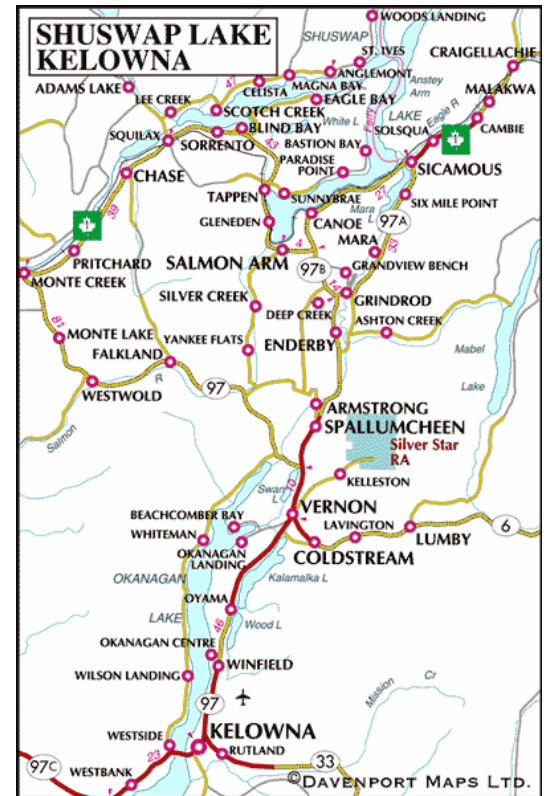


The Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Story (1988-2025)

Much of this history was collected in a series of virtual interviews with Thompson / Okanagan paddlers Darryl Spencer and Bob Woodman and Carmen Prehofer. Additional details were provided by various False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC) and Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) alumni and many other individuals with familiarity of the events of the early years of outrigger canoeing in Canada. Official records on Results for Canada / California / Hawaii / IPCF / IVF events prior to 2000 are becoming increasingly difficult to locate in order to confirm historical events / results.

The Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap for the purposes of this story is defined as encompassing paddling venues at Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna, and Shuswap. Penticton Racing Canoe Club (PRCC) / Penticton Paddle Sports Association (PPSA) has been covered in "The Skaha Legacy" document. [011] [012]



Kamloops is located in the Thompson Nicola, in the heart of British Columbia's Southern Interior, 128 miles (205 km) north of Hope and 53 miles (84 km) east of Cache Creek. Situated at the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers in the Thompson Valley, the sprawling city of Kamloops takes its name from the First Nations word T'kumlups, meaning meeting place. [013]

Vernon is located at the junction of Highway 97 and Highway 6 in the Okanagan Valley, 29 miles (46 km) north of Kelowna and 73 miles (117 km) southeast of Kamloops. To the east of Vernon is Lumbly, and north of Vernon is the community of Armstrong. Ideally nestled between the beautiful Swan, Kalamalka, and Okanagan lakes in the North Okanagan Valley, is the city of Vernon, the oldest community in British Columbia's interior. [014]

Kelowna is located at the junction of Highway 97 and Highway 33 on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake in the Okanagan Valley, 29 miles (46 km) south of Vernon and 43 miles (68 km) north of Penticton. The Kelowna International Airport is the 3rd busiest in British Columbia and the 11th largest in Canada. Amid summer sunshine, sparkling waters and warm Okanagan smiles, the city of Kelowna is the Okanagan's largest and liveliest population centre, and one of Canada's most popular vacation destinations. [015]

The Shuswap is located in south-central British Columbia, midway between Vancouver BC and Calgary AB. The Trans Canada Highway 1 and Highway 97 provide easy access from all directions. The Shuswap Lake system offers more than 1,000 kilometres of shoreline to explore, amidst spectacular scenery and a pristine environment. The Shuswap offers a four-season playground that boasts the largest houseboat fleet in Canada. Salmon Arm and Area is the economic and service center of the Shuswap. Salmon Arm is the largest community in the Shuswap. [016]

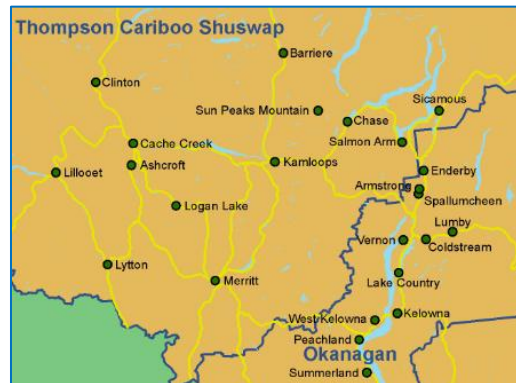
Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Paddling Clubs

The club legacies that CORA had compiled in past years had been very much about individual clubs (False Creek; Lotus; Jericho; Penticton; Ocean River; Comox) with some "cross-over" references to other canoe clubs where there were connections. The "*Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Legacy*" is quite different. There is much literature that connects Kamloops / Vernon / Kelowna / Shuswap under a "Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap" region such that the clubs from this area (Wailua; Vernon; Kelowna; Shuswap) - even though there are long distances between clubs - should be combined into a collective "*Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Legacy*" document. The connections between these clubs – the paddlers, the canoes (*The Burrard*; Rhinos; Calmars; Mirages; Advantages; Malolos; Vortex) and the various venues (Kamloops; Blind Bay; Vernon; Kelowna; Salmon Arm) all form threads through these clubs. This chronicle has a "Chapter" each for Wailua and Vernon and Kelowna and Shuswap within this document the "*Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap Legacy*".

Roots / Threads / Chapters

This chronicle is intended to capture unwritten history of outrigger canoeing in the Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap from 1988-2025, as records from prior to 2000 are becoming more and more scarce. The history of outrigger canoeing in the Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap is linked with the many generations of six-person outrigger canoes that have been acquired by clubs.

"*The Burrard*" would spend time with the Kamloops and Vernon clubs, in between time with the False Creek and Jericho and Whistler and VCKC and Comox and Penticton clubs. The Dennis Campbell Rhinos would start with Vernon and then spend time with Penticton and Pacific Reach and Sproat Lake and Prince Rupert clubs. The 1st-generation Canadian six-person outrigger canoes, the *Malia*, would not be acquired by any Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap clubs. The 2nd-generation Canadian six-person outrigger canoes, the Calmar Canadian Class Racer (CCR), would be acquired by Kamloops and Shuswap and Kelowna clubs. The 3rd-generation Canadian six-person outrigger canoes, the Clipper Advantage, would be acquired by Vernon and Kelowna clubs, and then spend time with Eastern Canada clubs. The 4th-generation Canadian six-person outrigger canoes, the Outrigger Connection Mirage, would be acquired by Kamloops and Vernon and Kelowna clubs. The 5th-generation Canadian six-person outrigger canoes, the Pogue Sports Bradley Lightning, would not be acquired by any Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap clubs. Both the Puakea Malolo and the Giblin Vortex Unlimited OC6s would be acquired by Vernon and Kelowna clubs. There are four paths / threads / chapters that converged to lead to the development of outrigger canoeing in the Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap.



1. Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club
2. Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC)
3. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC)
4. Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP)

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Chapter

This chronicle is intended to capture unwritten history of outrigger canoeing at Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club from 1988-2025. The history of outrigger canoeing at Kamloops is linked with the growth of outrigger canoeing at other Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap clubs. Canoeing in Kamloops followed a familiar path of paddlers training / racing in marathon canoes, Voyageur canoes, dragon boats, and outrigger canoes. Most Canadian outrigger canoe clubs are founded through the efforts of a single or small group of individuals with a vision. A group of firefighters from the Kamloops Fire Department would be the individuals who would introduce outrigger canoeing to Kamloops. [101] [102] [103]



Outrigger canoeing began in Kamloops in the late-1980s when a group of marathon paddlers with Kamloops Fire Department committed to do the 1988 Molokai Hoe. Darryl Spencer recounted how in Spring 1988, he drove from Kamloops to Vancouver to borrow "*The Burrard*" and drove it back to Kamloops on top of his one-ton truck. "*The Burrard*" was the Kamloops Fire Department "starter OC6" for 3+ months. The 9 guys from the Kamloops Fire Department successfully completed the 1988 Kaiwi Channel Crossing using old wooden paddles in 6 hours 30 minutes. After the 1988 Molokai Hoe, the Kamloops paddlers continued training in marathon canoes until dragon boating became the focus in the early-1990s. The Kamloops paddlers began training in Voyageur canoes and attended the 1994 Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival, finishing 6th Place Overall out of 100+ teams. This was the beginning of the Kamloops Dragonboat Club. Kamloops would be the first canoe club in the BC Interior to embrace outrigger canoeing when they acquired their 1st Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6 in 1994 and then a 2nd Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6 by 1997. Sometime in the late-1990s, River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) became the organization operating outrigger canoeing and dragon boating in Kamloops.

There is a River Spirit Canoe Club based at Chilliwack Landing on Skwah First Nation. This First Nations club had been hosting its annual River Spirit Canoe Races event for more than 30 years as of 2022. The Kamloops club hosting outrigger canoe activities and the Chilliwack First Nations club hosting war canoe races, may have led to confusion as to where River Spirit Canoe Club was located and what boats did they have. [111]

CORA AGM Minutes from 2002 indicate that Duncan Harvey, one of the Kamloops firefighters, represented River Spirit Canoe Club at CORA Meetings. As per CORA AGM Minutes, the Kamloops outrigger canoeing group was known as River Spirit Canoe Club through 2008. Sometime in 2009-2010, River Spirit Canoe Club became Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club. Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club is located on the South Thompson River in beautiful Kamloops BC. Embracing the Hawaiian spirits, *Wailua* stands for the meeting of waters, fitting for endurance-oriented paddling on the South and North Thompson Rivers [121] [122] [123] [124] [125] [126]

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club has had a simple progression in their six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet. "*The Burrard*" was with False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC) as a starter outrigger canoe in early-1987 after being imported from California in 1985/1986. "*The Burrard*" was then with the Kamloops Fire Department as a starter outrigger canoe in Spring/Summer 1988. When the Kamloops Fire Department loan was over, "*The Burrard*" moved back to its previous home which was False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC). [131]

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club acquired 3 yellow-deck / white-hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer (CCR) OC6s. Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club would acquire their 1st blue-deck / white-hull Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6 circa 2010. Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club would acquire their 2nd blue-deck / white-hull Outrigger Connection

Mirage OC6 circa 2016. The Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club website indicates that the club has 6 six-person outrigger canoes, but discussions with the Wailua Executive has confirmed that the club has 5 six-person outrigger canoes. Several members at the Blind Bay (Shuswap) Venue of the Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club have personal OC4s that are used by club members. Randy Brooks of Shuswap BC has confirmed that there are 2 personal OC4s at the Blind Bay (Shuswap) Venue. Randy Brooks of Shuswap BC has provided photos of these 2 personal OC4s fully refurbished (see below). These OC4s are considered as part of the Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club fleet.



FCRCC to Kamloops Dennis Campbell Rhino "The Burrard"



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club 1st Yellow-Deck / White-Hull (Uhana) Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club 2nd Yellow-Deck / White-Hull (Manu) Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club 3rd Yellow-Deck / White-Hull (Wiki Wiki) Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club 1st Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Ahi Wa'a) Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club 2nd Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Lokahi Wa'a) Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6



Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Boat Compound 3 Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6s & 1 Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6



Wailua (Scotch Creek) White-Deck / White-Hull OC4 Built in 2014 & Purchased By Randy Brooks from Denis & Lydia Danard in 2025



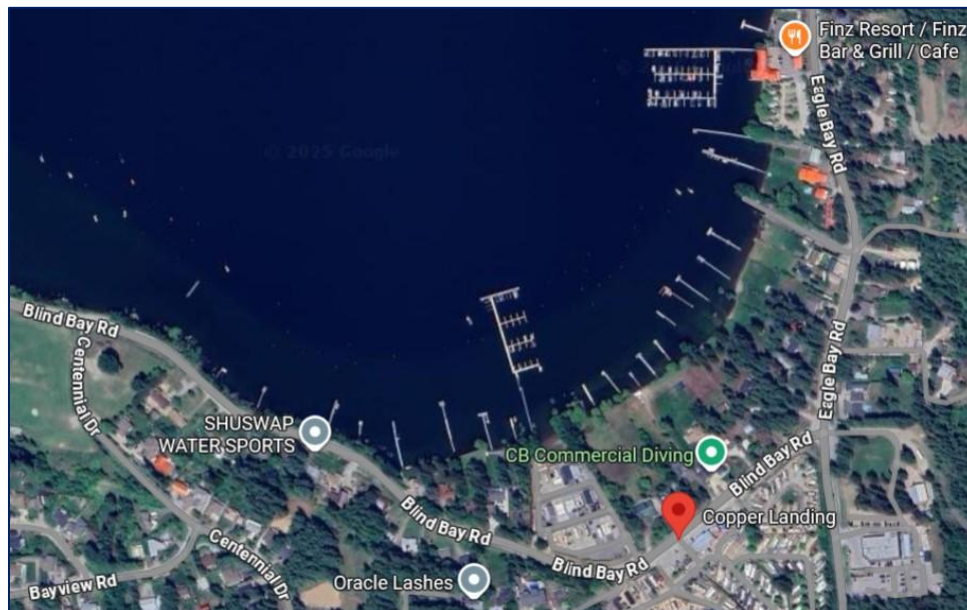
Wailua (Rocky Beach Blind Bay) White-Deck / White-Hull OC4 Built in 2007 & Purchased By Randy Brooks from John Roberts in 2021

