



# *Lifeline*

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## **FISHMASTER OF THE YEAR 2004**

**ALAN CALHOUN** was named the winner of the 2004 Progressive Fishing Tournament, having earned the most points during the year, by FishKeeper, Chuck Ehrhorn. He received the coveted Perpetual FishHead Trophy from last year's winner, Dennis Kees, at the HWK's Annual Christmas Party.

Alan had a hot fishing streak last year. He also won the 2004 Annual HWK Fishing Tournament, hosted by James Sutherland, and earned the honor to host this year's annual tournament to be held in May 2005. Details will be announced later in the year.

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## President's Message

Hello Paddlers,

Winds coming in from the Southeast (Kona winds)....high surf advisories on the north- and west-facing shores....these recent winter weather conditions have set up unusual circumstances for kayaking when we normally would be enjoying tradewinds coming in from the Northeast. Experienced kayakers always check weather conditions before they paddle, sometimes daily, starting days in advance so they can better predict the ocean conditions for the day of the paddle. It may mean the difference between paddling into the wind or negotiating choppy waters and paddling with "following seas." The weather can quickly turn a beginner's paddle into an advanced one. Our trip leaders have had to adjust the starting points on some of the paddles to compensate for the different weather conditions. Up-to-date weather forecasts are available on several websites. The one run by NOAA is located at <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl> . It now has a graphic depiction of the wind, rain and swell predictions at [http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/gfe\\_graphics.php](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/pages/gfe_graphics.php). The swell chart is especially good at showing the wrap-around effect of high surf on all parts of the island. Those who don't want to fool with computers can always pick up a local paper for basic weather information.

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## More Winners of the 2004 Progressive Fishing Tournament

Second Place, Most Points Earned – Chuck Ehrhorn

Third Place, Most Points Earned – Steve Harris

First Fish Caught – Rusty Lilloco

Most Unique Fish – Jeff Aurrecoechea

Largest Fish Caught By a Female – Jane Skanderup

### Special Recognition:

No Fish Caught – Gary Budlong

Last Year's Winner – Dennis Kees

### Mahalo to:

FishKeeper – Chuck Ehrhorn

for his diligent record keeping and coordination of the tournament.

All of the fishermen and women who participated in the 2004 tournament.



**Steve Harris** hooked this 9.06-lb baby about a mile off Kahuku Golf Course on the paddle from Malaekahana to China Walls.



**Jane Skanderup** caught a kawakawa on the same paddle. It was a great day for paddling and fishing.

*[President's Message – continued from page 2]*

The year is in full swing and paddles are planned for the first half of 2005 (see enclosed schedule). Easter is early this year and we are already planning for the annual camp event happening on March 25 to 27, 2005, at Kualoa Regional Park. We were unable to obtain the group campsite we've used in the past and are looking for volunteers to apply for camping permits on the early morning of March 11, 2005. Please contact me at 528-3600 or at [advisor@aloha.net](mailto:advisor@aloha.net) if you'll be able to stand in line for the permits at any Satellite City Hall location or at the Department of Parks and Recreation office in town. We are also looking for more participation this year so, if you want to volunteer, please contact me or any of the board members. We are looking for truck owners to pick up palettes and Christmas trees for the Saturday night bonfire.

A moonlight paddle is planned for the first night of the camp on Friday, March 25. Be sure to attend the ACA basic kayak skills class on Saturday afternoon, March 26, to brush up on your kayaking and safety skills in the water or to help some of the newcomers. If you have not renewed your membership in a while, do so now or at the camp. Renew or sign up as a new member to be eligible for the grand prizes given away at the camp and/or to attend the kayak class at no charge.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water soon.

Safe paddling,

*Joe Hu*  
President

## **TRIP RATINGS**

*Excerpts taken from Paddling Hawai'i  
by Audrey Sutherland*

A knot is 1 nautical mile per hour, equivalent to 1.15 land miles per hour. Seas are measured in height of waves above normal flat water. Distances are in land miles, not nautical miles.

Class 1: Rivers and bays. Easy paddling or swimming. Quiet water, little wind or current. Easy put-in and take-out. Short paddles of 1-5 miles.

Class 2: Protected ocean area. Wind 0-10 knots and seas 1-3 feet. Sheltered put-in and take-out sites so you can make a short or long trip. Less than 1 mile between possible landings.

Class 3: Moderate open ocean. Wind 5-15 knots and seas 2-5 feet. Often more than 2 miles between landings. Some rocky shores and surf during take-off and landing. There is access to roads and phones in the first 3 trip classes.

Class 4: Exposed open ocean. Prevailing winds 10-25 knots and seas 2-10 feet. Some sandy beaches to cushion the landings. No phones or towns. May be 5 miles or more between road access. Steady shore break.






