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Swimming

POKEY WATSON RICHARDSON is a former two-time Olympic Gold Medal swimming champion and former Olympic world record-holder in three events.

At 14-years-old, she grabbed gold in the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan as a member of the women's 4 x 100 meter US freestyle relay team. Her team also set a new world record of 4:03.8 in the event final. Four years later at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, she would set a new Olympic record of 2:24.8 seconds in the 200 meter backstroke, once again bringing home a gold medal.

A member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Watson Richardson has also been a long-time assistant swimming coach of Iolani School, passing her knowledge of the sport onto many of Hawai'i's future athletes. She has continued to serve her community as the past President and Board member of the Junior League of Honolulu, as well as the Secretary and Board member of the US Olympians Hawai'i Chapter.

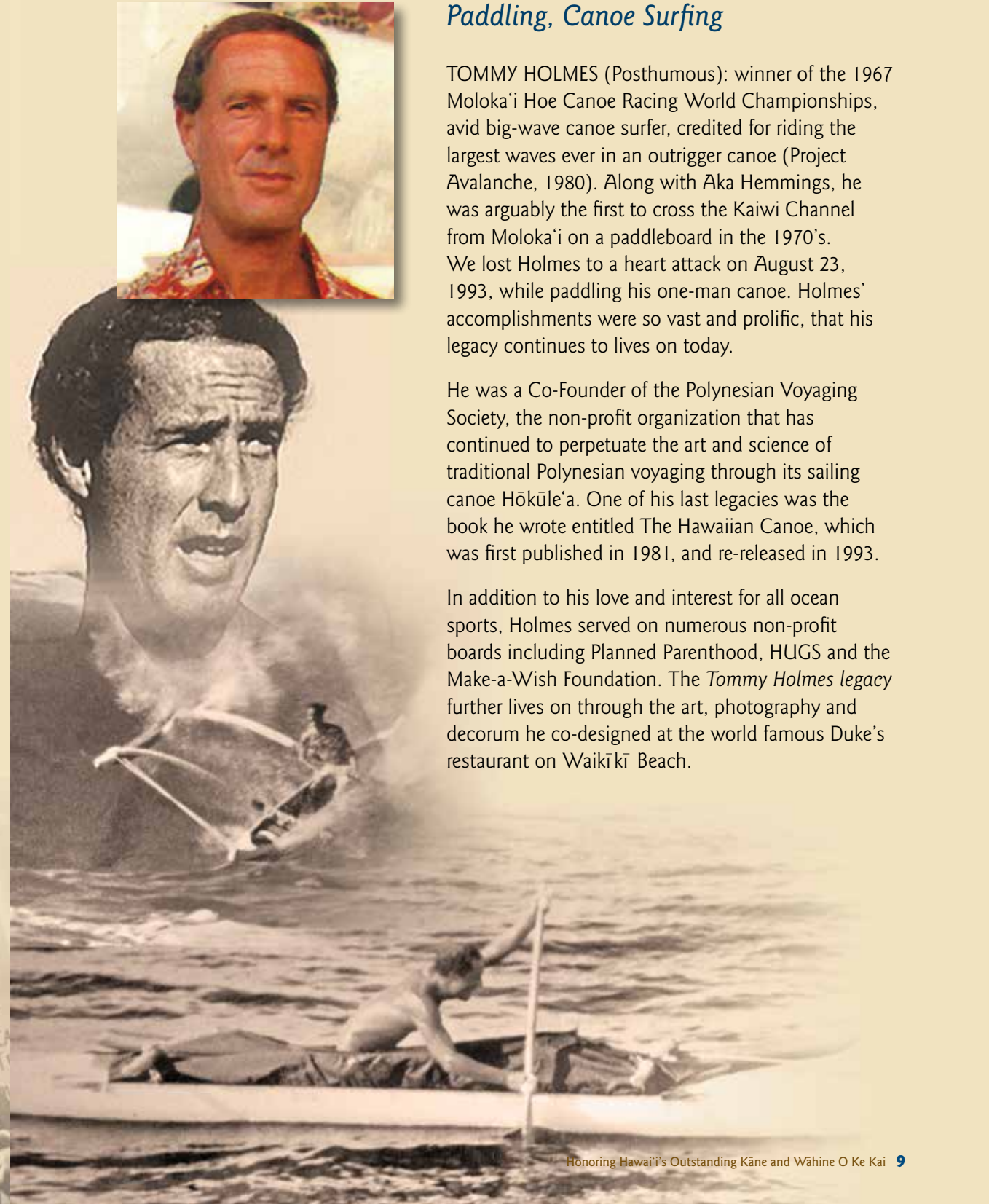
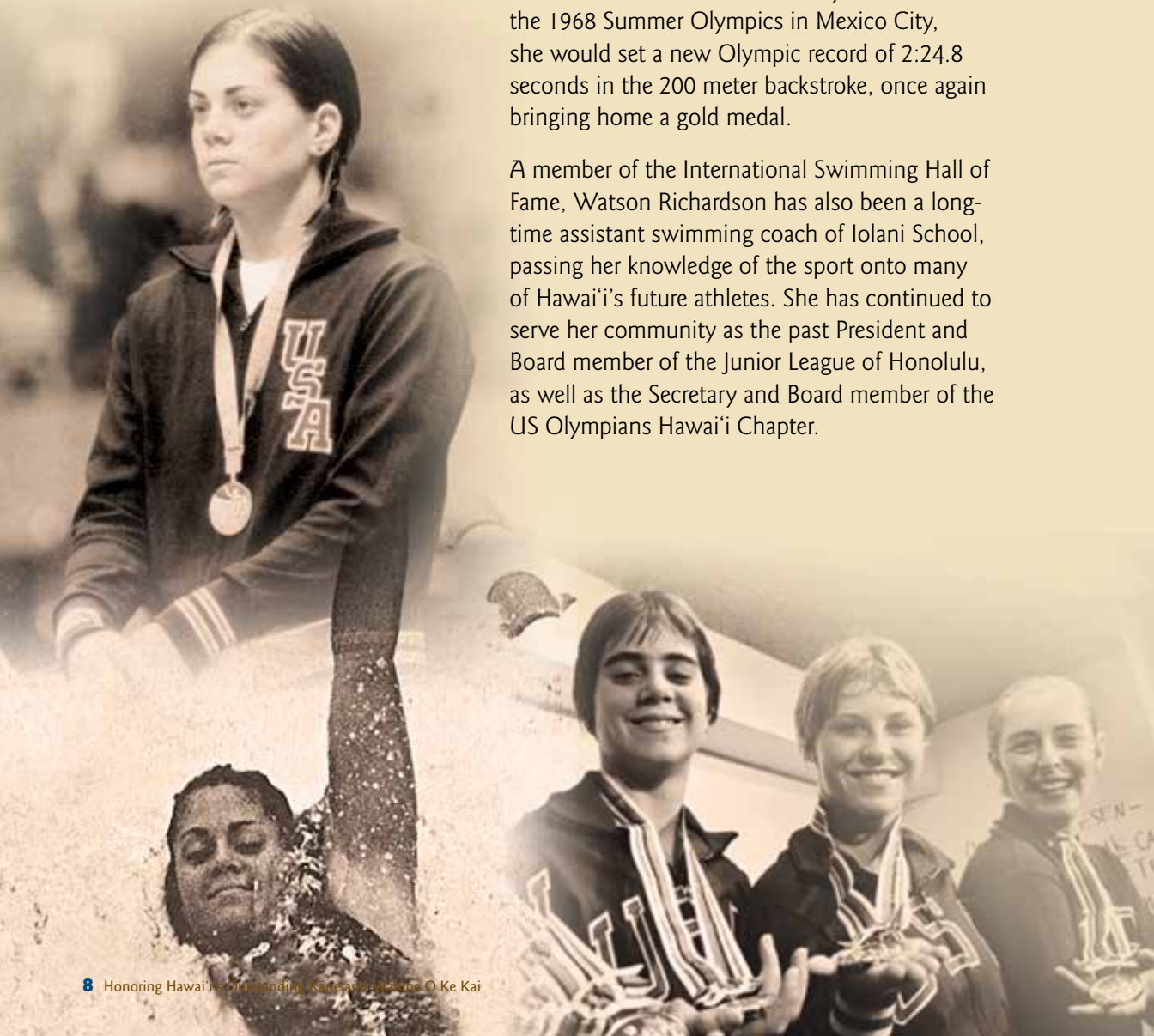


