



## Frequently Asked Paddling Questions and Answers

- Q1.** If I paddled before and competed in a sanctioned race in a recognized outrigger race but it was years ago can I race in the Novice division?
- A.** No, per SCORA race rules – Section 2.2, novices are men and women are first year paddlers who have not raced in any race sanctioned by a recognized outrigger in any prior year.
- i. Paddlers must inform their Coaches about their past racing experience.
  - ii. Coaches ask your paddlers about their previous racing experience.
  - iii. Non-compliance with the rules may result in penalties, disqualification and fines
- Q2.** If I am a PKO member, alumni or race paddler can I race with another club during the racing season if my club is paddling in the race?
- A.** Yes, and No - the intent of PKO membership to support and race with your club whether you are in the alumni or in the race program.
- i. No - Per SCORA race rules – Section 3.1.2 a paddler is ineligible to transfer to another association club during the racing season unless an official release is obtained. The release needs to be in writing.
  - ii. Yes – if you have informed the Head Coach and Coach you want to paddle in a race during the racing season and PKO does not have a seat for you, the Coach can release you to paddle with another club.
  - iii. Non-compliance with the by-laws and policies may result in dismissal from paddling or termination of membership.
- Q3.** Can anyone PKO member get accredited as a steersperson through SCORA?
- A.** Yes, anyone PKO member can go on the SCORA website and become an accredited steersperson. However, passing the steersperson accreditation does not necessarily equate to having the skill set required to steer a PKO outrigger. The Coaches will assess a steerspersons skill set and sanction the PKO steersperson.