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Events

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events. However, Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club, did host CORA Coaching Clinics annually for 3 consecutive years from 2015-2017. [141]

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Venues

There are very few Canadian outrigger canoe clubs that maintain more than a single venue. Wailua is 1 of only 2 Canadian clubs that has 2 venues. The Blind Bay (Shuswap) Venue is located on the upper arm of Shuswap Lake at the Blind Bay Resort Marina adjacent to Copper Landing. This is a quiet bay on Shuswap Lake, between Salmon Arm and Sorrento, about 5 minutes off the #1 Highway in Canada, approximately 3.5 hours drive from Vancouver BC and 6 hours from Calgary AB. The Blind Bay (Shuswap) Venue has been home to 1 Clipper Advantage OC6 (Uhana) and 1 Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6 (Ahi Wa'a). [151]

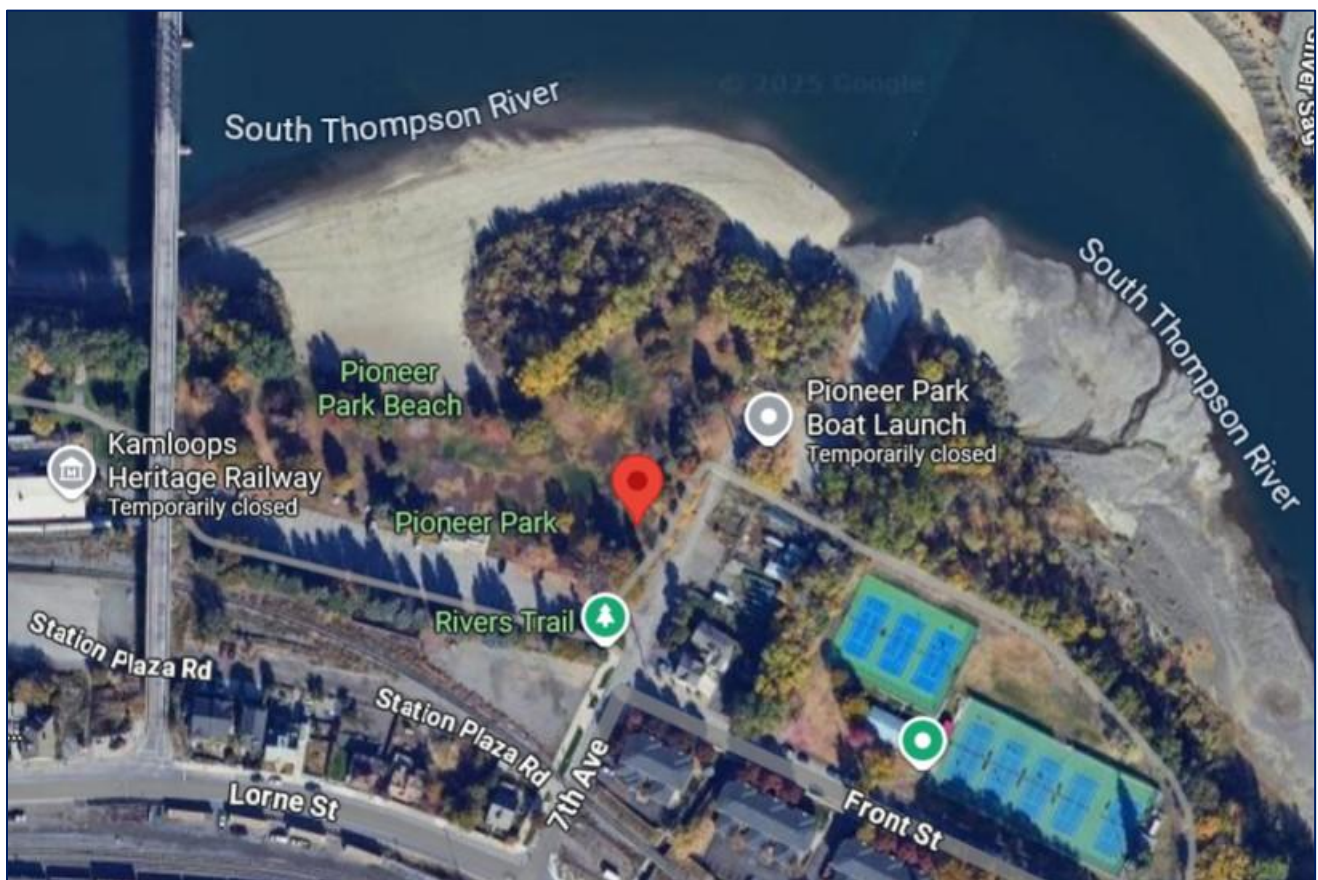


Blind Bay (Shuswap) Venue Location

The Kamloops (Thompson) Venue is located on the South Thompson River at Pioneer Park. The Kamloops (Thompson) Venue boat compound is located at 40 7th Ave, Kamloops, BC V2C 1V7. Pioneer Park is a sandy beach park located on the South Thompson River in the heart of the community of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. Pioneer Park is a popular launch point for boats and kayaks seeking to access the Thompson River. The Kamloops (Thompson) Venue has been home to 2 Clipper Advantage OC6s (Manu; Wiki Wiki) and 1 Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6 (Lokahi Wa'a). [152] [153]



Kamloops (Thompson) Venue Boat Compound Location



Kamloops (Thompson) Venue Location

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club Achievements / Milestones

Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or International paddling events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website Results indicate that Wailua (Kamloops) Outrigger Canoe Club has fielded crews and done well in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. This section may be updated with further research. [160]

