

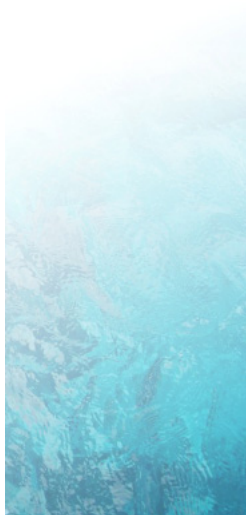
SAMOA OUTRIGGER CANOE ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS



VA'A MOANA 09

EVER WANTED A CHALLENGE!!

## INFORMATION BLOOKET



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## Talofa Lava!

On behalf of the Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association (SOCA) it gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate in the **2009 Va'a Moana** to be held from the 29<sup>th</sup> – 1st June 2009. As your host, we take this opportunity to brief you on the various details of this regatta so we can all have a smooth and enjoyable time.

## Dates, Events, Race Schedule and Details:

The Va'a Moana will be a three-day event held from the 29<sup>th</sup> up until 1st of June 2009. The race this year will introduce a new set of races to encourage our paddlers to take up more long distance races. Please find below a tentative race schedule follows: SOCA reserves the right to change the schedule at its own discretion.

### Communication:

All teams are encouraged to submit their contact details to SOCA so that each team can be informed of any changes. The process of communication will be via a phone call to the team captain and finally confirmed by text message.

Contact for this event will be Konrad Iober: [khl@kramer.com.au](mailto:khl@kramer.com.au) or cellphone +685 778 3455 and Saju Abraham: [sa@kramer.com.au](mailto:sa@kramer.com.au) or cellphone +685 7201086

### Definitions:

- **Open race:** All open races will allow the following categories to compete *Open Women, Open Men, Open Mixes, Masters and if any, Juniors. If there are less than 4 junior teams then juniors will race within the open category*
- **BIZ:** includes all social teams and business teams. No open teams allowed however social teams may request an open steerer.

Note: Social teams will be able to compete within the Open division however priority for va'a use will be given to all open crews first.

### Responsibility:

SOCA will make all efforts to re-strap all va'a and have them ready for all races. However should a team require a different method of rigging it will be the responsibility of that team to obtain its own rigging material, tape measures and levels.

### Damage to Va'a:

As these va'a are quite fragile we kindly ask that each crew handle the movement of each va'a both on and off the water with great care.

### Venue:

The venue for the Va'a Moana is the Mulinu'u peninsula, just after the the Yacht club and before the tomb of late head of state of Samoa.

You will see all the Va'as lined up at this location. Each team is required to inspect and re-rigg their va'a prior to the race. It is up to each team to place each of their va'a in to the water and have it ready for racing.

## Race schedule

### Day one - Morning Race 1: (open) **Time: 9am location: Mulinuu**

This **15km race** will require two paddlers from each team to participate. The race format is based on a Relay type race allowing one change only at the designated change point.

Change point for this race will be in front of the Vailala beach Chalets as marked on the map.

Due to number of V1 canoes available there will be a total of **10 V1 canoes spots** available. Each entry is required to inspect and rig their va'a prior to setting off.

The expected duration for this race is approximately 2 hours, please refer to the map for details.

### Day one – Afternoon Race 2: (open ) **Time: 1pm location: Mulinuu**

This **25km race** format is based on a Relay type race allowing one change only at the designated change point. Each canoe is expected to change **at most 3 paddlers** at the change point.

**For all social crews who might want to participate you are allowed a maximum of 4 paddlers to be changed and two change points. This only applies to social crews**

Change point for this race will be in front event venue between the ramp at Sails restaurant and the Yacht club as marked on the map.

Due to number of V6 canoes available there will be a total of **8 V6 canoes spots** available. Each entry is required to inspect and rig their va'a prior to setting off.

The expected duration for this race is approximately 2.50 hours, please refer to the map for details.

### Day Two – Morning Race 1: (open) **Time: 11am location: Mulinuu**

This is a simple 500m eliminator which will take place in front of the venue. Depending on the numbers each set of 4 v6 will race a 500m sprint, the last va'a to cross the line will be eliminated. You will be given 5mins to turn and bring your va'a back up to the line and race the second 500m. This process will continue until the last va'a is standing. The winner of each pool will challenge each other in one 500m race.

### Day two morning Race: 1 Alternative for **Time: 11am location: Mulinuu**

#### The barrel race:

Each team will be given seven minutes to complete as many turns as possible on a 250m course. The team to have the highest number of turns within the seven minutes will win.

### Day Two – Afternoon Race: 2 (open) **Time: 12pm location: Mulinuu**

This is a simple 250m eliminator which will take place in front of the venue. Depending on the numbers each set of 4 v6 will race a 250m sprint, the last va'a to cross the line will be eliminated.

You will be given 5mins to turn and bring your va'a back up to the line and race the second 500m. This process will continue until the last va'a is standing. The winner of each pool will challenge each other in one 250m race.

### **Day Two – Afternoon Race 3 : (BIZonly) Time: 2pm location: Mulinuu**

This is a simple 1500km course will take place in front of the race venue. A triangular course of 500m each length will be set out and each entry will have to complete 6km. At each crossing of the finish line each va'a must make one to three paddler changes before setting off to complete the next round. A total of 4 rounds must be completed. In order to win the race.

