



SBOCC women's team. Photo: Brian Vestyck



SBOCC men's team. Photo: Brian Vestyck

**LOCAL OUTRIGGER CLUBS**



**Hokuloa Outrigger Canoe Club**

Hokuloa Outrigger Canoe Club was established in 1989 and is Ventura's only competitive outrigger canoe club. It has a diverse membership of more than 50 paddlers and offers competitive paddling for all ages and abilities.

Practices are now under way for the 2008 season, with training taking place three times a week in the Ventura Harbor and on open ocean.

Head Coach Vaughn Colasanti says

this year's event."

The Ventura Channel Challenge is scheduled for June 7. For more information about the event and/or joining the Hokuloa Outrigger Canoe Club, go to:

[www.hokuloaoutrigger.com](http://www.hokuloaoutrigger.com)



**Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Club**

Established in the 1982, Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Club has a membership of approximately 100 athlete paddlers and has recently recruited more than 25 new novice paddlers this

The club began practices March 8 and will continue throughout the season until the U.S. Championships in September. The club continues paddling after the regular race schedule in order to keep a competitive edge in the off-season. The women practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15 p.m. until dark and on Saturday mornings. The men's team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until dark and also on Saturday mornings.

SBOCC hosts the California Outrigger

State Sprint Championships every year and is the club's biggest fundraiser.

There is always a great time to be had for paddlers and spectators alike with great food and good music and a Hawaiian/Polynesian flair surrounding the day's festivities. The State Championships will be held July 26 at Leadbetter Beach.

SBOCC is always looking for new members as well as experienced paddlers to join its exciting and competitive paddling team. For more information, go to: [www.sbocc.org](http://www.sbocc.org)

**2008 SCORA RACE SCHEDULE**

- May 10** Crystal Pier Ironman  
San Diego - Hanohano OCC
- May 17** Rig Run Ironman Santa Barbara  
East Beach - Ka Nai'a OCC
- May 31** Kahanamoku Klassic  
Ironman - Marina Del Rey OCC
- June 7** Ventura Ironman  
Hokuloa OCC
- June 21** Pineapple Express Ironman  
Avila Beach - Pale Kai OCC
- June 28** Ironman Championships  
San Diego - Kai Elua OCC
- July 12** Kahakai Sprints  
Long Beach - Kahakai OCC
- July 19** Noah Kalama Sprints  
Long Beach - NAC & San Diego OCC
- July 26** State Sprint Championships  
Santa Barbara - Santa Barbara OCC
- Aug 2** Opening of World Sprints  
Lake Natoma, CA - POCA
- Aug 9** Closing of World Sprints  
Lake Natoma, CA - POCA
- Aug 16** Whitey Harrison Nine Man  
Dana OCC
- Aug 23** Oceanside Nine-man  
Oceanside OCC
- Sept 6/7** US Champs  
Catalina Channel Crossing Nine-Man  
Newport Beach & Avalon  
Offshore & SCORA



Hokuloa Women sprinters. Photo courtesy Hokuloa

"Ventura Harbor is a great place for practice. Even when the conditions don't allow us to leave the harbor, we have plenty of room for an effective workout".

Consistent training helped Hokuloa to a winning season in 2007, and members are eager to bring home even more awards for 2008.

The highlight of the club's season takes place each June when it hosts the Ventura Channel Challenge, a 12-mile Ironman race out of Ventura Harbor. Says club President Brynn Reedy, "It is always a great day at the beach, and we are planning to have a Hawaiian band and hula dancers at

season alone.

The club offers a competitive racing program with teams competing in outrigger canoe races both locally and internationally traveling to such places as Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Co-Head Coaches Debbie Miles-Dutton and Carol Shick each possess over 22 years in paddling, coaching and competition. Rene Saragoas, President and Men's Coach for Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Club has been paddling for 17 years and coaching for the last 3 years. Many of SBOCC's team members have been with the club for at least 10 years or longer.