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Chapter

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) social media has minimal mention of their club history. There is nothing to be found with regard to when the club was founded or who were the founders. What background is available on the founding / growth of Vernon Paddle Centre has been collected from interviews with past club members and records from the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) archives. The earliest online reference to Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) is an undated document on the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website titled "Setting Up An Outrigger Canoe Club", written by David Chambers, then President of Vernon Racing Canoe Club, who left the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the spring of 1980 to become part of the family-run DCT Chambers Trucking operation. This document notes that David Chambers had belonged with Vernon Racing Canoe Club since 1994, but this does not provide a date for when Vernon Racing Canoe Club was founded. This is an informative guide to setting up an outrigger canoe club, but also provides several pieces of information that has assisted the CORA Historical Committee in building out many Canadian outrigger club legacy documents. The key content in this document is "You need a canoe. Borrowing an older canoe until you gather enough club fees to buy one is a common occurrence. I believe the world famous Burrard has made its way around the Province acting as the starting boat for many clubs such as Kamloops, Vernon, Penticton, and Salt Spring Island". That single paragraph in this CORA document written by David Chambers as a CORA Board Member provided the starting point to build out the CORA Legacy Document "*The Burrard*". [201] [202]



There are many individuals who have been associated with Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) over the course of 30+ years including David Chambers, Bob Woodman, Ken Crosby, Ken Crombie, and Cheryl Skribe. Collecting background on key individuals for each Canadian outrigger club has been an ongoing process. As part of the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame initiative, there is some background on the time that Cheryl Skribe spent in the Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap region. Cheryl Skribe relocated to the Okanagan sometime between 1992-1993, but travelled regularly between Vernon and Vancouver for many years to train / race with the FCRCC Womens team. Cheryl Skribe recruited many high-performance athletes in early-1993 to join the recently formed Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) that would become the dominant outrigger canoe club in the Okanagan for several years. Cheryl Skribe organized a 10K run as a forum for women runners and was a perennial top finisher in the Beat The Train Multi-Sport Race in Salmon Arm, before relocating to Kamloops 1999-2001 where she paddled with Wailua Outrigger (Kamloops Outrigger). [211] [212]

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) has had an interesting evolution in their six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet. Sometime in the early-1990s, two Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6s were acquired by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC). These two Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6s would move onto their new home with Penticton Racing Canoe Club (PRCC) as their first two six-person outrigger canoes. One of those two Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6s would then move onto Pacific Reach and then Ketchikan AK. Another of those two Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6s would then move onto Sproat Lake and then Prince Rupert. Sometime in the early-2000s, Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) acquired a blue-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6, christened *Okanagan*, in keeping with giving their canoes names associated with the land and waters surrounding their location or names of departed club members. Sometime in the mid-2000s, Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) acquired another blue-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6, christened *Ogopogo*. Sometime in the late-2000s Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) acquired a blue-deck / white-hull Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6 (rechristened *Ogopogo*). Sometime in 2021, a deal was orchestrated whereby the Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) six-person outrigger canoe trailer and the two Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Clipper Advantage OC6s and the Pacific Reach yellow-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6 were sold to Eastern Canada outrigger canoe clubs. Sometime in 2022, Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) acquired a white-deck / white-hull Puakea Malolo Unlimited OC6 christened *Okanagan*, and a blue-deck / white-hull Giblin Vortex Unlimited OC6 christened *Kalamalka*. Sometime in 2025, Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) acquired a white-deck / white-hull Kai Wa'a Hydra OC6 christened *Monashee*. [221]



Vernon Racing Canoe Club To Pacific Reach To Ketchikan AK Orange-Deck / White-Hull Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6



Vernon Racing Canoe Club To Sproat Lake To Prince Rupert Tan-Deck / White-Hull Dennis Campbell Rhino OC6



Vernon Racing Canoe Club Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Oqopogo) Clipper Advantage OC6 (With Huki "Tomahawk" Ama)



Vernon Racing Canoe Club Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Okanagan) Clipper Advantage OC6 (With Huki "Tomahawk" Ama)



Vernon Racing Canoe Club Blue-Deck / White-Hull (C23) Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6



Vernon Racing Canoe Club White-Deck / White-Hull (Okanagan) Puakea Malolo OC6



Vernon Racing Canoe Club Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Kalamalka) Giblin Vortex OC6



Vernon Racing Canoe Club White-Deck / White-Hull (Monashee) Kai Wa'a Hydra OC6

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Events

Freshwater Challenge Race

The Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Freshwater Challenge inaugural event took place in the late-1990s. The Jericho Paddle Club website has Results as far back as 2000 and the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) has Results as far back as 2011. There are first-hand accounts of the Freshwater Challenge occurring several years before the Jericho Paddle Club website began posting Results as of 2000. In the late-1990s, on the BC August Long Weekend, the 42KM Freshwater Challenge water-changes was the go-to race for crews targeting the Na Pali Challenge, Queen Lili'uokalani, Catalina Crossing, Pailolo Challenge, Molokai Na Wahine, and Molokai Hoe events. The Freshwater Challenge would evolve from a one-day Sunday OC6 water-changes event to a two-day event with a small boat race on Saturday and a Sunday OC6 water-changes race.



The first known reference to the Freshwater Challenge in Vernon appeared on the Jericho Paddle Club website in 2000. Results show the Freshwater Challenge continuing from 2000-2012 as a water-changes event. In 2013, the CORA Cup Series Championships event was held at Vernon as an Iron race. This would be the last year that the Freshwater Challenge would be held as a water-changes event. The Freshwater Challenge would return in 2024 as a beach-changes event. The Freshwater Challenge would also occur in 2025 as a beach-changes event. [231] [232] [233] [234] [235] [236] [237] [238] [239] [240] [241] [242] [243] [244] [245] [246]



Sand Point Outrigger Canoe Club (SPOCC) and Kikaha O Ke Kai hosted the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) inaugural event in 2005. With the exception of 2020 during the COVID pandemic, the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) has occurred continuously for 20 years as of 2025. Attendance at the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) by Canadian crews had been light until circa 2008 when many BC Lower Mainland clubs recognized the value of the availability of a combination 18-mile iron and 27-mile water-changes event within a 3-hour drive just weeks before the Queen Lili'uokalani, Catalina Crossing, Pailolo Challenge, Molokai Na Wahine, and Molokai Hoe events. After the 2012 Calgary World Sprints introduced a number of light-weight Bradley Lightning OC6s to PNWORCA crews and the Freshwater Challenge water-changes event ended in 2012, attendance at the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) by Canadian crews grew steadily as this combination 18-mile iron and 27-mile water-changes event had become the go-to race for crews targeting the Queen Lili'uokalani, Catalina Crossing, Pailolo Challenge, Molokai Na Wahine, and Molokai Hoe events. The Pacific Northwest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC) continues to evolve the racecourses every year and until such time as a Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) Western Canada club hosts a long-distance water-changes event, this Seattle event will continue to be the go-to race for crews targeting the Queen Lili'uokalani, Catalina Crossing, Pailolo Challenge, Molokai Na Wahine, and Molokai Hoe events. [248] [249]

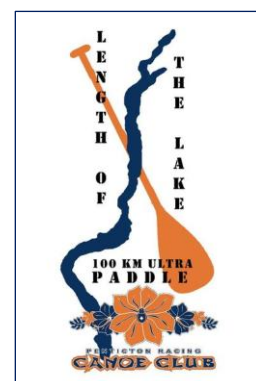


Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance Race



Brent Bagnall had participated in dragon boat with crews coached by Drew Mitchell in the late-1980s. There are references that this event was officially established in 2000, but it is believed that Drew Mitchell and Brent Bagnall and Don Mulhall started this event informally in the late-1990s. Brent Bagnall was a stimulus in getting outrigger going in PRCC with introduction of the Duel In The Desert Iron event and the Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance (100KM) event.

