



Outrigger Santa Cruz Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2026

5:40pm-7:30pm

Approved on July 19, 2026

Board Members in attendance:

Jenny Scala, Michele Pomroy, Phil Crowley, Kay Miyamoto, Michelle McKinney, Rachel Anticoli, Gayle Bensusan, Samantha Garcia, Eddy O'Connor, Forrest Monroy, Carter Jones, Pam Myers, Lawrence Gunn, Nicholas Carver, Sabine Dukes

Board Members absent:

None

Non-Board Members in attendance:

Leslie Eurs-Rahn, Jackson Rahm, Peter Hester, Ruthie Romero, Pam Ambris, Alli Quick, Jamyrson Pittori, Maria Cacho, Jill Ekland, Jane McKenzie, Cheryl Golich

Meeting began: 5:40pm

1. **Paddler Welcome** – Gayle shared two vintage paddles that have been her family for years.

Agenda Items

2. Treasurer/Budge report –
 - Michele P reported that she wants to send a thank you to the attorney. Still collecting for May Mashup, and received a \$180 credit due to restructure of fees by the host club.
 - Rig Run – haven't invoiced yet. Sabine will add Michele into crew document so she will know who to invoice.
 - Asked for clarification about the towing fee for Monterey; Sabine will communicate with Michele.
 - \$400 is allocated to Keiki Program
 - \$50K certificate May-July CD
 - SCCCUC remains about \$4700
 - Delivery delay for spec wheels
 - Ama and iakos are currently being shipped from Tiger Taylor
 - UL skirts ETA is unknown
 - Harbor storage fee has not yet been raised/charged
 - Birthday party money will be recorded soon
 - Monterey race: Jr. \$6 others \$30 each
3. Coaches Corner –
 - Sabine reported that this season are 100 women and 54 men racers.
 - Sabine asked members to support ALL the steers people, as there has been some rumbling. Sabine is feeling out communication of such a message, though the steering coordinator.
 - Several steers waiting to be certified. Coach would like to combine UL and Spec certification process.
 - Tahitians may be invited back in next season. In off years, Amy may offer more seminars
 - Pam suggested that the Club send out race results after each race, via social media or otherwise. Sabine will find a volunteer for this task.



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4. Juniors update – Rachel thanked paddlers who have helped with Juniors on Sundays. Two junior crews will race in Monterey.
5. Rec program transition- Jenny thanked Phil for his service. Carter reported Ruthie is interested in leading the program with Doug E, Pam Ambris, and Bruce as her team. Others will step up on a week-to-week basis. Phil expressed gratitude for the opportunity to meet new people and to work with experienced paddlers who supported new paddlers.
 - Phil brought up the issue of managing the membership including attrition and recruitment (revenue to keep the Club and Equipment viable).
 - Pam Myers receives interest emails and is impressed with the way Phil timely responds to interest with thorough, timely, and clear instructions. Pam A will take on that role.
 - Jamyrson offered testimonial of Phil's welcoming nature. They support Ruthie in taking on the lead role.
 - Given the 207 members the Club needs to balance the limited resources (people and equipment). Phil managed growth by stretching them out from month to month, but not too long to wait. Another balancing act is the varied skill/experience levels in new members/interested paddlers. Part of his strategy has been an extensive intake interview.
 - Alli reflected on Aloha Days and how Ruthie and Amy W continued encouraging her to grow with the Club. She emphasized that all paddlers should know how to swim/tread water for 30 minutes for other paddlers to feel safe.
 - Jenny voiced that Creedence's email about PFDs was well worded and held an appropriate tone.
 - Pam Myers supported the idea of an orientation before each Rec Paddle on basic moves back paddle, kahi, pry, lava, how to hold water, etc. Phil added that Rec paddlers should also be 'coached' on technique as they may become racers. Rec paddlers reiterated that Phil does a good job of vetting, training, welcoming, trusting steers people.
6. Speakers request- No update on this item this month.
 - Speaker(s) from Hanalei may provide technical instruction on catching open ocean swell and near shore waves at some point.
7. Bylaws revision discussion-
 - Michelle M walked the members through the bylaws document to gain clarity on the attorney's questions.
 - Michelle will edit the document, send it to the Board members, and an electronic vote will be held approve so that the document can be voted on by the Club membership. Two-thirds of the members who vote must approve the bylaws to adopt them. After adoption, the Bylaws will be filed at the State level. – *as of July 14, the motion has passed.*
 - Pam Myers asked additional questions about the wording of some of the paragraphs.
8. Turf update- Carter reported that the Harbor is delaying on moving the electrical box, and he is communicating with the installer. He communicated with Harbor how the delay is affecting other processes. Tuesday, May 26 is the tentative day that the vendor will deliver and install. All the canoes will need to be moved into the parking lot after Memorial Day paddle. OC1 canoes on racks 1-4 will need to be housed elsewhere for two days. After Women's Race practice on 5/25, they will leave them in the parking lot. Vendor is not asking for any prepayment, and the Harbor will not charge us for parking in the lot. Jenny and Michele will email all rack renters to move their OC1s before the holiday weekend. Jenny will communicate with all program leads about these plans.



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9. Equipment:

- Lawrence reported that Keiki is still being worked on and the ama is fixed. It could be ready on Wednesday to take out.
- Kanani has a slow leak which he will repair. Lapa is ready to be rigged with repaired iakos and ama combination.
- OC1 status: Lawrence will set up a workday to repair. He suggested purchasing a new 'used' OC1 at some point in the future. Jenny will follow up with finding the ama for Mr. Pony.
- Michele recommends following up with the Harbor for disposal of the purple OC2 after the turf is install. Carter may dispose of it or Rita may store it at her home.
- The pumps are working great!

10. Non-profit news –

- Rachel spoke with Mary Smith at Jacobs Heart Dire of Family Services. No longer bereaved siblings' group but have other grief groups: teens, families in treatment, general grief group (.20 people max). She suggested several ideas for activities at a future event. Mary will contact program directors to gauge interest. August 15, 22 October after season end. Rachel will send an email to the Club membership to work out the date.
- Amos Fishbean, Coordinator of the Santa Cruz Jr. Lifeguard (14–15-year-olds) program contacted Rachel. Outriggers may be asked if it can be part of the third week of the program curriculum (Friday, June 26, 1:00-4:00. Forty 40 OSC adults will be needed to support the 20 youth in the program. UL canoes will not be available that day} and Tuesday, July 21, 1:00-4:00). Rachel will check with Amos about using the Lifeguard Dock for launching. Rachel will report back with more information.
- Ama update – Eddy asked everyone to avoid canoeing over the kelp. Jenny will ask Creedence to send an email to the club and program leaders.

11. Consent (items below)

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Carter Jones and seconded by Eddy O'Connor. The motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

- Approve April 2026 minutes
- April 2026 financials
- Upcoming dates:
 - Monterey Hoe Wa'a- May 23
 - Regatta #1 O Kalani- May 30
 - Regatta #2- June 6
 - Regatta #3 O Kalani- June 27
 - Shared Adventures Day at the Beach- July 11
 - July Board meeting- July 20

12. Eddy O'Connor motioned to adjourn at 7:16 and seconded by Carter Jones. The motion passed.