

Outrigger Racing To Do List

So ya wanna race? Here's a list of things to do to get your crew organized.

CREW

Designate someone as **Team Captain**.

Duties – make sure everything gets done.

- communication central.
- Lead race strategy discussion.

Designate some one to do the **Race Registration**.

Duties - contact race organizers with “intent to race” or registration, whichever is required.

- gather race information, waivers, registration forms and money for the race.
- This person would also act as the correspondent between the race directors and the crew.

Designate someone to do the **Finances**.

The crew needs to decide on being pro-active or retro-active. It was discussed at some point this season that it might be better to estimate in advance what the costs will be and collect money before the race, adjusting to the estimate after. This would leave less of a burden on one or two people.

Suggestion - for **International races** the crew could 1) Estimate their budget per person 2) pay this amount to the finance person and use this as petty cash for all group costs during the trip. 3) settle up differences afterwards. For **local races** 1) each person pay expenses as they come 2) settle up after the race with cheques.

Potential budget items: race fee, race dinner, travel (ferries, reservations, gas, mileage, airfare), accommodation, canoe rental, canoe hauling, escort boat rental, after race beer, gifts for other clubs.

Note: carpooling drivers do not pay for gas.

CLUB, if more than one crew is going to the race, these projects should be worked on cooperatively by all the crews.

Recruiting – If we are short paddlers for any crew or want to line up alternates.

Accommodation – arrange group accommodation for the crew(s). Check in with everyone to see that they want to partake with the group.

Travel – arrange travel / car pooling for the crews. Decide on leaving times, book ferries, etc. Arranging for the boat travel, if needed.

Boats – Arranging for boats, both OC6's and escort boats for ALL PRCC crews (it makes sense to ask for both crews together rather than having two people searching at the same time). Small boat paddlers need to make their own arrangements. See “How To” section for hints on finding boats. Arrange fee or designate a gift for the crew lending us the boat.

Rigging Supplies – pack for ALL PRCC crews – see below for the list of Rigging Supplies. Lifejackets and the spare paddles also fall under this area.

Paddles – Individual paddlers are responsible to arrange for their own paddles at races.

How to find a boat

- Post on the CORA website.
- Email clubs and paddlers directly.
- Post on Outrigger Digest.
- Post on CORA again.
- Do not give up! Other clubs, especially some of the larger clubs, do not set their crews until 1 week to 10 days before. Be persistent, sound desperate when you are. Outrigger paddling has a reputation for both being laid back to a fault and for coming through to help out other paddlers.

How to find other paddlers

- Go through the PRCC membership list.
- Ask other paddlers in town.
- Post on the CORA website.
- Email other clubs and paddlers directly.
- Post on Outrigger Digest.
- Post on CORA again.
- Again, outrigger has a reputation. Do not give up. Do not panic. Someone will come through.

Canoe Racing Checklist

For Boat:

1 Large bailer
2 small bailers
10 rubbers
1 duct tape
2 measuring tapes
ropes
6 life jackets
1 extra paddle
1 tubing to attach the spare paddle
1 steering blade
1 felt marker
1 pencil
1 knife or exacto knife
tie downs for transportation
sponges or padding
1 ama weight

If Camping:

Tent
Sleeping bag
Mattress
Flashlight
Tarps
Raingear

Personal stuff:

Racing shirt / shorts
Paddle
Race food
Race fluid (pop-top bottle or bladder)
Warm clothing for before and after.
Hat
Sunglasses
Sunscreen
racing gloves
Money or chequebook
ID if travelling internationally