

As current IVF rep for Canada I am involved in a number of areas.

1. Working towards coaching and paddler education programs,
2. I am head of a committee to secure a paid secretary for the IVF,
3. Sitting on a transitional committee reviewing the charter application procedures, namely defining the procedures for member nations to be considered as A, B and C class members (size, paddlers, popularity, future possibilities, importance of canoe in the nation's culture, etc.)
4. Review of the 2004 & 2006 IVF sprint Championship courses,
5. Interim translator for French-English correspondence.

As head coach for the Canadian Team at the IVF World Sprint Va'a Championships in Tahiti, I am pleased to announce (for those who were not aware) that Canada placed 5th and came home with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. We also placed 4 senior master's women in the V1 500 final and two V6 in the master's women 1000 m final. The trip was an excellent learning opportunity for everyone and very motivational for our paddlers looking towards 2004 in Hawai'i.

In pursuit of this goal I would like CORA to sanction a Canadian Sprint Outrigger Series for the early winter and spring culminating with a Canadian Long Course Sprint Outrigger Championship on the weekend of May 3-4, 2003. This regatta will be a club team based regatta according to IVF rules over a 500 m course. Two months prior to this I would like to see a Canadian Short Course Sprint Outrigger race over a 250 m course according to IVF rules. FCRC would host these events in the Vancouver area.

I am definitely in support of Canada hosting the IVF Worlds in 2008 (2004 is Hawai'i, 2006 is New Zealand). I think we could see a huge boost in popularity for OC around such an event especially if avoid any big CCA events or hold it in conjunction with CCA nationals even and/or DB nationals, all three sharing a given race course or two, it could be a paddling extravaganza! Or maybe an orgy of over-indulgence for some... regardless it is an excellent exposure opportunity for Canadian outrigger. I don't think we need the help of CCA, although it would be easier for us. Possibly bringing in a successful regatta organizer to consult would be ideal.

One item I am pushing for on the IVF front is to encourage the formation of an IVF sanctioned World Cup distance race series. Each member nation can host an event, with A class members being allowed to host 2 World Cups, B class members can host 1 World Cup and C class nations are not permitted to host events (as a result of their non-involvement in IVF affairs). Only IVF registered organizations can participate in the WC category of the races, and have an overall WC leader club and member nation. I can see a circuit something like;

IVF World Outrigger Cup

- Bay of Islands
- Hamilton Island
- Gibsons' Iron
- Queen Liliu'okalani Iron
- Catalina Crossing
- Na Wahine O Ke Kai
- Moloka'i Hoe

On the CORA coaching certification side of things, DBRCC is unaffiliated with CCA and NCCP. CCA tried to get a DB coaching module started on their own but it stalled a year or so back. I am currently following up with both DBRCC and CCA for the best coaching education opportunity to pursue with the efforts we have made. As far as I know DBRCC is not cooperating with CA on this initiative they re both reinventing the wheel

For OC coaching I would like to see the following disciplines covered;

1. OC6 skills
 - a. Distance
 - i. Iron races
 - ii. Change races
 - b. Sprint
 - i. Straight line races
 - ii. Turn races
2. OC1-2 skills
 - a. Distance
 - i. Iron races
 - ii. Change races
 - b. Sprint
 - i. Straight line races
3. Rigging science
4. Current, tide and wave science
5. Steering
6. Outrigger culture
7. Crew selection
8. Regatta and event team management
9. Safety

The OC coaching certification will have to be an NCCP based program, and accreditation with NCCP should be easy. I would suggest a minimum of 40 hours coaching for level 1, 80 hours for level 2, and 160 hours for level 3. Level 4 and beyond will be by task assignment, apprenticeship and working at certain event. I am not sure if we should restrict levels 4 and 5 to coaches actively coaching national and international level paddlers or crews. This may lead us towards creating modules based on items 1.a-b and 2.a-b above.

I should be able to adapt 70-80% of the DB manual content over to outrigger and add in the required sections based on feedback from experienced and knowledgeable paddlers we have access to in Canada and overseas. With the right motivation, such as the rights to sell the manual as part of the course to subsidize the slave labour that went into it ☺ I think we could have this in place for the spring of 2003. CORA also has the resources to put together an excellent instructional video for outrigger. Being the visionaries we are, doing the whole manual and video as an interactive DVD and CD is the way to go. I have contacts set up for this through my efforts to send the DB manual and videos this way.

So in summary for the AGM;

1. **I would like to remain on as IVF rep for Canada,**
 2. **I am interested in heading up the CORA sprint efforts for 2004 and 2006.**
- I would like to propose that Rosemary Henry from OR be named to assist in team selection protocols and procedures.**
3. **I propose that we have a CORA sanctioned sprint series for 2003 and beyond each season culminating with a Canadian Championship**
 4. **I would like to head up the CORA – NCCP coaching certification and coaching education material initiative.**

PS some of the DB manual I've been trying to send you is available as PDF teasers on <http://www.paddlesup.ca/technique.html>