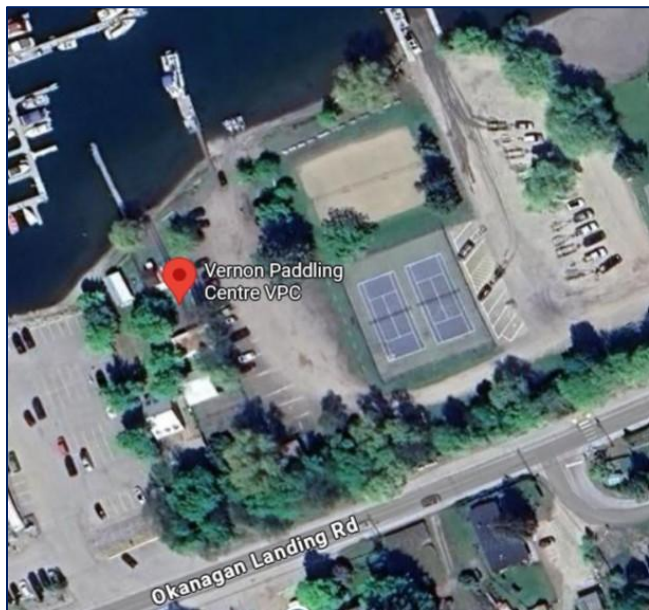
2006 was the 7th year for the Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance event hosted by PRCC as per the Jericho website. The Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance event was held from 2001-2006, but not in 2000. There are no records going back prior to 2000, so the 1st year for the Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance event may have been anywhere between 1996 to 1999. [251]



PRCC and Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) have jointly hosted the Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance event that was held for the 19th time in 2019. This event is a 100-kilometre paddle from Kin Beach in Vernon to the Peach at Okanagan Lake in Penticton for one-person, or two-person, or six-person canoes. It is cultural tradition for participants to "Kiss the Peach" after reaching the beach at Penticton. [252] [253] [254] [255] [256]



Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Venues



Vernon Paddle Centre has their outrigger canoes based out of a compound in Paddlewheel Park at 7815 Okanagan Landing Road in Vernon on the shore of Okanagan Lake close to downtown Vernon. [261]



Vernon Paddle Centre Venue - Paddlewheel Park 7815 Okanagan Landing Road Vernon, BC V1Y 1G6

Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Achievements / Milestones

Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or International paddling events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website Results indicate that Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) has fielded crews and done well in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. It is known that Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints /

Distance events over the course of many years. The Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) club itself and many of the club members have notable achievements. The following is a chronological table of known achievements:

- 1992-1994 ~ Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) started
 - 1993 ~ Cheryl Skribe relocated to the Okanagan sometime and recruited many high-performance athletes to join Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC)
 - 1997 ~ Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) hosts Freshwater Challenge as water-changes event for 1st year
 - 2000 ~ Large / strong participation by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) paddlers at Howe Sound small boat event
 - 2001 ~ Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) paddlers swept the team titles and Glenn Bond placed 5th overall solo in the Beat The Train Multi-Sport Race event at Salmon Arm BC
 - 2002 ~ David Chambers represents Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) at CORA AGM
 - 2003 ~ CORA AGM Membership Report shows Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) as club with largest membership in the Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap region
 - 2004 ~ CORA Meeting Minutes shows David Chambers represents Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) as Board Director
 - 2006 ~ CORA Meeting Minutes shows Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) to host water-changes coaching clinic at 2006 Freshwater Challenge water-changes event
 - 2006 ~ CORA AGM Minutes show no representation by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) for the 1st time
 - 2007 ~ CORA AGM Minutes show no representation by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) for the 2nd time
 - 2008 ~ CORA AGM Minutes show no representation by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) for the 3rd time
 - 2010 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) paddler Ken Crosby with Team Canada take Bronze in V6 500M Men Senior Masters at 2010 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints Championships
 - 2011 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) hosts Freshwater Challenge as water-changes event with 17 crews participating in 24KM and 44KM distance events
 - 2011 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) womens team place 7th in Queen Lili'uokalani OC6 Iron Masters 40+ Non-Koa
 - 2012 ~ Large / strong participation by Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) paddlers at Freshwater Challenge small boat event
 - 2013 ~ Vernon Paddling Centre (VPC) hosts more than 200 paddlers at CORA Cup Series Championships Iron event
 - 2015 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) team of Joey Hertz (60), Jim Bates (59), Mike Ching (58), Greg Reman (42) and Vernon paddlers Bob Woodman (51) and Glenn Bond (42) place 16th Overall out of 125 canoes and take Silver in Queen Lili'uokalani OC6 Iron Masters 40+
 - 2023 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) paddler Bob Woodman with Team Canada take Bronze in V6 Men Masters 60+ at 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance Championships
 - 2024 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) hosts Freshwater Challenge as beach-changes event for 1st year
 - 2024 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) paddler Bob Woodman with Team Canada (Coquihalla Crew) take Bronze in V6 1000M Men Masters 50+ at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
 - 2025 ~ Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) hosts Freshwater Challenge as beach-changes event for 2nd year
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Vernon Racing Canoe Club (VRCC) / Vernon Paddle Centre (VPC) Luminaries



Cheryl Skribe raced with two World Dragon Boat champion crews before attaining a high level of excellence as an outrigger canoeing paddler, steersperson, coach, and sports writer over the course of 30 years. Cheryl started with the paddling community at False Creek Racing Canoe Club. Her worldwide travels would see her racing with crews from FCRCC, Vernon, Kamloops, Penticton, Mooloolaba in Australia, Hui Lanakila in Hawaii, Team Canada (Sacramento; New Caledonia; Australia), and Comox. Among her many achievements would be 4 IVF World Sprints Golds, 4 IVF World Sprints Silvers, an IVF World Distance Bronze, a Molokai Na Wahine Gold, a Molokai Na Wahine Silver, and a "Dad" Center Memorial Canoe Race Gold. Cheryl has made further contributions to the sport as outrigger steering coach and as sports writer covering Canadian outrigger canoeing events for Pacific Paddler magazine. [291]



