compete against the best of the best in an intense but fun filled, week-long event. Everything is supplied to visiting crews for racing, including canoe and support boat for the Round Raro Relay races. The festival is more than just competitive challenging canoe racing, with several novelty races as well as events taking place across the week celebrating the Cook Islands' culture, customs, food and entertainment.

The jam-packed program kicks off with singles (OC1 / V1) racing on Saturday. The Monday Iron races serve as a chance for the crews to get a measure of their competition and iron out any last details before the Round Rarotonga relay changes races on the Wednesday and Friday. The Muri Sprints on Tuesday offers a day of fun in the sun before the Changes races. Wednesday has the mens and womens crews lining up in the morning for the Round Rarotonga 36Km Changes race. Followed by a day of rest on Thursday, the week wraps up on Friday with the popular mixed Round Rarotonga race as crews vie for the Bob Worthington Memorial trophy. [301]



Team Jericho at Vaka Eiva this year. /08

In November 2011, Jericho would send 12 women and 3 men to the 8th edition of Vaka Eiva in the Cook Islands. The Jericho paddlers arrived a week before the canoe blessing and opening ceremonies. As the first Canadian paddlers to attend the Vaka Eiva event, the Jericho paddlers were welcomed by the locals and enjoyed wonderful food and entertainment from the boat blessing to the closing party. They were warmly welcomed, and were interviewed for both the local newspaper and TV station as the team that had travelled the greatest distance. The Jericho paddlers would team up with other paddlers from New Zealand and Samoa for the sprints, iron, and changes races. Highlights of the trip and photos of the crews can be found on the Jericho Paddling Centre website and the CORA website and Cook Island News articles. [302] [303] [304] [305]

Jericho and False Creek Connections

Dan O'Donovan had "retired" from outrigger canoeing by 2000 and was with the VPD Marine Unit between 2006-2011. This career move to patrolling Vancouver's waters and the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics provided the synchronicity for a reunion between former Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) members Dan O'Donovan and Kamini Jain.

The 2010 Olympic Torch Relay culminated it's 106-day journey across Canada in Vancouver BC on February 12, the day of the Opening Ceremony. FCRCC members Don Irvine, Andrea Dillon, Bob Stewart and Rob Magus steadied the boat while Kamini Jain (2004, 2000 Olympian) stood at the bow of a Voyageur canoe. Hugh Fisher (1988, 1984, 1980 Olympian) stood at the bow of a dragon boat and passed the Olympic Flame onto Kamini Jain. What is not immediately apparent in the photo, is that Dan'O had the honour of providing escort for the boats carrying Hugh and Kamini, onboard the VPD Marine Unit black inflatable in the background.



Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) Luminaries



Jan Chavarie. [321]

Jan Chavarie has a 20+ year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddlesports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. She has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, and club level. *Jan* and web designer / developer Colleen McCarthy collaborated to build the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) website as well as the 1st and 2nd generations of the CORA website. She has been part of the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) that has hosted the popular PNWORCA Jericho Small-Boat Racing Winter Series event and Jericho Classic Iron, as well as volunteered to assist with the Jericho Oceanman and the JSCA Wavechaser Paddle Series for many years. She has served continuously since circa 2000 on both the Jericho Executive and the CORA Board including a 2-year stint as CORA Chairman (2005-2006). See Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award Bio for



Bio for Bob Stewart. [322]

Bob Stewart has established a reputation as the "Iron Man" (Cal Ripken) of solo outrigger canoeing. Bob has been competing in OC1 paddling for 30 years and has left a legacy that would make Peter Forand proud. Bob is incredibly knowledgeable in the history of OC1s as he has owned more than 30 boats in his long (and continuing) career. More than just an OC1 paddler, Bob has raced with top-notch OC6 crews in prestigious races worldwide. He has raced on the continents of North America, Europe and Australia, and in the Oceania South Pacific Islands of New Caledonia and Samoa. Bob also has a reputation as a builder of the sport of OC1 paddling as many of the canoes he has owned have found new homes across Canada, Continental US, and Hawaii. Bob also has a reputation as a philanthropist due to his penchant for giving back to the paddling community. See Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame



prestigious Hugh Town Memorial Builder Award. See Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Bio for Jan Chavarie. [323]

Jan Chavarie has a 25+ year legacy of paddling and volunteer effort to paddle sports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. She has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international/national/provincial/club level. *Jan* collaborated to build the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) Website as well as the 1st and 2nd generations of the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) Website. She has been part of the Jericho Paddling Club (JPC) that hosts the popular PNWORCA Jericho Small-Boat Racing Winter Series event, the Jericho Classic Iron, as well as assisting with the JSCA Wavechaser Paddle. She has served continuously since 1999 on both the Jericho Executive and the CORA Executive including a 2-year stint as CORA Chairman (2005-2006). During this time, *Jan* has paddled and raced many events, from the Lotus Icebreaker to the Napili Challenge to the Length of the Lake and everything in-between. *Jan* is 1 of only 6 recipients of the



Dan O'Donovan was Team Captain for the Calgary Canoe Club (CCC) C15 team that would take second place in "War Canoe" at the Canadian Canoe Championships in 1986 (Toronto), 1987 (Calgary), and 1989 (Montreal). Dan O'Donovan relocated to Vancouver in 1991, after successfully landing a job with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), and soon became one of the original members of Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) dating back to its inception. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the summer of 2005, six VPD officers who were members of the Heavy Urban Search And Rescue (HUSAR) team, travelled to New Orleans to help the Louisiana State Police rescue survivors of Hurricane Katrina and secure the peace in the devastated Gulf Coast area. For their extraordinary humanitarian efforts and for going above and beyond the call of duty, the following officers were awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Commendation: Detective Constable

Lynn Nofle, Kathleen Tchang, Constables Bev Mitchell, Dan O'Donovan and Sergeants Craig Cairns and Jock Wadley. Daniel O'Donovan would also be awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal in 2012. [324] [325] [326]

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