### **Day Two – Afternoon Race 4: (BIZ only) Time: 4pm location: Mulinuu**

This is a simple 250m eliminator which will take place in front of the venue. Depending on the numbers each set of 4 v6 will race a 250m sprint, the last va'a to cross the line will be eliminated. You will be given 5mins to turn and bring your va'a back up to the line and race the second 500m. This process will continue until the last va'a is standing. The winner of each pool will challenge each other in one 250m race.

## **DAY 3 - SUNDAY REST DAY AND A CHANCE FOR VISTORS TO SEE OTHER PARTS OF SAMOA.**

### **EXHIBITION RACE:**

This is a chance for us to show the public what outrigger paddling is all about. We would like all teams to participate but however numbers will be limited based on va'a available. We would like to start paddling from Mulinuu the Apia harbour and line up on the wharf side to welcome in the leading Fautasi Va'a.

### **Day Four – Late Morning Race 5: (Open & Social) Time: 11.30am location: Mulinuu**

V1 – 8 positions will be given to both male and female paddlers. This race will be used to trial contenders for the Mini Games 2009. **NOTE THIS IS ONLY TENTATIVE FOR THE MOMENT AND WILL BE CONFIRMED CLOSER TO THE EVENT DATE.**

### **Day Four – Afternoon Race 6: (Open & Social) Time: 2pm location: Mulinuu**

V12 – the purpose of these races is to make it fun and a chance for all paddlers to mix and mingle. After the exhibition race on Monday morning we would like to ask that everyone stay behind to help strap the V12's. We will only strap about 8 va'a's or 4 V12. The race will start from aggies and end at Mulinuu.

### **Day Four – ALTERNATIVE Afternoon Race 6: (Open & Social) Time: 2pm location: Mulinuu**

V12 – 3KM GRUNT: Again the purpose of these races is to make it fun and a chance for all paddlers to mix and mingle. After the exhibition race on Monday morning we would like to ask that everyone stay behind to help strap the V12's. We will only strap about 8 va'a's or 4 V12. The race will start from Fish market and end at Mulinuu.

## Registration & Rules:

- Registration is ST\$20 per paddler All teams will be required to complete a 'Pre-Registration Form'. The Pre-Registration Form must be submitted to the Race Committee on **Monday 18th May 2009**.
- The deadline for ALL **LOCAL** paddler registration is 5.00pm on 22nd May 2009.
- The deadline for ALL **INTERNATIONAL** paddler registration is 8.00am on 29th May 2009.
- Anyone wishing to be included on a Team List after the start of the first race must pay a late registration fee of ST\$30.00 per additional paddler.
- Junior Paddlers must be 19 and Under in order to race in the Junior divisions. Juniors may compete in Open events if they wish.
- For Social Mix events the team must have a minimum of two women paddlers. Social paddlers must be those that paddle on a social basis, once or twice a week and/or have been paddling for less than 6 months. An exception will be made for Social teams who require the assistance of an experienced steer.

## Race Officials:

The Race Director for the SOCA 2009 Va'a Classic is Konrad Lober. He will be assisted by other Officials on the day. As this is a small event we would appreciate it very much if all who are available can help assist us with the running of this event.

## Protests

Any Team wishing to lodge a protest must do so no later than 20 minutes after:

1. The announcement and publication of the results of the race in question when there is no disqualification; A team is served with notice of a disqualification (DQ).
2. All Protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Director using the Official Protest form prepared for the event. All Protests will incur a ST\$30.00 fee. This fee is only refundable if the Protest is upheld.
3. Once a protest has been received, the Race Director will notify all parties involved in the protest, allowing time for other or counter protests to be received. After 20 minutes, the Race.
4. Director will close the case and convene a meeting of the Protest Committee to deliberate.
5. The Protest Committee will consist of one representative from each Club participating in the event. The Race Director or their delegate will Chair the Protest Committee. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final.

## Prizes and Closing

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

- 1st Open Men V1 marathon, 1st Open Women V1 marathon, 1st Open Mix V1 marathon
- 1st Open Men V6 marathon, 1st Open Women V6 marathon, 1st Open Mix V6 marathon
- 1st Open Men V6 500m eliminator, 1st Open Women V6 500m eliminator, 1st Open Mix V6 500m eliminator

- 1st Open Men V6 250m eliminator, 1st Open Women V6 250m eliminator, 1st Open Mix V6 250m eliminator
- 1st BIZ/SOCIAL V6 500m eliminator,
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- The venue for the prize giving will be confirmed prior to the start of the event.

## Acknowledgement

The Samoa Outrigger Canoe Association (SOCA) acknowledges the kind support of the \_\_\_\_\_ and major sponsor of the Va'a Moana.

SOCA thanks you for your support and looks forward to an exhilarating and fun-filled event.2009

SOCA Executive

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## Race maps:

### OPEN V1 15km Relay race:



**OPEN V6 25km Relay race:**





**BIZ and SOCAIL V6 6km race CHANGE RACE:**



**V12 OTPION ONE FROM MARKET:**



**V12 OTPION TWO FROM AGGIES:**



**V1, V6 SPRINT AREA:**



**VAIALA BEACH - V1 15KM ONLY CHANGE AREA (ALL CREWS) PRIOR TO HEADING OUT TO BLUE MARLIN MARKER**



**V6 25KM FIRST CHANGE AREA (ALL CREWS) UPON RETURN FROM FALEULA**



**V6 25KM SECOND CHANGE AREA (SOCILA AND BIZ CREWS ONLY) PRIOR OR AFTER TURNING THE MARKER AT BLUE MARLIN.**