Bob Woodman has been a source of continuity at Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) since the early days of the mid-1990s. Bob was not a founder / co-founder of Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC), but Bob has been with Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) since its inception. Bob was with Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) when Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) and Penticton (PRCC) / (PPSA) collaborated to co-host the Length Of The Lake Ultra-Distance Race in the late 1990s. Bob was with Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) when Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) introduced the Freshwater Challenge Race that was the most well attended water-change-out event in Canada for many years. Bob has been with Vernon (VRCC) / (VPC) through the highs / lows of membership that many outrigger canoe clubs have experienced. Bob had 30+ years of notable achievements competing in Pacific Northwest and international outrigger

canoeing, marathon canoeing, and surfski competitive events before 2023 when Bob made his first foray into IVF World Distance / Sprints events. [292]

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Chapter

Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association started in 2000 with a few keen OC6 (six-person outrigger) paddlers who wanted to bring the sport to Kelowna. This group noticed that all paddlers in Kelowna were being underserved in that there was extremely limited storage space; no club waterfront access; no opportunity for collaboration between paddle sports; and no initiative for the



consistent and long-term planning, development and implementation of programming. In 2014, after several years of sustained effort, and with the support of the City of Kelowna (population of 153K in 2022), Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) was granted a vacant lot on the shore of Okanagan Lake close to downtown Kelowna. [301] [302]

The collaboration with the City of Kelowna, general public, and members of the paddling community that has resulted in Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) being a central component of Pandosy Waterfront Park, began with a Kelowna 2004 Municipal Council Policy. The City of Kelowna owned a number of properties (3020 Abbott Street; 3030 Abbott Street; 3040 Abbott Street; 3050 Abbott Street; 3060 Abbott Street; 3070 Abbott Street; 3080 Abbott Street; 3090 Walnut Street; 3096 Walnut Street; 3098 Walnut Street; 252 Meikle Avenue) along the Pandosy Waterfront, and the City of Kelowna approved a resolution regarding *Disposal of City Property* that these properties be sold when it appeared that there was no present or future use contemplated or where there was no strategic benefit to the City. The Municipal Council Policy was reviewed again in April 2010 and was determined to still be in effect. [311]



The City of Kelowna Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 2013-July-30 were a pivotal moment in the evolution of the Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC). There was an Agenda item with regards to Temporary Use Permit Application No. TUP13-0004 3050 Abbott Street, City of Kelowna. The details documented with regards to this Agenda item highlight the individuals who played a part in this pivotal moment for Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC). Joey Hertz of the Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association, as the Applicant, had put forward a compelling case for this Temporary Use Permit. There were a number of other Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association members who communicated their support for this Temporary Use Permit including Sandra Mowat, Eric Prehoffer, Leanne Stanley, and Jeff Fink. What was impressive was the extensive list of Letters of Support from Don Mulhall (Penticton Racing Canoe Club), Lynda Roberts (Calgary Canoe Club), Steve Frisch (Go Rowing and Paddling), Mary Jane Abbott (Canoe Kayak BC), John Edwards (Canoe Kayak Canada), Cindy Wright (Canadian Outrigger), and Peter Schultz (Rotary Club of Kelowna). The Motion for Temporary Use Permit No. TUP13-0004 to allow a paddle centre located at 3050 Abbott Street, Kelowna BC, for a 3-year period commencing from the date of Council consideration was Carried. A Motion for a 3-year Licence of Occupation as of 2013-July-24, with the Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association for operation of a paddling centre at 3050 Abbott Street was Carried. [313]

The City Council approval of a temporary zoning change in July-2013 to allow the Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) to set up a members-only club on an empty residential lot, and the City of Kelowna having spent \$25,000 to improve this lakeshore oasis for a private members club all at taxpayer's expense, did result in some community controversy, despite support from many local and regional individuals and organizations. [315]

Having the Pandosy Waterfront as a base has enabled Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) to fully embark on the long-time goal of bringing paddling to as many people as possible by building public involvement through affordable memberships; outreach programs; and lessons for children / youth / adults. Collaboration with the City of Kelowna, general public and members of the paddling community has resulted in Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) being a central component of the future of the Pandosy Waterfront Project. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) membership rose from 27 in 2013 to 250 in 2017. With a diverse membership including World Championship medalists, National Team Members and Pan American Champions, along with several certified coaches, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) is uniquely suited to effectively and safely deliver the wide range of programs for all ages and abilities. By bringing more people to paddling, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) will also increase non-motorized, low noise, low impact activities on the Okanagan Lake, reducing negative environmental

impacts and increasing user safety on both land and water. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) offers equipment and lessons, and endeavours to expose the community, as well as neighbouring cities, to all possibilities for Paddle Sport. [317]

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has had an interesting evolution in their six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet. Sometime in the early-2000s, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) acquired a blue-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6 fitted with a Huki Tomahawk ama, christened *Glen Mervyn* for the Canadian rower who took Silver in the 1960 Rome Summer Olympics and later became a resident of Kelowna and frequent patron of Hotel El Dorado. Sometime in the early-2000s, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) acquired a white-deck / white-hull Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6. Sometime in the early-2000s, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) acquired a used orange-deck / white-hull Canadian Class Racer OC6 from Penticton Racing Canoe Club (PRCC). In early-2020, just before the COVID Pandemic, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) acquired a used white-deck / white-hull Canadian Class Racer OC6 from False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC). At some point prior to 2020, Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) acquired 2 Giblin Vortex Ultralight OC6 and 1 Puakea Malolo Ultralight OC6. [321] [322] [323]



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Blue-Deck / White-Hull (Glen Mervyn) Clipper Advantage OC6 With Huki Tomahawk Ama



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) White-Deck / White-Hull Outrigger Connection Mirage OC6



FCRCC White-Deck / White-Hull (JD Boswyk) Canadian Class Racer OC6 to Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC)



Penticton Orange-Deck / White-Hull (Ahonui) Canadian Class Racer OC6 to Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC)



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) White-Deck / White-Hull (701) Giblin Vortex OC6



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) White-Deck / White-Hull (702) Giblin Vortex OC6



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) White-Deck / White-Hull (703) Puakea Malolo OC6



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) 2 Giblin Vortex OC6 & 1 Puakea Malolo OC6

