

## AOCRA Newsflash

### Australia storms Molokai...

Our Australian teams did us proud at this years Na Wahine O Ke Kai (women's) and Molokai Hoe (men's) races in Hawaii. In the women's race, Outrigger Whitsunday finished fourth across the line with the Mololo girls in 15th and Team Curry in 27th. Team Curry also placed a well deserved third in the Senior +50 division. In the men's Molokai Hoe, Mooloolaba's Senior (50+) men shone, taking first place in their division as well as beating the master (40+) crews across the line. Northcliffe A and Northcliffe B open men's teams placed 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> across the line. We would like to congratulate them all for their valiant achievement in representing Australia at this international event.



Molokai competitors set a precedent for future competition at international events.

**AND THE WINNER IS...**

After an influx of entries for our AOCRA sticker competition, Trish Cornish from Outrigger Whitsunday provided us with our winning entry. Well done Trish!

"I'm sorry I can't.....I have to go paddling!"

### AOCRA Website

2009 has seen the introduction and various alterations to the AOCRA website. We would like to thank all our members for your patience during upload times.

Our website now see's a national system for nominations, registration and communications.

We are in the process of including a map system to the site as many club names do not directly identify their location in the zones.

It is hoped that this addition will assist new members to locate a club within their area with ease and to assist existing members to locate clubs during regatta seasons.

We are also enjoying the new email function from the site which allows us to contact members with the details they provide on their membership renewal.

Please remember all incident reports are to be completed online within 7 days of the incident occurring.

### Support Boat Ruling

Following an extensive review process and information gathering period, the AOCRA Support Boat rule has been altered to ensure the safety of our paddlers whilst on the water.

The new ruling see's a minimum requirement of three support boats; 1 lead boat, 1 chase boat and a third boat for an event.

The remainder of the field can be made up of jet ski's with attached sleds manned by 1 driver and 1 crew member carrying a radio for ease of communications.

The ratio of support craft to canoes still remains the same as it is felt that this ratio is safest for all involved.

This change will see more options available to clubs hosting regatta's and is hoped to promote participation from more clubs to host regattas.

"One knows no limit to the human spirit like that of the paddler"

### AOCRA Funding 2009

AOCRA in 2009 has put forward \$30,000 of funding for paddlers travelling to events. Molokai alone attracted assistance for over 44 competitors.

Zones have also benefited from a \$50,000 zone assistance scheme which was made available to all zones.

That is a total of \$80,000 in grants assisting our paddlers and promoting our sport.

### AGM Coming Soon

The AOCRA AGM is rapidly approaching and is set to take place on the 7th and 8th of November 2009 at the Chifley on Lennon's, Brisbane.

Nominations for committee positions close on Friday the 23rd of October. If you wish to apply for a position, the appropriate paperwork can be found on the website under the Administration tab.

### Beautiful Medals...Discount Prices

AOCRA is excited to announce that an initiative to provide clubs throughout Australia with beautiful medals at a price affordable to all clubs is now underway.

These medals have been purchased in bulk in order to pass on the savings to you.

These medals are available to all clubs at the great price of \$3.00 per medal...bargain!

Medals are sent to your club postage paid and refunds can be obtained on unused medals with the proviso that the club pay the postage to return the unused medals.

Requests for medals should be made to the AOCRA Secretary on the appropriate order form available on the website under the Administration Tab (Hosting a Regatta).

