

# Lae‘ula O Kai

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## **Paddling at Kānaha, Maui**

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Aloha,

Lae‘ula O Kai Canoe Club will be hosting a Golf Scramble at The Dunes Golf Course Maui Lani on Saturday, July 5, 2025 and we are humbly asking for your assistance with sponsorship and/or donations for our golf scramble, see attached Sponsor Sheet.

Lae‘ula O Kai is a culturally-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located at Kānaha, on the north shore of Maui. Our mission is *"To perpetuate the sport and culture of Hawaiian canoe paddling in an atmosphere of respect and aloha. We strive to be Lae'ula O Kai, well-trained and wise in the ways of the lowlands and seas."*

Lae‘ula O Kai is a Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling family consisting of approximately 200 members, half of which are kids. We come from as near as Wailuku and as far as Argentina, Japan, and the East Coast of the United States. We participate in paddling events year around. You'll find us racing regatta's every summer, where we enter crews that range from 12 & under to 70 & over. In the fall we compete in long distance races where we paddle around various island coastlines and from island to island in channel races. In the winter are OC1 and OC2 races. There truly is no season that is not paddling season!

We also compete internationally every other year we get crews together to race internationally in the International Va'a Federation (aka World Sprints) races, in a good will attempt to spread the sport of outrigger canoe racing to the world beyond our islands and maybe one day see our sport in the Olympics!

In addition to competitive paddling, which is what initially brings us together, we also organize workshops for our members to enrich and learn of both our host Hawaiian culture as well as other cultures from around the world. We participate in community events and cleanups to *malama 'āina* and we work tirelessly to maintain our beautiful *hālau wa'a* at Kānaha Beach Park in Kahului. We also run a summer program for our youngest members, those 16 & under, where they learn outrigger paddling skills, teamwork, and Hawaiian values.

Our primary goals in this year's Golf Scramble fundraiser are to raise money for: expenses towards travel associated with IVF World Sprints; our keiki program; repair and maintenance for our *hālau wa'a*, and to assist with costs required for our yearly regatta season.

We kindly ask for your *kōkua* in assisting us with this event in the form of either a Golf Hole Sponsorship and/or a monetary or gift card donation (See attached Sponsor Sheet). Any help you can give is greatly appreciated and contributions are tax-deductible.

For questions about the Golf Scramble please call Dolly Poepoe (808)-283-6060.

Respectfully,

Lae‘ula O Kai Golf Scramble Committee