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The official publication of the Outrigger Canoe Club is titled Ama to honor the Club's lineage. The outrigger of a canoe is called an Ama in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language). It was a nautical innovation that allowed the Polynesians to efficiently navigate the rough waters of the Pacific. The Ama is also the port hull of a double-hulled canoe, which is the vehicle that brought the Hawaiians to these beautiful islands.

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**ALOHA FELLOW OUTRIGGER MEMBERS.** It is an honor to serve as your President for 2020, and to write my first *Ama* message to you.



Bill & Katherine Meheula

At the annual meeting in February, we honored Mark Buck and Tim Guard as Life Members. They are both past presidents, Winged "O"s and multiple Molokai Hoe open champions (three times on the same team), as well as lifelong friends. They and many other club legends exemplify our core values: to honor our traditions, to compete in the sports of old Hawai'i, and to enjoy, respect and serve our Club.

At 112 years old, the Club remains one of the few iconic ocean clubs in the world. While our current members include some of the world's best paddlers and volleyball players, many of us, young and old, compete for and workout at the Club.

Our solidarity also comes from the service of the many who participate in management of the Club, and our aloha for the Club—we want our children to be members, and many of us want our resting place to be right off our shore!

Like any long-standing organization, we always have a few challenges that we need to carefully address. Two current issues are: saving the beach and extending our lease—either at this time or when the right opportunity arises as we continue to grow our building fund.

I believe that our aloha 'āina for this place and our warrior mana will push us to resolve these and any other challenges. Please know that the Board of Directors is committed to thoughtful long-term planning and collaboration with membership.

*Aloha kākou,*

**Bill Meheula**  
President

I'D LIKE TO OPEN THIS ISSUE'S LETTER with sincere thanks to outgoing President Rob Durkin. I appreciate his dedication to the Club through his six years of service on the Board of Directors and I value his leadership and support during the past year. I'd like to welcome new President William Meheula. I look forward to working with him as he brings his perspective and guidance in leading the Club into 2021



I also look forward to continue to work with our Board of Directors—including our re-elected Directors Jon Steiner, Michelle Luxton, Laurie Foster and Kevin Greenwell, and our newly elected Directors Emily Porter, Glenn Perry and Art Mallet. They join our incumbents Wendell Brooks, Jr., Curt DeWeese, Lissa Guild Eveleth, Rick Humphreys and Alice Lunt. It's going to be a great year!

Spring is just naturally a time of growth and renewal and I share your excitement to see the results of the Snack Shop renovation project, which is on track to open in late March. I am sure that you are excited to see what's been going on behind those construction walls. We appreciate your patience during the progress and for continuing to support our Snack Shop staff with breakfast in the KMB and lunch service at our pop-up "Beach Grill." We look forward to getting back to full-service hours with all of your old favorites on the menu and a few new items added to the mix. You will see all of the menu choices presented in a fresh and sustainable way.

The Outrigger Canoe Club has a strong bond with the land and the sea and the Board of Directors and management team feel strongly that we should take a stewardship role in protecting our environment so future generations can enjoy the ocean as much as our past generations have. To help meet this goal, we are partnering with Sustainable Island Products (SIP) for the relaunch of the Snack Shop. Beginning on March 20, OCC will use eco-friendly single-use products from this family-owned, Hawai'i-based company. Our deli containers, napkins, cutlery, hot and cold containers, etc., will all be compostable and/or recyclable SIP products. We think this is a natural partnership and we are excited to be able to do our part. I look forward to your feedback on this initiative!

*Happy spring and I'll see you around the Club!*

**Tyler Roukema,**  
General Manager

## The Stories of O— Share Yours

➡ The Outrigger Canoe Club is a cache of amazing tales that reflect not only the history of the Club, but of the place it is a part of. And OCC members are the only ones who can tell them. *Ama* wants to continue the Club's storytelling tradition by featuring your memories and experiences. Send your pitch to [ama@outriggercanoecub.com](mailto:ama@outriggercanoecub.com). We're looking for a paragraph of up to seven sentences—tell us the who, what, why, where and when of your story—and photos if available.





PHOTO BY MATT HEIRAKUUI

## Annual Meeting 2020

► **On Monday, February 10**, 77 voting members attended the Outrigger Canoe Club Annual Meeting in the Koa Lanai. Parliamentarian Frank Pestana was invited to preside over the meeting.

**Outgoing President Robert Durkin** gave an overview of 2019, speaking to the importance of engaged communication—an exchange of information that can result in challenging questions that require a re-examination of programs and a redefinition of purpose. He reviewed his and the Board of Directors’ focus on developing a Strategic Plan, anchored in the Club’s unique identity and core values while providing a living document that guides Club leadership, both elected and management, into a strong future. The time-consuming and thorough process involved ad hoc committees

**2020–21 Board of Directors:** front row, left to right: Wendell Brooks, Jr., Laurie Foster, President Bill Meheula, Jon Steiner  
2nd row: Emily Porter, Alice Lunt, Lissa Guild Eveleth, Michelle Luxton  
Back row: Glenn Perry, Kevin Greenwell, Rick Humphreys, Jr., Art Mallet, Curt DeWeese



creating a strategic plan, evaluating core values, surveying the membership and staff, analyzing the Club’s SWOT and modeling financial scenarios. He concluded the presentation with a photo of his family and the observation that the work accomplished in 2019 was done to ensure the Club’s legacy for our children and future members to enjoy. He wished the 2020-2021 Board of Directors a successful year.



**President Durkin turned the gavel over to incoming president William Meheula, who presented the Board of Directors’ assignments for 2020.**

President Durkin turned the gavel over to incoming president William Meheula, who presented the Board of Directors assignments for 2020. President Meheula outlined his priorities for 2020 then gave an overview of the exceptional contributions of Life Membership nominees Mark Buck and Tim Guard. The membership enthusiastically voted to grant them Life Membership (see page 10).