Class 5: Dangerous open ocean. You might get a quiet day, but this area often has winds of 15-30 knots, choppy seas up to 15 feet. Breaking surf on rocky shores, few or no sand beaches. Cliffs drop sheer into the sea. Experience, skill, and judgment required. No roads. 10-30 miles between phones. Difficult and dangerous.



# HUI WA'A KAUKAHI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

compiled and maintained by Webmaster Rusty Lillico

[check the website at [www.huiwaa.org](http://www.huiwaa.org) for more details and updates or contact the Trip Leader]

Unless stated otherwise, all groups should be assembled at the start point by 0900, and **launched by 0915** at the latest. Depending on the length of the ride, car poolers should have their boats set up and ready to leave the launch area **a half-hour to a full hour before the launch time** - call the Trip Leader to find out.

Date	Event ▼		Tides ▼	Rating	Leader	
<b>February</b>						
Sun 6	Super Bowl Surfing Clinic - Meet at the Kailua Beach Boat Ramp at 8:30 and head out to the Mokolua Islands for a day in the surf. Get in shape for the upcoming Surf Aloha competition! Bring picnic snacks for lunch on the sand beach. No TVs or radios allowed!			3	Jodi, Jeff, Alan & Chuck	
Sun 13	Waikiki Swim Club Valentine's Day Biathlon 7:00 - 9:30 AM at Magic Island- volunteers in kayaks needed to help with calm-water swim portion - get free T-shirt!			-	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 lillico@hawaii.rr.com	
Tues 15	Meeting - Church Of The Crossroads, 7:00 PM - <b>Carey Morishige</b> will give a presentation about the Sierra Club's "Blue Water Campaign" program, a statewide outreach campaign to help keep Hawaii's waters clean and healthy. Learn about what the Campaign does to help stop water pollution in the state and how you can become involved.				Joe Hu, Pres. 528-3600 advisor(@aloha.net	
Thurs 18 - Tues 22	Off-Island #1 - South Kauai			4	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 ehrhorn@lava.net	
Sun 20	Heeia Kea Boat Harbor to Chinaman's Hat			2	Jane Skanderup 239-7007 jskanderup@yahoo.com	
<b>March</b>						
Sat 12 - Sun 13	Night Fishing and camping practice on Kapapa Island. Launch from Heeia Kea canoe hale at 2:30pm <b>5 mi. RT</b> [37/E2]			3	Joe Hu 528-3600 advisor@aloha.net	
Tues 15	Meeting - Church Of The Crossroads, 7:00 PM -				Joe Hu, Pres. 528-3600 advisor@aloha.net	
Sun 20	Circle Rabbit Island and Black Island from Makai Pier - surfing and snorkling - <b>4 mi. RT</b> [22/E1]				Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 ehrhorn@lava.net	
Fri 25	Kualoa Full Moon Paddle - From Kualoa campsite beach out to Chinaman's Hat - a new event!			1	Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com	
Annual Easter Weekend Frolic and Debauch						
Fri 25 - Sun 27	Fri 25 Arrive Kualoa BP Area 'A' anytime after noon for family camping. Campsite TBA.					
	Fri 25 Moonlight paddle to The Hat - see above					
	Sat 26 Paddle: Kualoa B.P. to Kahana Bay [42/A3] <b>6 mi.</b>				3	Tim Sawyer 230-8989
	Sat 26 Paddling skills workshops, starting 2:00pm at the campsite					
	Sat 26 Easter Bonfire & Marshmallow Roast					
	Sun 27 Easter Egg Chase, Easter Bonnet Contest, and Potluck Pigout, and, of course, the Prizes!					Joe Hu 528-3600

