

We are raising funds to help us in our journey through donations, sponsorship and items for a silent auction on July 31, 2015. Please contact us if you can help!

Mahalo (thank you) for your kokua (help)!

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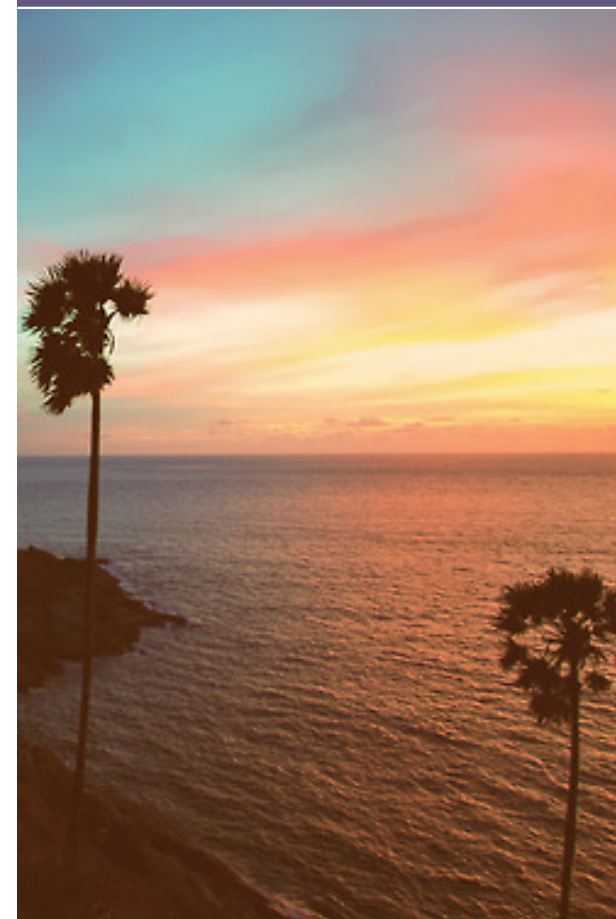
Our Journey

We are a group of women from Sonoma County, California, all joining forces to compete in one of the premiere outrigger canoe races in the world – the Pailolo Challenge. From our quaint river in Petaluma to the San Francisco Bay, we all strive to take on the moana (ocean) and nalu (waves) of the big water between Maui and Molokai in Hawaii. Not only do we plan to compete in this exceptional race, but we chose to take on this journey to learn and experience Hawaiian culture and the story of the Islands. We hope to bring back to California what we learn and share aloha (love) of the a'ina (Hawaiian land) and the ancient stories of those who came from the Islands.



**TEN WOMEN
ONE CANOE
26 MILES**

**MAUI TO MOLOKAI
PAILOLO 2015**



Doris Watson

One day of paddling the river waters was enough to hook Doris, whose love of paddling has also been passed on to two of her three children. Doris' kindness and energy deserves to be bottled and sold, and is clearly not overlooked by the Petaluma community, where she has been voted "Best Massage Therapist" for three years in a row. She is very excited and feels privileged to take this journey with this extraordinary group of women.



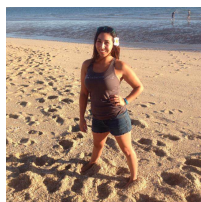
Sarah Gibson-Lopez

After a long career as a Paramedic and Firefighter, Sarah found herself faced with the most challenging career of her life: motherhood. Sarah turned to her true passion, the ocean, for strength and inspiration as a parent. Paddling in an outrigger canoe gave Sarah the community of women she longed to find and a connection to the water she always dreamed of. Sarah's goal is to be paddling well into her last days, and inspiring other ocean goers to care for the ocean, care for each other, and to live aloha.



Gloria Lambert

When she was nine years old, a friend asked her to join an outrigger canoe club. At that time, she had no idea the significant role it would play in her life, as well as for her entire family. Since then, she has become extremely passionate about the sport and culture. She is very much looking forward to expanding her knowledge on different waters, as well as continuing to embrace the culture of her ancestors.



Molly Kimes-Anderson

Molly started competing as a paddler 15 years ago on the Big Island. Her love of the water as well as the spirituality that comes with paddling keeps her coming back to the sport each year. When off the water, Molly is an herbalist and mother to three young children: Rain, River, and Reef.



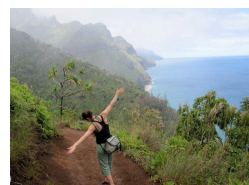
Naomi Pacheco

Born and raised in Kona on the Big Island, Naomi paddled outrigger canoes in high school and continued her paddling on the mainland, in Seattle and now California. Her strength comes with an infectious smile and laugh that brings aloha wherever she goes.



Molly Altman

The "other Molly" has been paddling ever since she was a child in her dad's marathon canoe. She finds her solace on the water, and has found community with her outrigger ohana (family) wherever she's lived. When off the water, Molly is a nurse-midwife and a research scientist in San Francisco.



Heather Brunner

Heather is more than excited to take this journey across the Pailolo channel with this talented and inspirational group of women! Our teammate Gloria Lambert recruited her 5 years ago while she was participating in competitive cheerleading at Sonoma State University and coaching at the local high school. What she loves most about paddling are the relationships that build overtime. She feels truly blessed to have this opportunity to participate in this race with her paddling sisters.



Shannon Hartnett

Shannon is our most novice paddler, but she has numerous athletic honors to her name, including being a member of the 2002 U.S. Olympic bobsled team and a world record holder in Scottish Highland Athletics and power lifting. She currently owns Shanimal Fitness, a personal training facility in Northern California. Besides her amazing fitness achievements, Shannon is an avid scuba diver and a marine biologist by training, and is (most importantly) the mom of pit bull mix Ms. Rosa Parks.