There was no new business presented and the Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. In contrast to previous Annual Meetings, there were few questions during the Member Forum session. A request for members to be able to settle accounts with credit cards will be looked into. A member asked about consequences for members sharing codes for the new security doors with nonmembers, to which the BOD replied that the while the system is not foolproof, it is a deterrent for unauthorized access to the Club’s facilities. Club management will evaluate the system after three months of use and decide if any changes need to be made. Two “food for thought” questions regarding the possibility of lease-extension with the Elks Lodge touched on what the Club would do with the Building Fund if the lease is extended and what the Elks would do with the property if Outrigger Canoe Club moved. The Board will continue to communicate any news on any lease negotiation through future Town Hall meetings. ■

Treasurer Laurie Foster presented a review of the Club’s

Operating, Capital Improvement and Building Funds for 2019.

The Chair of the Judges of Election Committee Amy Woodward Lawson reported on the election for the Board of Directors. Of the 1,896 eligible voters, 964 votes were received, of which 495 were valid paper ballots. For the third year, electronic voting was an option, and 469 votes were cast online. Nine candidates were slated to fill the six vacant positions, however, Bret Chuckovich withdrew his name from the election, for a final total of eight candidates.

The following candidates were elected to the 2020 Board of Directors to serve two-year terms: Incumbents Jon Steiner, Michelle Luxton, Laurie Foster and Kevin Greenwell were reelected, while Emily Su-Lan Reber Porter and Glenn Perry were newly elected. They join President William Meheula, Wendell Brooks, Jr., Curt DeWeese, Lissa Guild Eveleth, Rick Humphries and Alice Lunt. Prior to the Annual Meeting, Director Rick Piper had resigned from the Board, and the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Art Mallet to serve the remaining one-year term.



## Tim Guard and Mark Buck

*Prior to going to print, we learned of the untimely passing of Tim Guard—a treasured member, leader and friend to all at the Club. We send our condolences and sincerest aloha to his wife Devon and the rest of his family.*

➤➤ **A Life Membership**, reserved for members who have made extraordinary contributions to the Club over the lifetime of their membership, is the highest honor that can be bestowed on an Outrigger Canoe Club member. The Historical Committee puts forward candidates to the Board of Directors, which then presents its recommendations to the Membership at the Annual Meeting for voting.



This year's honorees are Winged "O"s Tim Guard and Mark Buck. Both men joined the Outrigger Canoe Club when they were 12 years old—Tim in 1952, and Mark in 1957. And both have long served the Club in multiple capacities and racked up decades of athletic achievements.

"It is truly an honor to be nominated for Life Membership," says Mark, who served 14 years on the Board, and holds the record for number of Molokai Hoes with an OCC crew—an astounding 25—with five overall wins (three of them on the same crew as Tim). "Back in the early Fifties, I would go to the old Club with my parents until I became a member so I could go on my own." When

the Club moved in 1964, "It was then I became grateful to our leadership and board members for their work and foresight. Without that group we would not have the world-class facility we now all enjoy."

While still in his twenties, Mark was head coach of the paddling program, committee chair, and eventually a member of the Board of Directors. "Looking back at my years on the Board, having the honor of being President, and serving on committees as well as



PHOTOS FROM THE OCC ARCHIVES

Paddle power: (top) Steve Scott, Dale Hope, Tim Guard, Ed Pickering, Bill Bright and Tom Conner winning the 1979 Molokai Hoe in Manu Ula (not pictured are John Finney, Murray Hixson and Jimmy Dean). (Bottom) Tommy Conner, Tim Guard, Marty Wilson, Mark Buck, Brant Ackerman and Jon Haneberg with the Walter Macfarlane Regatta Trophy in 1972, when they won Senior Men in 22:08:00.

Far left: Tim Guard (top) and Mark Buck.

participating in Club sports has made it a great journey," he says. Mark's son is a third-generation member and his two granddaughters are fourth-generation members. "It makes me proud."

Tim says the Club has been a second home all these years. "It is the center of so many wonderful friendships, the joy of times shared representing the OCC in paddling, and special celebrations, the blissful blue ocean early on a Monday morning beckoning me to swim, surf or paddle," he says. "I also treasure the OCC staff—"Auntie" Eva Pomeroy, for example, dear Dome and Lisa, Don, Bill and the best bartender in the world, Mr. Lee. And let's not forget Karen, whose cheery greeting (Hello, Number 99) always brings a smile to my face. Add it all up and we are just one big happy family. I also treasured the opportunity to serve on the OCC board and be elected President, a year that was very special because of then-GM John Rader. There are a lot of fine private clubs in Hawai'i, but none quite as unique and wonderful as the Outrigger Canoe Club." ■

### The OCC Historical Committee Presents: Stew & Rice

## Learn the Secrets of Rapa Nui

DATE: Tuesday, March 24  
TIME: 5:30–8:30pm

➤➤ **It was a sell-out crowd** at the January 21 Stew & Rice featuring surf historian John Clark talking about the stories behind the names of Waikiki's surf spots.

The next Stew & Rice event is sure to be another big draw. Learn all about the history and culture of Rapa Nui from



Stew and Rice organizers Joy Barnhart and Gerri Pedesky flank Surf Historian John Clark.

archaeologist Dr. Mara Mulrooney, who curated the popular Bishop Museum exhibition *Rapa Nui: The Untold Stories of Easter Island*. The former director of cultural resources at Bishop Museum, Mulrooney is now with Pacific

Legacy, where she shares her background in landscape archeology, GIS-based applications and archeological collections curations for historic preservation.

Dinner at these events is so much more than the name conveys. For \$25, tuck into a buffet of house salad, carrot cake muffins and rolls, beef stew, vegetarian Thai curry, a vegetable side (usually haricot verts), white and brown rice, and dessert. Bring your guests for this entertaining and delicious evening that feeds the brain and the opu. ■

#### SAVE THE DATE: Stew & Rice Series 2020

Apr 21	Tuesday	An Interview with the Queen (details page 12).
June 23	Tuesday	The Nature Conservancy Hawaii/ Palmyra Atoll
Aug 24	Monday	Kanikapila
Oct 20	Tuesday	TBD
Dec 8	Tuesday	TBD



## Comedy on the Koa Lanai: Denny Corby

DATE: Thursday, April 2  
TIME: 5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Showtime  
COST: \$65 per person, includes dinner and the show

➤➤ **Fresh from an appearance** in The CW TV show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*, Denny Corby lands at the Club for an evening of comedy and magic on April 2. Enjoy a night of interactive magic and thrills that will bring you to the edge of your seat and leave you in tears of laughter. Seating is limited—book yours today! Reservations through the Front Desk 808.923.1585 or on the OCC website and App.