Thurs 31	Steerage Committee (Planning) Meeting - Hu & Tsuji Offices, Fort St - 6:30 pm				Chuck Ehrhorn, Co-Chrmn. 395-6180 ehrhorn@lava.net
<b>April</b>					
Sun 3	"Hui Buoy and Breakfast Bonanza" - Kaimana Beach Hotel (San Souci) out to the Diamond Head Buoy and back to the Elk's Club for breakfast [13/E1] <b>3 mi. RT</b>			-	Gary Budlong 737-9514 gary@gobananaskayaks.com
Sat 9	Waikiki Swim Club "Fin Swim" Race - 7:00 - 9:30 AM at Magic Island- volunteers in kayaks needed to help with calm-water swim portion - get free T-shirt!			-	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 lillico@hawaii.rr.com
Sun 17	Lake Wilson Bass Fishing Tournament. Meet at the boat ramp (off Walker Ave) at 8:30 [79/D1] <b>3-4 mi RT</b> . You'll need a fishing license and a pole, and <b>an entry permit</b> to be allowed on the lake. Licenses are available at most sporting-goods stores. Fish caught count toward the Progressive Fishing Tournament award.			-	Brian Suyeoka 927-3644 BMAO@hawaii.rr.com
Tues 19	Meeting - Church Of The Crossroads, 7:00 PM				Joe Hu, Pres. 528-3600 advisor@aloha.net
Sun 24	E-Z Gliders Paddle #2: Kaiaka Bay and Paukauila River (Wailua) [64/B4] 3 mi RT			1	Leader Needed
<b>May</b>					
Sun 1	"Open Ditch Fish Twitch"- Fishermen get to pick their own favorite spot to paddle. Any fish caught count toward the Progressive Fishing Tournament score.			-	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 ehroh@lava.net
Sat 14	Alan Calhoun Fishing Contest - Location to be announced. Fish caught also count towards the Progressive Fishing Tournament score.			-	Alan Calhoun 621-6146 kayak-fool@hawaii.rr.com
Sun 15	Kailua Masters Popoia (Flat Island) Swim Race - 7:00 - 9:30 AM at Kailua Beach Park - volunteers in kayaks needed to marshall the swimmers around the back of the island - get free T-shirt!			1	Rusty Lillico 254-4123 lillico@hawaii.rr.com
Tues 17	Meeting - Church Of The Crossroads, 7:00 PM				Joe Hu, Pres. 528-3600 advisor@aloha.net

### Permits and Conditions for Lake Wilson Use

Lake Wilson is a privately-owned reservoir in Wahiawa, Central Oahu, that is stocked, maintained and regulated by the State, specifically *and exclusively* for use by freshwater sport fisherman. As such, there are several, fortunately easy, hoops you must jump through in order to gain access to the water:

- 1) You will need a "Freshwater Game Fishing License" issued by the State and available at most fishing-supply and sporting-goods stores like Sports Authority and McCully Bicycle. The cost is \$5 for Hawaii residents (\$3 for minors under 15), is good for one year, and can be used for fishing in any freshwater location in the State. It is also available online at the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources site.
- 2) You must also have an "Entry Permit For Wahiawa Public Fishing Area, Oahu" also available (free-of-charge) at the above stores. This, for some reason, is **not** available online.
- 3) A fishing pole (Note: we are unofficially told that this one is no longer required.)

## **LIST OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PADDLE LEADER**

*by Joseph Hu*

- 1) Handle inquiries via phone calls, e-mail, and/or in person prior to the paddle.
- 2) Get the marine radios from Rusty Lillico prior to the paddle and distribute them to qualified members at the launch site.
- 3) Arrive at the launch site on time or earlier to check weather and sea conditions. Check the weather report ahead of time (Hawaiian Waters at 973-4382).
- 4) Officially cancel the paddle in the event of Small Craft Advisory.
- 5) Organize and initiate a car pool to the landing site.
- 6) Gather the paddlers together prior to launching to discuss a paddle plan, including landing sites and planned rest stops or reconvening locations.
- 7) Encourage the “buddy system” so members are within shouting distance of one another in case of emergency.
- 8) Ask if there are any “new” paddlers (have never paddled before) in the group. Recommend that they attend a “beginners” clinic before participating, rather than risk injury. Leaders are not expected to teach new participants the fundamentals of paddling on the day of the event.
- 9) Count the number of boats and the number of paddlers prior to the launch. Relay this information to the co-leader or another experienced paddler. Count them again each time the group reconvenes and at the landing site to insure that everyone is accounted for.
- 10) Read, understand, and follow the American Canoe Association Safety Guidelines.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PADDLER**

*by Bob Walls  
revised 01/01*

- 1) Each paddler is responsible for his/her own safety. Make sure that you are familiar with the skill level required, have had proper instructions about kayaking, have the necessary safety equipment, and that your boat and equipment are sea-worthy. Address any questions about these preparations to the Paddle Leader.
- 2) Arrive at the launch site as early as necessary to be ready to launch at the scheduled time and to assist with the car pooling.
- 3) Check in with the Paddle Leader upon arrival. Each participant must sign the release form and read the waiver provided by the Leader.
- 4) Inform the Paddle Leader of any physical limitations you may have, if you intend to deviate from the paddle plan such as separating/landing from the group earlier, and other special situations. Otherwise, if you are unaccounted for, the Coast Guard will be alerted.
- 5) You are responsible for briefing any non-member guests you bring about the planned route, group paddling practices, and emergency procedures and signals prior to the scheduled paddle. For instance, the universal SOS signal is to hold the paddle vertically as high as possible.
- 6) The “buddy system” is encouraged. Stay in sight or communication with at least one other paddler. If you have a VHF marine radio, monitor the radio channel assigned by the Paddle Leader (usually Channel 72). However, sole reliance on club radios to call for help is discouraged because the radio may not be operable under certain ocean conditions and within certain coastal areas.
- 7) Do not pass the designated Lead Paddler or fall behind the designated Sweep Paddler.
- 8) Keep the Paddle Leader informed of any special situations which may arise during the paddle, either directly or indirectly by relaying the information through the designated Sweep or other paddlers in communication with the Leader.
- 9) Check in with the Paddle Leader at the designated reconvening areas and at the end of the paddle so he can account for all participants. Provide any feedback or suggestions which may assist with future paddle scheduling and monitoring.
- 10) Enjoy yourself!

