Outrigger Santa Cruz Board of Directors Meeting

September 22, 2026
5:40pm-7:30pm

Approved on October 19, 2026

Board Members in attendance:
Gayle Bensusan, Michele Pomroy, Jenny Scala, Rachel Anticoli, Carter Jones, Eddy O'Connor, Michelle McKinney, Pam Myers, Sabine Dukes, Kay, Forrest Monroy, Nicholas Carver, Lawrence Gunn, Samantha Garcia

Board Members absent:
Phil Crowley

Non-Board Members in attendance:
Jane McKenzie, Mike Glosney, Leslie Eurs-Rahm, Cheryl Golich, Amy Foxglover, Mina Norona, Channing Baker, Colleen Sparkman, Matt Paiss, Leisl Luddington, Paul Luddington, Matt Love, Jackson Rahm Micki Karrer

Meeting began at 5:40pm

1. Paddler opening
   a. Gayle shared her Kailua Canoe Club t-shirt from 1976 with the message: Action, No Words.

Agenda Items

2. Treasurer report- 25 minutes (Michele P)
   a. Financial overview – Since April the CD has earned $465. In November the Board will need to decide whether to reinvest, spend it, etc.
   b. The checking account balance after purchasing the UL skirts is $27,193, which includes the payment for canoe rental from other clubs for paddling events.
   c. Club tent purchase - $1700 quote for Alameda-proof customizable tent. A quality item could last 3 seasons whereas cheaper ones last a few months. Michelle McKinney motioned to approve the purchase; Eddy PO-Connor seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Election committee update- 10 minutes (Cheryl G, Jane M, Matt Piass)
   a. Bylaws vote status – The amended bylaws were approved by the membership, with 88% of the 135 votes cast in favor of the amendments. The election was conducted on an expedited timeline to ensure the bylaws would be in place ahead of the Fall 2026 election for Board of Directors members serving the 2027–2029 term. The newly approved bylaws require a Board of Directors consisting of 9–13 members.
   b. Timeline for October Board voting- The Election Committee will use the established nomination process for new Board members. Nominations will be open from September 28 through October 9. Nominators should email the Election Committee, and nominees must

accept their nominations. If more than seven candidates run, voting will take place from October 16 through October 30, and each ballot will include candidate biographies. If seven or fewer candidates run, no election will be held.

c. The incoming Board will elect the executive committee via ballot.
d. The Election committee will send emails with details of which board seats are up for election.
e. Votes are anonymous as the software only sends reminders to members who haven't voted, and the Election Committee cannot see how those people voted.

4. Coaches corner- 20 minutes (Sabine)
    a. The Na Wahine O Ke Kai race was canceled due to hurricanes, so the season is officially over.
    b. 87 of the 98 members of the Women's Race team participated in at least one race.
    c. 35 of the 50 Men's Race team participated in at least one race.
    d. The NCOCA offered five distance races in 2026; OSC raced in all of them with 63 different events (teams).
    e. 53 teams participated in all three of the 2026 season Regattas.
    f. OSC racers participated in non-NCOCA races as well, including Napali, Dads, Queen's, and Catalina.
    g. Sabine voiced special appreciation to the men's team as they lost several strong paddlers throughout the season, and also completed very well.
    h. Sabine shared appreciation to the women's team coaches for all the work it took to organize the season so well.
    i. Carter appreciated women's team coaches for collaborating and supporting the men's team, as well as coed crews.
    j. The Board appreciated Gayle for managing the registration for hundreds of paddlers and team per season.
5. Annual party update- 10 minutes (Michele and Michelle)
    a. The committee needs to hold a meeting when they are all back in town. The 'theme' is to celebrate the growth of the OSC for all club members.
    b. The Rec and Race teams will find other venues to celebrate their programs.
    c. Ticket prices will increase to $43 from $40 as the fees have increased. The President has scholarship funds available.
6. Winter programming
    a. Saturday Winter paddle lead- Winter Paddle will start in November. Michelle will send email to whole Club membership inviting others to lead in coordination roles. For paddlers who wish coaching during the winter off-season, there are many opportunities for coaching include clinics, 1-1 coaching hires, watching videos, etc. "To maintain a fitness level" is the purpose of Winter Paddle in a coed, non-competitive environment. "Winter paddle fitness level should be 90 minutes of uninterrupted Zone 2 paddling ." The Board will determine the configuration of Winter Paddle program co-coordination over email discussion after volunteers are identified.

b. Steering support program –Leslie Eurs-Rahm and Michelle McKinney will schedule Steering meeting/training locations and content and report at the October Board meeting.

7. Equipment manager- 15 minutes (Lawrence)
    a. Fall club workday plan –
        i. Full fleet inspection and inventory (dings, cracks, dents, etc.)
        ii. Spec canoe seats need to be replaced with closed foam seats.
        iii. Gunnels not in great shape due to strikes, making chips. Epoxy fill will happen; Matt Paiss will add flex tape.
        iv. Jacob's Heart's ama dent is not a leak. The scrapes on the bottom are only cosmetic. This canoe needs the most cosmetic help of all the canoes.
        v. Double hull needs to be put together – OSC will use Ho'o and Bro Nappy and send Ho'o for repairs after Learn to Paddle class.
        vi. Oct 3 is the day; Jenny will add to Team Snap.
    b. OC 6 repairs- Ho'o has 6-foot cracks on its bottom. The repair person would like to work on the canoe on trailer as it's easier to work on it when it's upside down. Kanani's ama has been taking on water; will be sent to repair person as well. Jacob's Heart's ama connection is working for now with the collars at the ama.
    c. Trailer maintenance later this fall – when the trailer and Ho'o are at Steve's he can repair the lights.
    d. Lawrence appreciates that people are willing to make repairs on their own and are offering him positive feedback about the good state of the canoes. The Board appreciates Lawrence for his attention to the health of the canoes.
    e. Blake at the Harbor has agreed to run a hose through the fish cleaning area. A wall-mounted 100 ft hose with locked housing will be constructed at no cost to the OSC other than the materials for the hose, reel, and cabinet. This project should be done by November 1.
8. Announcements –
    a. Kupuna Aina: Hawaii, the Land Remembers film will be shown on October 30 at 6:30 at the Resource Center for Nonviolence. A small group of members have purchased tickets and intend to attend.
    b. The dredge is running late to return to the harbor. When that happens, the OSC will cancel events to give the Harbor folks the space and time to get the dredge in. Once the dredge is back in the water, MakaNui will need to move to parking lot. Rec folks will take care of that. Lawrence will ask the repair person if he can take MakaNui for repairs over the winter.
9. Consent (items below)
    a. Motion to approve: Eddy O'Connor, seconded by Carter Jones. The motion passed
10. Adjourn
    a. Eddy O'Connor motioned to adjourn. Carter Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda:

11. Approve August 2026 minutes (sent by Michelle M)

12. Notes from August 2, 2026 NCOCA meeting:
    a. Discussed appreciation to NCOCA (specifically Linda) for helping move Sanctuary Challenge to Redwood City based on forecast.
    b. Website: eventually moving from Wild Apricot to Word Press
    c. Races 2027: working to establish regatta dates, and clubs have been asked to host (2 regattas will be co-hosted)
13. Upcoming dates:
    a. October OSC Board meeting October 19
    b. Annual party, Nov 7
    c. November OSC Board meeting Nov 16