# Calendar

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	Fri	Reading 'Riggers
March 17	Tue	St. Patrick's Day
March 24	Tue	Stew & Rice
March 26	Thu	Prince Kuhio Day
April 2	Thu	Comedy-Magic Show
April 3	Fri	Reading 'Riggers
April 4	Sat	Cribbage Tournament
April 12	Sun	Easter Brunch
April 21	Tue	Stew & Rice
May 1	Fri	Reading 'Riggers
May 5	Tue	Cinco de Mayo
May 10	Sun	Mother's Day
May 15	Fri	Canoe Racing Season Kick-off
May 23	Sat	99th Annual OCC Luau



## Reading 'Riggers

➔ **Read a good book and discuss it** at the monthly book club. Guests are welcome! Held at 10am on the first Friday of the month, usually in the Duke Room. Featured books are updated in the weekly enews and on the Clubhouse monitors. To be added to or removed from the email list: [gerthebear@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:gerthebear@hawaiiintel.net)



### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**March 6: Aloha, Lady Blue**

by Charles Memminger  
This local mystery set in the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor is former reporter and humor columnist Memminger's first novel. He will be present.

**April 3: Sugar Water** by Carol Wilcox

A riveting story of the sugar plantations, water rights and the transformation of Hawai'i. The author, an OCC member, will be present.

**May 1: \* West of Then: A Mother, a Daughter and a Journey Past Paradise** by Tara Bray Smith.

\*Date might change to accommodate author's schedule.

**July 5: Seeking the Sacred Raven**

by Mark Jerome Walters  
Guest presenter will be Megan Laut, wildlife biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

## An Interview with the Queen



OCC members do a reading of a new play about Queen Lili'uokalani

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 21  
**TIME:** 5:30pm at the Koa Lanai

➔ **What do you really know** about Queen Lili'uokalani? Do you know she had an unhappy marriage, adopted three children (one of them her husband's child with another woman), cried during her first visit to Kalaupapa, and as a widow was pursued by a Tahitian prince 20 years her junior?

Learn more about Hawai'i's last monarch at a reading of the new play *An Hour with Queen Lili'uokalani* by OCC member and historian Rianna M. Williams, who portrays a San Francisco newspaper reporter interviewing the queen, played by OCC member Alice Guild. Set at Washington Place, it is an intimate look at the most poignant moments in a remarkable life. Recently performed for the first time at the Kāhala Nui Retirement Community, play was greeted with requests for "more!"

Seating is limited. RSVP in advance at the Front Desk or online or through the OCC App. ■



PHOTOS BY TYLER ROUKEMA

## Paired to Perfection

All about January's wine dinner with master sommelier Michael Jordan

By Rede Eder

➔ **Michael Jordan—the master sommelier**, not the basketball player—is the director of global key accounts for Jackson Family Wines in California. He also spent his formative years in Hawai'i, as the son of Matty Jordan, owner of Matteo's, the Waikiki offshoot of the Los Angeles institution. The Club was honored to have him join a wine pairing dinner on Jan. 16 featuring the wines of Jackson Family. Thirty members enjoyed the exclusive offering of food, wine and engaging conversation.

To start, Michael paired chef Mark Gedeon's vine-ripened tomato caprese with crisp prosciutto chips with Benvolio Pinot Grigio, a great example of a regional pairing featuring an Italian wine and Italian cured meat. For chef's ahi tartare, Michael selected the Diatom Bar-M Chardonnay, highlighting citrus and passion fruit flavors that contrasted the wasabi tobiko and fresh ahi.

The highlight of the dinner came with the entrée pairings for rack of lamb with blueberry shiso gastrique and a seafood combination of prawns and scallops—Anakota Helena Montana Cabernet Sauvignon by world-famous winemaker Pierre Seillan, and Siduri, a wonderful biodynamic Pinot Noir from Oregon, respectively. If you are interested in Seillan's wines, we have in the cellar a Château Lassegue Grand Cru St. Emilion, his wonderful yet affordable Bordeaux.

Chef Vivian Wu capped the evening off with a mango peach upside-down cake with caramel sauce and Tahitian vanilla gelato and a mignardise (bite-size dessert) of Ruby White Chocolate Crunch, which brought out the wonderful fruit in the Anakota. We look forward to Michael's next visit and another great dinner. ■



Pairings, top to bottom:  
Top: Rack of Lamb  
☞ Siduri Oregon Pinot Noir

Center: Vine-ripened tomato Caprese salad with prosciutto chips  
☞ Benvolio Pinot Grigio

Bottom: Shrimp & Scallop combo with garlic mash, sautéed spinach with beurre blanc and rouge sauces  
☞ Diatom Bar-M Chardonnay





# MOST NOTABLE WINE TRENDS OF THE PAST DECADE

BY REDE EDER / PHOTOS BY SEAN MARRS



**THE OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB IS HOME TO** a richly stocked wine cellar that allows members—whether casual sippers or seasoned oenophiles—to enjoy favorites and hopefully make some new discoveries. And of course, there are great pairings with the Club’s food. As we enter a new decade, to help you get more out of your Club wine experience here’s a look at wine trends of the last 10 years.

### The Rise of Rosé

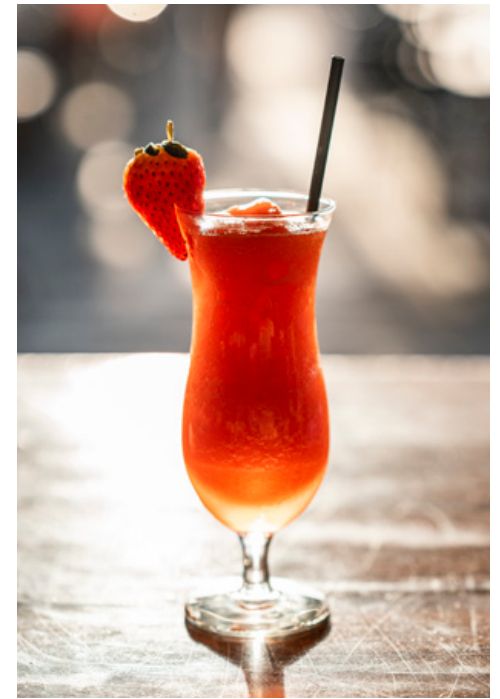
Over the last decade, rosé has enjoyed its highest level of popularity ever. Driven by attractive bottles and labels, social media and celebrity lifestyles, Provençal rosé experienced a surge in production from 123,000 cases per year to more than 2 million. Rosés tend to be light, dry and refreshing—making them perfect for Hawai‘i—and have even crossed alcohol genres to become the base for frozen cocktails. The last two years have been a frosé frenzy.