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Events

The first known reference to a paddling event in Kelowna / Peachland was the Okanagan Paddle Festival in June-2001 offering OC6 Iron, OC1/2, and Surfski. This event appeared on the Jericho Paddle Club website and in the Wavelength Paddling Magazine. It seems unlikely that this event was hosted by Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) as the article in the Wavelength Paddling Magazine noted that the sponsors were Peachland Chamber of Commers, Nimbus, and Current Designs. [331] [332]



The first known reference to a Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Waterman Challenge event appeared on the Jericho Paddle Club website in 2015. The Jericho Paddle Club website has Results as far back as 2000 and the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) has Results as far back as 2011. Neither the Jericho Paddle Club website nor the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) have Results for this 2015 event, so it is likely the event was not held that year. The Jericho Paddle Club website shows an event with results for the 2016 Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Waterman. It would seem that the KPC Waterman Challenge inaugural outrigger canoeing event hosted by Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) took place in 2016. This was a one-day OC6 short-course / long-course event. The KPC Waterman Challenge was held in 2017 as a two-day OC6 short-course / long-course and small boat event. The KPC Waterman Challenge was held in 2019 as a two-day OC6 short-course / long-course and small boat event. The 2020 KPC Waterman Challenge was cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic. The event was renamed as the KPC Waterman Paddlefest in 2022, and was held as a one-day small boat event. The 2023 KPC Waterman Paddlefest was cancelled due to the Okanagan wildfires. The 2025 KPC Waterman Paddlefest was held as a one-day small boat event in conjunction with Vernon Paddle Centre Freshwater Challenge on the same weekend. [335] [336] [337] [338] [339] [340]



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Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) hosted 1 of the 4 qualifying camps in 2018 for crew selection to the 2019 Australia IVF World Distance Championships. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has hosted CORA Coaching Clinics in the past including a 2024 Outrigger Technique and Steering Clinic. [345]



The Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has offered a number of club events to engage with the local community. The Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) announced an Inaugural Pandosy Waterfront Festival and Charity Paddle Challenge in 2025 aimed at promoting outdoor recreation, paddle sports, and charitable giving. This event included a community pancake breakfast, introductory lessons for outrigger canoe / surfski kayak / paddleboard, a Team Paddle Challenge in support of Making Waves for Autism, and a closing barbeque. [347] [348]

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has developed events / programs to engage with adults / children / teens. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) hosts several weekly events that include a Friday Night Adult Paddle with social paddling, a Thursday Night Race Series with individual competition for outrigger / surfski / paddleboard, and a Tuesday Club Night with activities based on attendance. Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) also has events / programs specifically directed toward youths. The KPC Junior Racing Program runs from April through September with a focus on outrigger canoe racing. The KPC Summer Paddling Camps provide a range of paddling activities for children and teens. [349]

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Venues



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has their outrigger canoes based out of what used to be a vacant lot at 3020 Abbott Street in Kelowna on the shore of Okanagan Lake close to downtown Kelowna. The history of the acquisition / development of this venue is covered in the introduction of the Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Chapter. [351]



Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Venue - 3020 Abbott Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1G6

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Achievements / Milestones

Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) social media has some mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or International paddling events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website Results indicate that Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has fielded crews and done well in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. It is known that Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints / Distance events over the course of many years. The Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) club itself and many of the club members have notable achievements. The following is a chronological table of known achievements:

- 2000 ~ Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association started
- 2007 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) team of Karen Bates & Melanie Durban place 1st Senior Masters OC2, team of Cheryl Skribe & Jeff Fink place 1st Mixed Masters OC2, team of John Marks & Eric Prehofer place 1st Masters OC2 at 2007 Vernon Freshwater Challenge Small Boat race
- 2013 ~ Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Association acquires Pandosy Waterfront venue Temporary Use Permit
- 2015 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) team of Jim Bates (59), Mike Ching (58), Glenn Bond (42) VPC, Bob Woodman (51) VPC, Greg Reman (42), and Joey Hertz (60) place 16th Overall out of 125 canoes and take Silver in Queen Lili'uokalani OC6 Iron Masters 40+

- 2016 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) team of Joey Hertz and Jim Bates wins Penticton Racing Canoe Club outrigger canoeing event on Channel Parkway
- 2016 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) hosts inaugural KPC Waterman Challenge outrigger canoeing event
- 2019 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers excel at Board The Fjord and Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) teams / paddlers excel at Penticton Racing Canoe Club Duel In The Desert
- 2019 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) team (Tamlyn Bohm; Christine Castrucow; Melanie Durban; Jeff Fink; Kale McMahon; Tom Maxwell; Aly Marson; Sally Wallick; Alex Quintans; Sheila Strother; Kathy Montgomery; Sharon Taylor; Greg Redman) paddles on Lake Okanagan for 24 hours straight to raise \$9K for people with cancer
- 2019 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Ageless Wonders (Karen Bates; Melanie Durban; Tracey Sutton; Sharon Taylor; Sheila Strother; Christine Castrucow) place 1st in Jericho Classic Iron Women Masters 50+
- 2019 ~ Canadian Open Women (Leanne Stanley; Kelsey Siddall) place 1st in Jericho Classic Iron Women Open
- 2019 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Prune Pickers (Jim Bates; Dennis Silvestrone; Joey Hertz; Keith Wagner; Hugh Culver; Mike Ching) place 1st in Jericho Classic Iron Unlimited Men Masters 60+
- 2022 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Melanie Durban takes Gold in V1 500M Women Masters 50+ and takes Gold in V1 500M Women Masters 60+ at 2022 London IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2022 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Leanne Stanley takes Gold in V1 500M Women Masters 40+ and takes Bronze in V1 500M Women Open at 2022 London IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2022 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers Leanne Stanley & Melanie Durban with Team Canada take Bronze in V6 500M Women Elite at 2022 London IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2023 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) member Leanne Stanley inducted into Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame
- 2023 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Melanie Durban takes Gold in V1 Women Masters 60+ at 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance Championships
- 2023 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Melanie Durban with Team Canada takes Bronze in V6 Women Masters 60+ at 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance Championships
- 2023 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers Leanne Stanley & Kelsey Siddall with Team Canada takes Gold in V6 Women Masters 40+ at 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) members Keith Wagner and Eric Mitchell acquire loan of 2 ARE Matahina V6s
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) first/founding manager Tamlyn Böhm stepping down to pursue new adventures.
- 2024 ~ Forty-two paddlers from Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) compete at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers (Tracey Sutton; Kelsey Siddall; Kerry Willis; Kathy Montgomery; Sandra Mowat; Leanne Stanley) take Bronze in V6 500M Women Masters 40+ at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers (Kelsey Siddall; Leanne Stanley; Tamlyn Bohm) take Silver in V6 500M Women Elite at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddlers (David Allen; Jeff Fink; Jeremy Siddall) take Bronze in V6 1000M Men Masters 50+ Elite at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Melanie Durban takes Gold in V1 500M Women Masters 60+ at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) paddler Leanne Stanley takes Gold in V1 500M Women Masters 40+ at 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2024 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) sends multiple Junior teams to 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2025 ~ Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) hosts KPC Waterman Paddlefest outrigger canoeing event in conjunction with Vernon Paddle Centre Freshwater Challenge

