



NEW HOPE CANOE CLUB MINISTRY

Aloha friends and supporters,

The New Hope Canoe Club Ministry (NHCCM) has been very blessed by not only enjoying the sport of outrigger canoe paddling, but also reaching out to support the community. NHCC, in partnership with the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association (OHCRA), is sponsoring a Fundraiser Long Distance Race to benefit the tiny 10-acre Mokauea Island in Keehi Lagoon. This is our fourth fundraiser race and this year our theme is “Malama Our Keiki”.

NHCCM is asking for your kokua with donations to benefit Mokauea. This may include door prizes, gift cards, services, awards, monetary donations, or anything else you see as appropriate. No amount is too small. Please consider helping this worthy cause!

Mokauea Island lies only a quarter mile offshore from our canoe site on Sand Island. It is the last fishing village of its kind on Oahu. It has a rich history. Currently, important educational and cultural programs on Mokauea Island are being offered to keiki and adults. They learn from this fragile marine environment how we are all connected to the ocean and the aina.

This fundraiser race is intended to benefit the efforts to save Mokauea Island. Proceeds from the race will be used to continue the educational programs for the community, rejuvenate the fishpond, plant native trees/plants, remove invasive seaweed and kiawe. We want to “malama” this precious island jewel.

Our race is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2016. It will be approximately 10 miles long. The race course will be from our site at Sand Island, around Mokauea Island, to Honolulu Harbor, and back. There will be junior/keiki, men, women, mixed, double hull and even the original malia hulled canoe. Food, entertainment, awards, and door prizes will be provided. It will be a great day of fun!

Before the race, there will be a short educational/informational presentation by one of the Mokauea Island residents highlighting the history of the Island and an oli by our keiki. All are welcome attend this presentation.

If you would have something to donate or have any questions, please contact Lois Sismar at (808) 386-7911 or email: brutushkc@msn.com. Mahalo nui.

Sincerely,

Cy Kalama
Ministry Leader and Head Coach
New Hope Canoe Club Ministry