**At the Club:** Yes, we have frosé—whether you are on the beach or at the bar, just ask your server or bartender.

### The Debate over “Natural” Wine

No other word in the history of wine has sparked as much debate and division as “natural.” So, let’s clarify a few things. In winemaking, “natural wine” alludes to a philosophy of winemaking ideals and standards that go back much further than the past decade. And of course, the term “natural” means different things to different people, though in winemaking, it currently holds no legal definition in the way Champagne or grand cru Burgundy does.

Those with an interest in the natural wine concept loosely define “natural” as wines that are made through minimal intervention in the vineyard and winery. They seek a “clean” style of wine without any flaws or “funky” notes in taste or flavor.



PHOTOS BY SEAN MARRS

Without legal constraints to the term “natural” in winemaking, major wine corporations can cash in on the popularity of the term, making it harder for wine producers who practice actual low-intervention techniques to distinguish themselves and their ideals. Jackson Family Wines are leading the corporate wine game through sustain-

“Explore our list—this past year we have been working to balance the offerings to meet the standards and expectations of our membership.”

able growing processes by becoming “stewards” of the land, the first step to creating truly natural wines. Until there is a legal definition for the term “natural” in the winemaking process, the debates will go on.

**At the Club:** Today, as much as ever, our membership is looking for healthier options—even in wines. I have recently been asked if we had wines that were “natural” in our offerings and though not labeled as such, we do, based upon the loose interpretation of what a natural wine is. Try the Willamette Valley Whole Cluster Pinot Noir, Joseph Phelps and many of the Jackson Family wines like Kendall-Jackson. We hope to find a couple great independent “natural” wines to put on the list to show just how far flavors and presentation of natural wines can take us from what we know.

#### The Sommelier's Influence

As more and more people earn their Master Sommelier credential, hidden gem wines are gaining recognition and popularity. Take Beaujolais, which experienced a near-complete rebrand with the help of the sommelier. Once known almost exclusively for the inexpensive Nouveau, an annual, just-fermented release of Gamay grapes, today Beaujolais is increasingly associated with Cru Beaujolais. These wines were once an insider's tip as an affordable alternative to the high-priced red wines of Burgundy. As the Cru Beaujolais has become more popular, bottles began to become harder to find and prices from the best producers nearly doubled. Though somewhat disappointing to the savvy buyer, it provided statistical evidence that the regions rebrand was complete.



**At the Club:** Look to experience Nouveau Beaujolais this fall with its traditional release on the third Thursday of November.

#### Looking ahead

Wine will, of course, continue to change and evolve in the 2020s as volume retailers continue to expand their premium offerings at club pricing and marketers find new ways to catch consumers attention (think rosé mixers and canned wine). Today, price no longer is the prime indication of a wine's quality. With so many different styles, techniques and innovations in the industry, I encourage you to try different brands, winemakers and varietals. Explore our list—this past year we have been working to balance the offerings to meet the standards and expectations of our membership. And always remember—a good wine is the wine that tastes good to you. ■

PHOTOS BY SEAN MARRS



**Beginning with Duke Kahanamoku winning gold** in Belgium, the Outrigger Canoe Club has a century-long Olympic history. We take another look at volleyball hopefuls and contemplate surfing's debut at the Tokyo Games. ➔

# THE ROAD TO TOKYO II

Childhood pals Tri Bourne and Trevor Crabb reunited as adults to be a dynamic duo in beach volleyball

— BY STANLEY LEE

PHOTO BY DANE STORY

For nearly two years, volleyball came to a halt for rising star Tri Bourne. Out with an autoimmune disease, he had to stop all physical activity or further risk endangering his health. When it was finally time to return to the court, he reached out to a longtime friend—fellow Outrigger Canoe Club member Trevor Crabb.

**T**he formation of Bourne and Crabb as a beach volleyball pair came during a period of transformation in both of their playing careers. Crabb was not getting the results he desired. Bourne, who had lost a lot of muscle during his hiatus, was simply looking to return to the game. A trial period has turned into a partnership that is a winning combination, one with them in contention to play in the Tokyo Olympics later this year. It's a wild, albeit realistic, goal for the two who grew up playing at Outrigger Canoe Club.

If it wasn't for Outrigger, we wouldn't be in the position we are in," Bourne said while at the Club in January, during a trip home to O'ahu. "It just got us a ton of reps at a young age. We were able to see a lot of high-level players on the big court while we were over



there on the Baby Court. We didn't even know how good we were at volleyball. We just played to the level of the [guys] here. It wasn't until we were traveling and playing on the mainland that we realized we were playing at the level nobody else was playing."

Both were back in Hawai'i during the holiday season to unwind and spend time with friends and family. Before they flew back to California, they were back at work preparing for the upcoming 2020 season with International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) tournaments. Points awarded based on FIVB tournament performances are used in the Olympic Rankings that determine Olympic qualifiers.

"The main goal is to qualify for the Olympics," Crabb, a Punahou alum, wrote in an email. "If that happens then our next goal would be to medal (gold would be ideal). We also want to win a few AVPs as well."

### Perfect partners

Bourne, 30, thinks he acquired dermatomyositis, a chronic inflammatory muscle disease, following an ankle surgery procedure that shocked his immune system. The autoimmune disease caused inflammation all over his body and any physical activity would have been detrimental to his health. For someone as active as Bourne, it was difficult to shut it down.

"To stop everything as an athlete who grew up at this club, doing sports every day, not only for a living now but also just to keep sane, had to stop every activity, that was a really difficult time for me," said Bourne, an Academy of the Pacific alum. "But I think I'm better off because of it."