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Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) Luminaries



Leanne Stanley is a school teacher, a coach, and an athlete. Leanne started out teaching full time in Toronto then did some supply teaching (TOC) in Parry Sound while training for the 2010 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints and then started working with at-risk teenagers. Leanne has been teaching since 2005 for almost 2 decades already from Classroom Teacher, to Department Head, to Student Success Teacher, to Academic Coordinator, to Principal to Education Director, to Executive Director. Leanne began her paddling career in marathon canoe back in 1998. Her paddling evolved to incorporate dragon boat, outrigger, SUP and surfski over the past 25 years, with outrigger canoeing becoming her primary focus since 2005. Leanne has been coaching paddling for over 20 years. Her degree in Kinesiology has provided a solid foundation in the training principles, physiology, and biomechanics of paddling. She has her Health and Physical Education Specialist designation along with a Masters in Educational Leadership and Inclusive Education. Leanne is a teacher by trade and the only thing that eclipses her passion for teaching is her passion for getting people on the water and sharing her love of paddling with others. Leanne was been with the CORA IVF Committee since 2016 as Team Canada has become a major player at IVF World Sprints / Distance events. Leanne has helped to grow Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) into a hub of paddling excellence since moving to the area in 2009 and making the move permanent in 2011, with KPC crews sweeping the Men's, Women's, and Mixed categories at the 2017 CORA Distance Championships, as a testament that out of hard work and dedication comes success. Leanne founded The Stanley Edge in 2016 to offer clinics, lessons, camps, and training programs to paddlers in Canada, the USA, and Europe. Leanne is a Hana Hou Paddlesports Team Rider, Puakea Designs Team Rider, Puakea Accredited Coach, Silverback Hawaii Team Rider, Quickblade Team Rider, Vaikobi Ambassador, and has also been supported by Oakley and Vitargo. Stanley has now collected 14 medals since her first IVF World Sprints in 2008. [391]



Joey Hertz has a 25-year legacy of selfless volunteer effort to paddlesports in general and outrigger canoe racing in particular. Joey has made contributions to support Canadian paddlers at the international, national, provincial, and club level. Joey has been part of the Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Club Association that has hosted the popular Kelowna (KPC) Waterman Challenge. Joey has been with the Kelowna Outrigger Racing Canoe Club Association Executive for many years. Joey has made significant contributions to the growth of Kelowna (KPC) through advocacy with the City of Kelowna and fundraising with charitable organizations. [392]



There is an intriguing story here that is yet to be pieced together. **Melanie Durban** grew up in the Kelowna BC area where she achieved success across a wide array of highly competitive sports including distance running, distance swimming, and distance cycling. At some point circa 2007, Melanie joined Kelowna Paddle Centre (KPC) where she very quickly excelled at surfski, solo / tandem outrigger canoe, and six-person outrigger canoeing. and that would lead to incredibly successful achievements in outrigger canoeing. This transition from distance runner to distance swimmer to distance cyclist between 1989-2012, to 2022 London IVF World Sprints singles event double World Champion and then 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance singles event World Champion and then 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints singles event almost double World Champion is a compelling story. [393]

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) Chapter

Shuswap Paddling Club, is a non-profit society, initially registered in 2004. Shuswap Paddling Club provides an inclusive, safe and welcoming space for everyone to participate in recreational and sport physical activity regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. The Shuswap Paddling Centre is the only Paddling Centre in the Shuswap offering Dragon Boating, Outrigger Canoeing, Rowing, and Kayaking Introduction / Safety programs.



Shuswap Paddling Club has offered an outrigger canoeing program in Salmon Arm since 2006, with 2 six person (OC6) and 2 two-person canoes (OC2). The outrigger canoeing program has set schedules for recreational paddling and offers opportunities for members who wish to form competitive teams for races in BC, Canada and internationally. Shuswap Paddling Club provides basic training in paddling, steering and huli recovery. [401] [402]

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) has had a simple progression in their six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet. Sometime in the early-2000s, shortly after the club was founded, Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) acquired 2 white-deck / white-hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer (CCR) OC6s that are virtually indistinguishable. They have no canoe names or canoe numbers to differentiate them.



Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) 1st White-Deck / White-Hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6



Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) 2nd White-Deck / White-Hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6

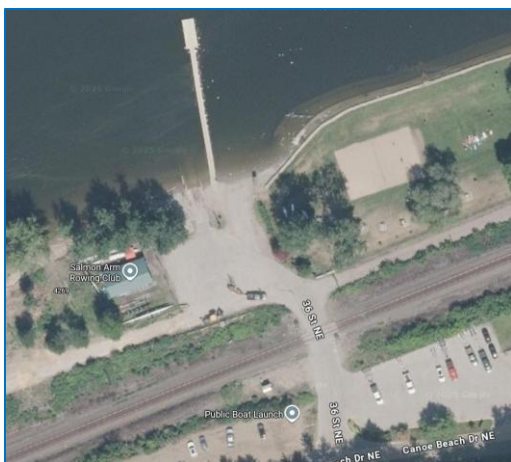


Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) Both White-Deck / White-Hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6s

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) Events

The Survive The Triangle inaugural outrigger canoeing event hosted by Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) took place in 2011. The Survive The Triangle outrigger canoeing event ran consecutively 2011-2015. The Survive The Triangle outrigger canoeing event had light attendance with higher participation from Thompson / Okanagan / Shuswap clubs / paddlers, moderate participation from Alberta clubs / paddlers, and lower participation from BC Lower Mainland clubs / paddlers. [411] [412] [413] [414] [415]

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) Venues



Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) has their outrigger canoes based out of Canoe Beach at 7720 36 Street NE in Salmon Arm, British Columbia. Just a few short minutes from Salmon Arm township (6-9 mins driving time). In the suburb of Canoe, Canoe Beach is the only public beach in the immediate Salmon Arm BC region. [421]



Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) Achievements / Milestones

Shuswap Rowing Paddling Centre (SRPC) / Shuswap Association For Rowing & Paddling (SARP) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or International paddling events. This section may be updated with further research.

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