# PROGRESSIVE FISHING TOURNAMENT — 2005

## RULES

The 5th Annual Progressive Fishing Tournament started with the first club paddle on December 26, 2004. Charles Ehrhorn is the “Keeper of the Record” and will track who catches what, where, and how many. A perpetual trophy for the fisherperson who ends up with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded at the Annual Christmas Party. Other awards will also be presented. There is an early-bird special entry fee this year of \$5 for members and \$25 for non-members which must be paid to Charles on or before February 15, 2005. The entry fees after this date are \$10 for members and \$30 for non-members. Rules include but may not be limited to:

1. Fish must be over seven (7) inches in length to qualify, measured from the tip of its nose to the fork in its tail.
2. Fish must be caught on Club-sanctioned outings, which include Club-coordinated neighbor island trips.
3. Fish must be caught using a line, such as a rod or a hand line. Catches using spears, nets, explosives, or chemicals are not allowed.
4. Fish must be caught from the kayak. Fish jumping into the kayak by itself may count towards your total.
5. An exception to Rule #4 is fish caught while shore-fishing from Kapapa Island during the Night Fishing and Campout event will count.
6. You must have a witness to your catch. A photograph is better.
7. You can return your qualifying fish to the deep as long as you have someone to verify your catch.
8. You must report your booty to Charles via phone or e-mail within 24 hours after the finish of the event/paddle and/or return from a qualifying neighbor island trip. The entry fee must be paid to Charles by the end of the next Club meeting following your report or your catch will be disallowed.
9. Honor system prevails!

### New Progressive Fishing Tournament Point System

Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish, Ahi (100 lbs or more)	25 points
Ono	20 points
Mahimahi	15 points
Ulua, Shibi, Aku, Kagami	10 points
Kawakawa, Aha, Uku	8 points
Papio, Barracuda, Kawalea	6 points
Roi, Wrasse, Lizardfish, Parrotfish	4 points
Trumpetfish, Needlefish, Wahanui	1 point

Please let Charles know if you hook a species that is not included on the list.

The **Last Ditch Fish Twitch** will be held on the last Sunday before the Annual Christmas party. Participants can fish anywhere within the Hawaiian Islands. All rules are applicable.

Contact Charles Ehrhorn at 395-6180 or at [ehrhorn@lava.net](mailto:ehrhorn@lava.net) to register or if you need further information.

Good luck and happy fishing!



# HUI WA'A KAUKAHI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND WAIVER FORM

Please check one box:       New member       Renewal

**[Please print legibly]**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment attached for [check one]:**

\*ACA/Hui active member:       Individual @ \$36.00\*       Family @ \$43.00\*  
or Hui member only:       Individual @ \$16.00       Family @ \$18.00

\*ACA/Hui active memberships are encouraged. It includes a Paddler Magazine, American Canoeist newsletter subscriptions, and comprehensive liability insurance for you and the Club.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the American Canoe Association, Inc. and Hui Wa'a Kaukahi, a nonprofit corporation, athletics/sports program and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that, prior to participating, he/she will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if he/she believes anything is unsafe, he/she will immediately advise the coach/supervisor of such condition(s) and refuse to participate;
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from his/her own actions, inactions, or negligence but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time;
3. Assumes all foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death;
4. Releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue the American Canoe Association, Inc. or Hui Wa'a Kaukahi, a nonprofit corporation, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organizations, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the events, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases", from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THAT HE/SHE HAS GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Hui Wa'a Kaukahi

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expiration date of your membership.**



# **SURF TEAM SOUTH**

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## **Honolulu, Hawaii**

Check out this latest website about kayak surfing that was set up by Elliott Wong and friends. These fun-loving, surf-loving, adventurous guys and gals want to share their love of the sport with you. The group usually goes out weekly to Hickam Air Force Base. Go to *surfteamsouth.com* on the internet for stories, pictures, links, and more.