Bourne contacted Crabb, 28, when he was ready to return to the sand. They were childhood friends—their mothers even paddled together before the boys were born. And the two ended up living on the same street as adults in Redondo Beach, Calif., where they are based.

"When I came back, I kind of liked the idea of playing for fun and he was the best player available," Bourne said. "So I asked him if he wanted to play and he wasn't getting the finishes

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“... HAVING A PRIVATE CLUB WITH THREE COURTS  
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that he wanted so he went for it, luckily for me.” The trial period spanned the latter half of 2018, a feeling-it-out phase for both players. They won a FIVB three-star event in October in China and did well in a handful of tournaments. Their partnership then took off in 2019.

Among last year’s highlights 2019 was a fourth-place at July’s FIVB Beach World Championships in Germany and a bronze medal to close out the season at November’s FIVB World Tour four-star event in Chetumal, Mexico. These performances garnered valuable points in the rankings used for Olympic selection.

“We have gotten better ever since [2018],” Bourne said. “We’re pretty driven and we know what’s on the table. We’re not trying to have one or two good events. We’re trying to be the top-ranked team at the end of the season. We got a long ways to go before we’re content.”

Compared to other teams, the Bourne-Crabb partnership is relatively young, but they are more than familiar with each other. They embody the skills to do everything on the sand and are a bit unorthodox with a split-blocking style employed by few pairs. Crabb, at 6-foot-4, and Bourne, at 6-foot-6, can both block at the net during any play whereas most teams have one player patrolling the net and the other waiting to dig the ball on defense.

“We are pretty similar players, which helps a lot,” Crabb said. “We are both well-rounded at each skill which is important on the beach. We are also highly competitive which pushes us to get better. Being friends definitely helps on the court as we don’t take anything personally when one of us gets upset.”

Bourne compared their style of play to the all-around game common in Hawai’i players. “I’ve always thought Hawaiian-style volleyball is being able to play every position and do every skill,” Bourne said. “Big guys are taking pride in their ball control, passing and setting. I think we take a lot of pride in that. Us doing this is our opportunity to prove it to the world that those are the kind of players that we are.”

### Olympic dreams

Twenty-four teams, with a maximum of two per country, will play in the Olympics. Aside from a host bid and winners of qualifying tournaments, the top 15 teams in the Olympic Rankings head to Tokyo. Crabb and Bourne were 10th in the December 2019 rankings. They’re familiar with the American pair ahead of them—Crabb’s younger brother, Taylor, and his partner Jake Gibb, are eighth.

“I still live with Taylor and see him every day,” Trevor said. “We don’t talk too much volleyball but

we do hang out with each other from time to time.”

Bourne came up short at qualifying for the 2016 Olympics, ranked 15th with John Hyden but behind two American pairs. Bourne was ready for another shot after missing the 2016 Olympics, and said the illness gave him new perspective on the sport. The goal is “to go to the Olympics and compete for a medal.”

“The main thing is to keep improving,” Bourne said. “Our team has a lot of upside. We have an advantage in the sense we’re both young and still learning how to play as a split-blocking team. We have a lot to gain and learn. For us it’s just about growth, keep moving forward. There’s no reason to worry about the other teams. This is my second Olympic qualifier that I went through and I came up just short last time. Definitely approaching it a little different this time.”

### Hawai’i at heart

Bourne and Crabb have played at rocking venues, in front of 10,000-plus fans and filled up their passport pages with trips across the world. But Hawai’i remains a favorite place in their hearts. It’s where family and loved ones are, and where they can catch a wave and local grinds during the offseason. They even played at the venue where they developed their volleyball skills.

“Living in Hawaii, there aren’t many accessible beach volleyball courts, so having a private club with three courts had a huge impact on our success,” Crabb said. “It was easy to just go down to Outrigger with friends and just play. That’s the best way to get better. Outrigger has always taken pride in their volleyball both indoor and now the beach scene is building up for kids.”

Added Bourne of his recent trip: “It was really cool to see how many people are pulling for us. There’s a lot of people pulling for us to make this Olympic team and that’s pretty cool.” ■



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### Digital Tri: Get insider volleyball info on his podcast

While he was out of commission, Tri Bourne did some broadcasting gigs at volleyball matches. He felt comfortable behind the mic and that experience has led to Sandcast, a beach volleyball podcast he does with journalist Travis Mewhirter (online at sandcastvolleyball.com).

“The idea was just to share with our fans all the interesting stories, insights and the cool stuff that happens in our sport,” Bourne explained. “If you’re a fan, you only get to watch it and you don’t understand everything else that goes on. It’s not quite as entertaining. It’s about sharing all the inside stuff, the inside scoop with the fans and its really taken off.”

# SURFING AT THE SUMMER GAMES

THE CLUB'S CAPTAIN REFLECTS  
ON THE SPORT'S OLYMPIC DEBUT

BY BRENDAN BRADLEY

This page: Shidashita Beach, in Chiba Prefecture, where surfing will make its Olympic debut in July.  
Left: Duke Kahanamoku, with fellow swimmers Helen Wainwright and Aileen Riggan Soule, at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics, where he won two gold medals.

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**At the 1912 Olympic Games** hosted by Stockholm, Sweden, Hawai'i's Duke Paoa Kahanamoku equaled the world record in his qualifying heat for the 100-meter Freestyle and in the final, his lead was so strong that he was able to pause and survey the field halfway through the race. Since that remarkable Olympic performance—Duke on to win gold in the 100-meter Freestyle and silver in the 4 x 200-meter Men's Freestyle Relay—the Outrigger Canoe Club has had a close relationship with the Olympics. Many members have attended the Games as competitors and coaches. Those members have earned medals in sports on land and in water, from swimming to sailing, volleyball to weightlifting and even shooting. Between 1912 and 2016, Outrigger members earned a jaw-dropping 37 Olympic medals (18 gold, 13 silver and 6 bronze).

**This summer, surfing makes** its Olympic debut at the Tokyo Games, something that Duke envisioned for the sport and pushed for during his lifetime. One of five new sports at the 2020 games (along with baseball, softball, skateboarding, karate, and sport climbing), surfing passed with a unanimous vote by the International Olympic Committee and will be held at Shidashita Beach, aka Shida, in Chiba, about 25 miles southeast of Tokyo.

I started surfing as a weekend and after-school hobby I could do with my dad and brother, and as I grew up around the Outrigger I made friends who became my regular surf crew. Naturally, as boys do, we pushed each other to get better. But with the exception of a few HASA contests and the annual OCC Surf Contest, competitive surfing wasn't something that drew us in. If there was anything appealing about competitions, it was the possibility of surfing a great break with only two to four others out.

Competition was something we followed, but never aspired to. However, rivalries are fun, and cheering on your friends makes it personal. The Olympics offers the highest degree of that—unifying countries to cheer on their athletes. At the Japan 2020 Summer



Games we have to Hawai'i hopefuls two cheer for in the form of two-time World Champion John John Florence and four-time World Champion Carissa Moore. They are joined on Team USA's two-man, two-woman surf team by California's Kolohe Andino and Florida's Caroline Marks.

I have a strong admiration for Japan and its culture, which emphasizes generosity and respect—values that are synonymous with surfing and people that I consider surfers. I caught up with local shredder and world traveler Noa Mizuno who has experienced the waves of Chiba to get insight into surfing's first Olympic venue.

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As with any surf spot, Noa says Shidashita's conditions depend "on the time of year, but with the right storm system you can get an array of reef and beach breaks all offering something different." Across Japan's broad latitude, similar to California, you can find surf at any time of the year, but the optimal period is during their summer. From roughly July to October is typhoon season, when tropical cyclones develop in the Northwest Pacific Ocean and march up the coastal country. While they can be dangerous, an avid surfer knows this is when to look for epic forerunners and empty lineups. Safe to say the passion of a Japanese surfer does not go untested.

"Locals are very passionate, very much like Japanese culture," says Mizuno. "I'd say it's the most different I've experienced being abroad. But I enjoy the presence of such passionate and polite people." For those who have visited Japan, you know there is no middle ground. It's all or nothing. Noa explained to me that while there is a split between recreational surfers in small surf towns and groms with sticker-laden surfboards aiming for the World Surf League, the stoke and froth is all the same. And when I asked where they all want to surf he said, "Hawaii. For sure. It's the Mecca of surfing."

Surfing can be uncertain and unpredictable in many ways. Basketball and tennis players don't need to watch the courts and wait for the right conditions to play. If I were to guess, a mainstream Olympic audience probably isn't ready for surfing's inevitable lulls and patience it demands. Over the course of a 16-day holding period at Shida Beach, the Games will run two days of competition. What are the chances that they don't get "proper" conditions? In the age of immediacy, surfing doesn't fit the equation of most popular sports. But I am hopeful.

It's impossible to know what to expect at Shida between July 26 and August 2. What I do know is this movement to the Olympics and the modernization of surfing is Duke's dream come true. Sharing surfing with the world was his goal. As a fellow Outrigger member, I am proud to see the sport make this step. Leading with positivity and optimism is what we surfers do best and I can't wait to see what the addition of surfing does for the 2020 Japan Olympic Games. Go John John! Go Carissa! ■



Above: Hawai'i's John John Florence (top) and Carissa Moore (a former Club member) make up half of the USA's historic first Olympic surf team—reason to tune into the Tokyo Games in July.

Opposite page: Having surfing in the Olympics is a dream come true for OCC member and Olumpian Duke Kahanamoku (top row, center).



 From the Archives

## OCC's First Trophy: The 1910 Frank Clark Cup for Best Amateur Girl Surfer

By OCC Historical Committee

**Founded on May 8, 1908**, the Outrigger Canoe Club was the first club founded specifically to preserve and perpetuate the ancient Hawaiian sports of board surfing and outrigger canoe racing. A month earlier, 11 men sent a letter to various Honolulu organizations and newspapers, soliciting support for the proposed Outrigger Canoe and Surfboard Club at Waikiki. "We wish to have a place where surfboarding may be revived and those who live away from the waterfront may keep their surfboards," the letter read. "The Club will own a certain number of canoes, while members will also have the privilege of keeping theirs under the broad lanai of the club house.... The main object of the Club being to give an added and permanent attraction to Hawaii and to make Waikiki always the Home of the Surfer. With perhaps an annual Surfboard and Outrigger Canoe Carnival which will do much to spread abroad the attractions of Hawaii, the only islands in the world where men and boys ride upright upon the crests of the waves."

Two years later, the Club's oldest trophy was given to a woman. A then-17-year-old Josephine Cornelia Pratt, daughter of Honolulu's Postmaster, won the 1910 Frank Clark Cup for the Best Amateur Girl Surfer at the OCC. Not only is it quite likely that this is the first surfing championship ever won by a woman, it was probably the first trophy ever awarded in surfing history. Although a trophy was made for the men's surfing champion, it was never awarded, as the judges couldn't tell the men apart on the waves.

"The surfing contest was the aquatic event which concluded the afternoon's sports. Miss Josephine Pratt being the only winner of a trophy," reported the Pacific Commercial Advertiser. "Miss Pratt and Carroll Lowe were the only girls to compete in this thrilling event and although they went far out beyond where the big rollers form, they could be distinguished by the color



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Learn more about the Outrigger Canoe Club's storied past at the OCC Historical Committee's website [outriggercanoeclubsports.com](http://outriggercanoeclubsports.com).

of their bathing suits. Miss Pratt wore dark blue and Miss Lowe bright red. Both showed remarkable skill in riding the big waves on the surf boards but Miss Pratt made the longest standing ride, catching a huge wave and staying with it almost to the shore. When it broke all around her she seemed to be swallowed up in the foam, but held her balance despite the furious rush of the wave and stood erect throughout the whole course of her flight. There were nine entries for the boy's trophy in the surfing contest, but Col J. H. Sopher, who acted as judge of the events was unable to distinguish the contestants from the shore and there were no judges' boat provided, so that Miss Pratt was the only one of be awarded the Clark Cup. The Boys' contest, Mr. Ford said, would be repeated at some later date." ■

# CANOE ALLEY

SPORTS RESULTS, EMPLOYEES OF MONTH & MORE



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## OCC Girls Volleyball 2020: Driven by a Mission

By Michelle Luxton Furtado

➔ **Our Girls' Beach Volleyball Program** kicked off its 2020 season in November and these young athletes have been grinding away at practice preparing for the local tournaments that started in February. We have put together an all-star staff that includes Head Coach Lia Young Hunt, Program Director Michelle Luxton Furtado, Associate Head Coach Evan Silberstein, Assistant Coach Rachel Sherman and Assistant Coach Nemanja Komar. ➔



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The program has been built around the goal of providing girls at the Club equal opportunity and access to volleyball training, something that was not available for many years. Since our start a little over five years ago, we have enjoyed exponential growth, going from around six players to more than 40 girls. With this growth we have been able to bring in coaches from top universities across the country to help our athletes play at the next level in college. We currently have over 10 former players competing at the collegiate level at schools such as the University of Texas and the University of San Francisco.

Our girls train from November to July while playing local tournaments in preparation for the AAU Beach Nationals and the BVCA National Championships—both held on the beautiful beaches of Hermosa Beach, Calif., in mid-July. The BVCA National Championships is the biggest junior beach volleyball program in the country and attracts the most collegiate coaches out of any

tournament. Entries are by invite only and based on previous results. Last year we were awarded 12 bids to the tournament and the next highest competitive club was awarded 1.

One of our goals for the 2020 season was to create a mission statement with input from our girls and the coaches. After brainstorming, together we decided the mission of the Outrigger Canoe Club Beach Volleyball Program is to develop young athletes in the sport of beach volleyball through high-level training and competition. We provide a positive and constructive atmosphere that reinforces `ohana, teamwork, discipline, responsibility and commitment. Our Club philosophy sets the standard for junior beach volleyball through its values, professionalism, high standards and spirit of aloha. This is what will guide our coaching staff as they develop the training curriculum throughout the year and give the girls ideals to strive for. We look forward to reporting on our progress over the next five months. ■



## Go Fish!

**DATE:** Saturday, May 9  
**TIME:** Sunrise—4pm

➔ **Get ready to catch the big one** at the Annual OCC Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 9, from sunrise to 4pm. Last year more than 30 members cast their lines, then enjoyed raffle prizes and a fun awards ceremony at the Snack Shop.

Don't miss the chance to earn bragging rights in either the Motorized or Human-Power categories and have your name engraved on the perpetual trophy! Open to OCC members and sponsored guests—look for registration info in the weekly enews or on [outriggercanoecub.com](http://outriggercanoecub.com). ■

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# 2019 Employee of the Year

## Malia Pao

“Malia always goes above and beyond, stepping in to help when needed and volunteering solutions to make everything as smooth as possible ...”

—Tyler Roukema, General Manager



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➔ Malia Pao, Front Desk & Business Office,

is the Outrigger Canoe Club’s Employee of the Year for 2019. Recently, in addition to her duties in the Business Office and at the Front Desk, Malia has also been applying her skills in the Executive Office, helping to keep the membership applications flowing, the posting list updated and assisting members with questions about the process. No matter what task is at hand, Malia brings a positive attitude and calm demeanor.

Malia joined the OCC ‘Ohana in 2008, and quickly made her mark—she was previously honored as Employee of the Month in February 2009 and again in January 2019. “Malia always goes above and beyond, stepping in to help when needed and volunteering solutions to make everything as smooth as possible for the members and other employees,” says General Manager Tyler Roukema.

When she’s not at work, Malia spends time with her daughter and loves to watch her learn and perform hula. She also enjoys playing outside with their pets. One of the things that Malia loves most about working at OCC is the friendships that she’s made throughout the years.

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"Don is a fast learner, very handy and always ready to help when you need him," observes Facility Director Robert Greer. "He's been a great addition to our crew and has a positive attitude and is willing to tackle any job that comes his way." We hope you appreciate the effort and pride Don takes in his projects to keep the Clubhouse in tip-top shape.



**Warren Florendo**  
JANUARY 2020  
Snack Shop

▶ **If you're a Snack Shop regular**, then you know Warren Florendo. She has been part of the team for seven years, starting in 2013. Warren is a great employee, often the last to leave and the first to arrive the next day. She is always smiling, always friendly and brings a great attitude. Warren is happy to fill in extra shifts when called to help, especially during the busy holiday

season. She's been a great asset during the Snack Shop renovation, too! Stop by and congratulate Warren at the Snack Shop Pop-up, or come see her at the newly remodeled Snack Shop after March 20!



## Touchdown!

➔ **Mahalo to Margie Howe, Patti Pian** and the rest of the Entertainment Committee and the OCC F&B team for another winning Super Bowl party! More than 75 football fans gathered in the Ka Mo'i Boathouse to watch the game and enjoy the complimentary buffet and drink specials. Members won lots of prizes (thanks to members Al Darling, Ben Komer and Steve Scott) in the half-time trivia contest. See you next year for Super Bowl LV!

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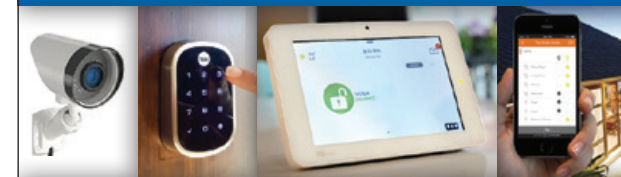
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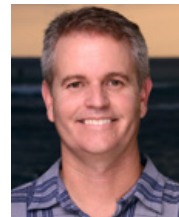
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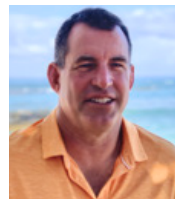
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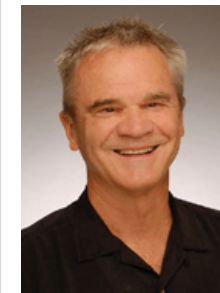
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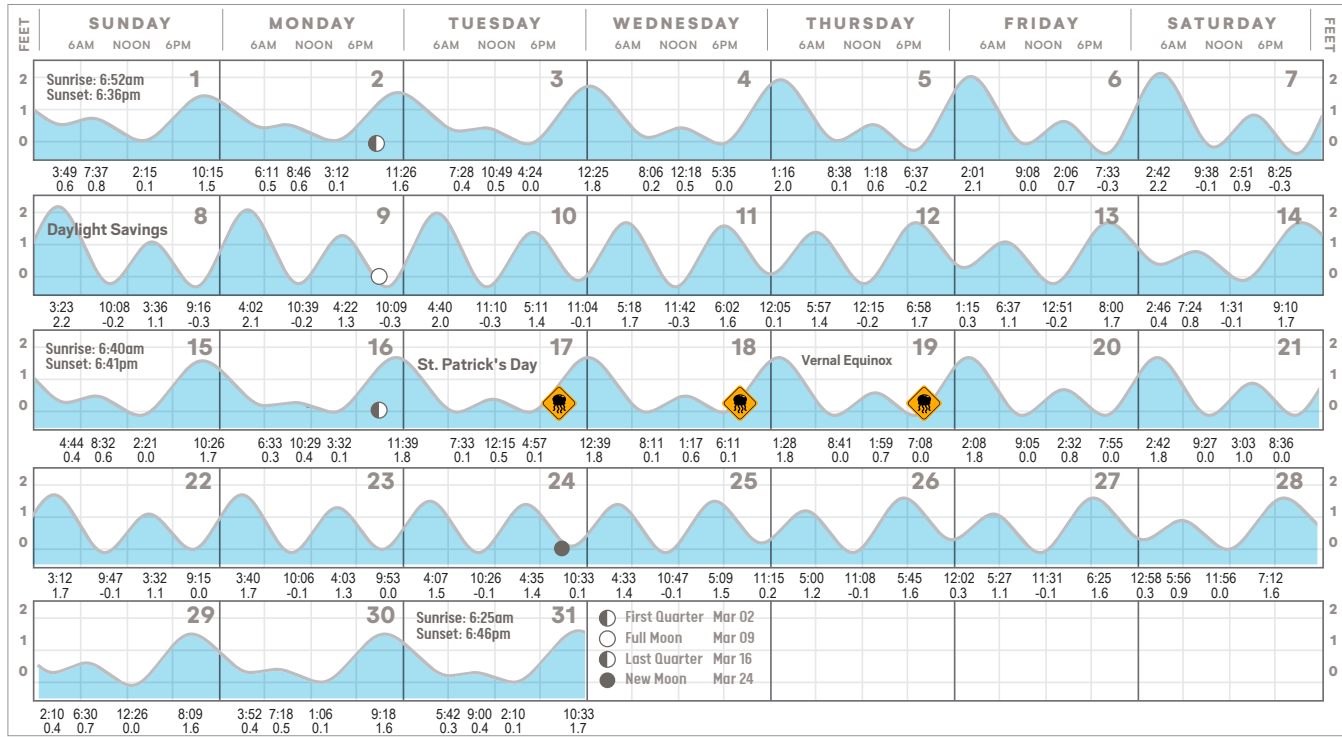
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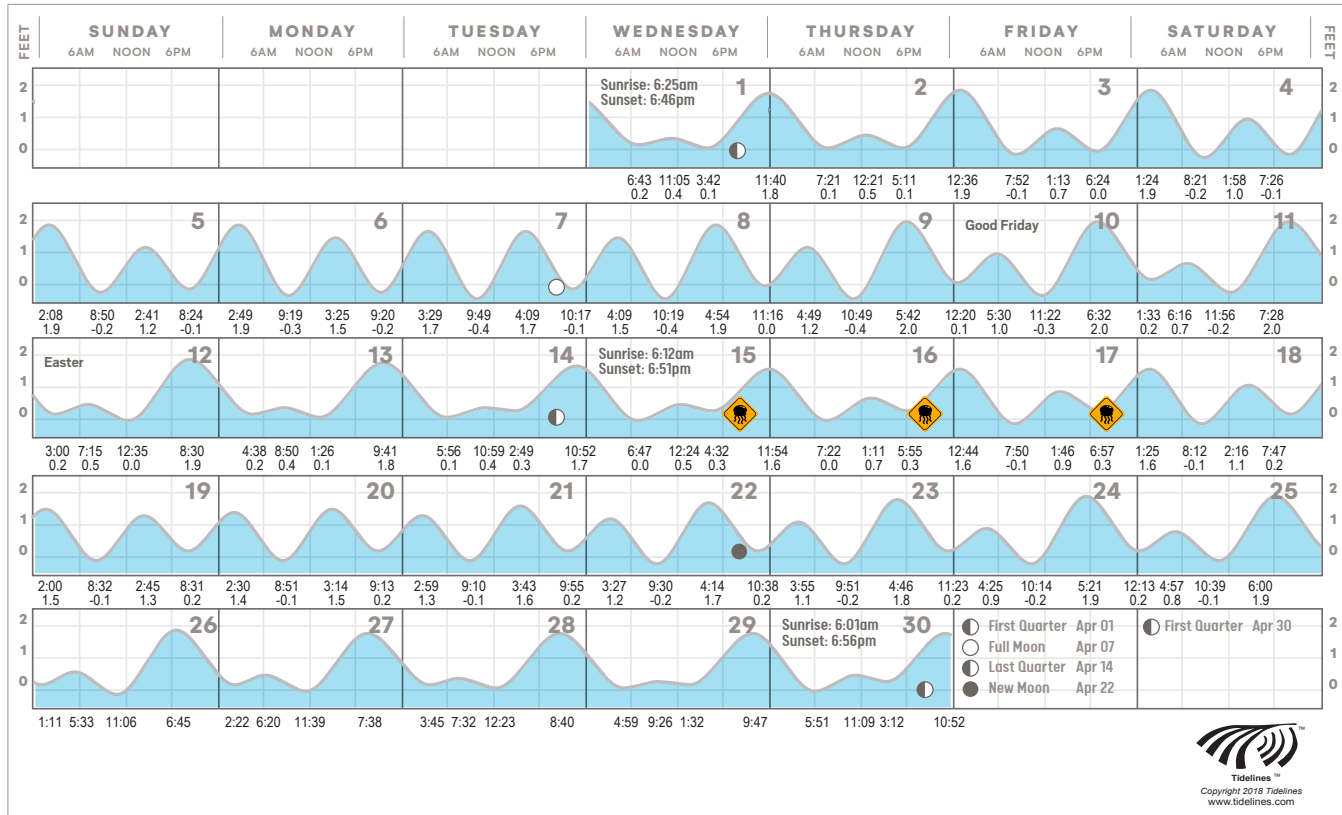
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