Paddling, Canoe Surfing

TOMMY HOLMES (Posthumous): winner of the 1967 Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Racing World Championships, avid big-wave canoe surfer, credited for riding the largest waves ever in an outrigger canoe (Project Avalanche, 1980). Along with Aka Hemmings, he was arguably the first to cross the Kaiwi Channel from Moloka'i on a paddleboard in the 1970's. We lost Holmes to a heart attack on August 23, 1993, while paddling his one-man canoe. Holmes' accomplishments were so vast and prolific, that his legacy continues to lives on today.

He was a Co-Founder of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, the non-profit organization that has continued to perpetuate the art and science of traditional Polynesian voyaging through its sailing canoe Hōkūle'a. One of his last legacies was the book he wrote entitled *The Hawaiian Canoe*, which was first published in 1981, and re-released in 1993.

In addition to his love and interest for all ocean sports, Holmes served on numerous non-profit boards including Planned Parenthood, HUGS and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The *Tommy Holmes legacy* further lives on through the art, photography and decorum he co-designed at the world famous Duke's restaurant on Waikīkī Beach.



John & Jim Foti

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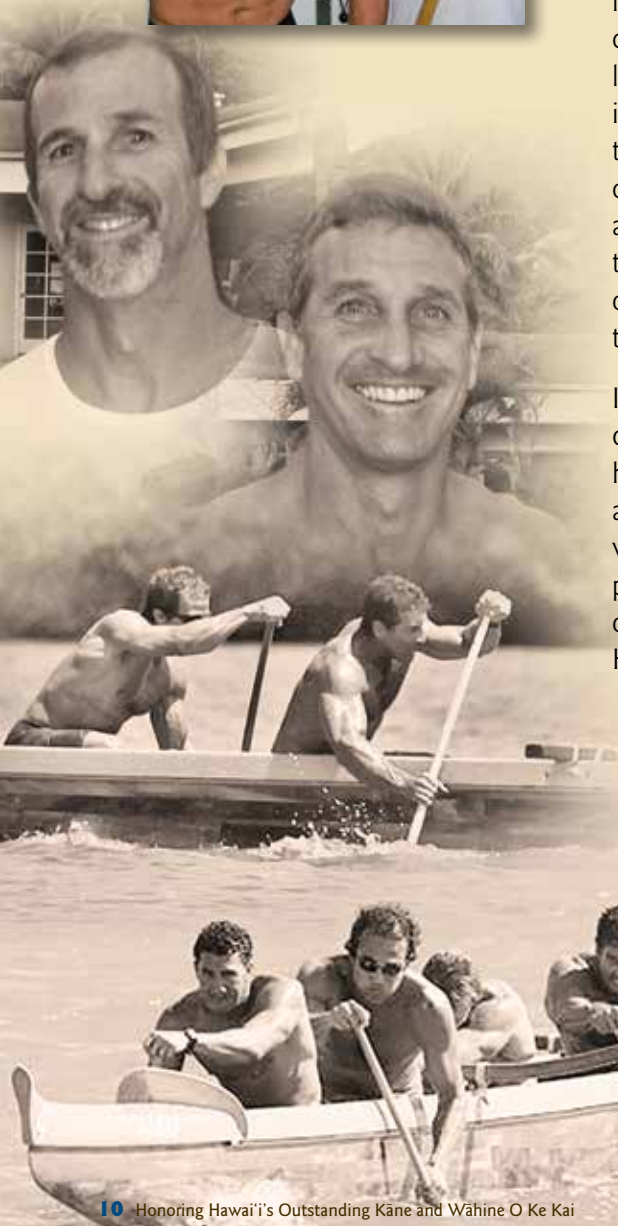


Paddling

JOHN & JIM FOTI: winners of five Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Racing World Championships, and five Kaiwi Channel one-man relay World Championships as a "brothers duo". Recognized as global ambassadors to the Polynesian sport of canoe paddling.

For much of the last 30 years, Lanikai Canoe Club has been a formidable force in the sport of outrigger canoe racing, in large part due to the talent and leadership of John and Jim Foti. Born and raised in Lanikai, the Foti brothers carried on the family tradition of paddling for their hometown canoe club. Numerous championship titles, and their abounding aloha spirit, have led the Foti brothers to share the culture and sport of canoe paddling all over the world from Hawai'i to New York, to Tahiti to Italy.

Identified as icons of canoe racing, it is also their dedication to the non-profit Kanaka Ikaika, which has perpetuated the sport of paddling, facilitated a deeper understanding of Hawaiian culture and values as they relate to the environment and its protection, and continues to ensure the success of the one-man canoe and surf ski racing circuit in Hawai'i, for generations to come.



Tim Guard

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Paddling, Community Service

TIM GUARD: Member of the 1956 Hawai'i/United States Surf Lifesaving Team that competed in Australia in conjunction with the 1956 Olympic Games. Winner of the prestigious 1957 Makaha Junior Amateur Surfing contest. A perennial member of the vaunted Outrigger Canoe Club open men's racing team. Winner of four Moloka'i Hoe Canoe Racing World Championships in 1965, 1975, 1977 and 1979, and multiple titles in the Master's division in the 80's and 90's.

Guard's paddling career was interrupted for five years when he was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Navy and served in Vietnam as a Swift Boat commander. His combat citations include the Bronze Star for valor while engaged in combat. He later assumed command of the USS Esteem, an ocean-going minesweeper, homeported at Pearl Harbor.

Guard has been connected to the ocean his entire personal and professional life. At age 12, his father arranged a surfing lesson for him with Duke Kahanamoku and he never looked back. His first job as a teenager was working down on the docks. Now the owner of Hawai'i's largest stevedoring company, McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co.

Not only was Guard a consummate waterman, but like Duke, has left an incredible legacy of service in the community. It is his accomplishments as a major charitable benefactor and advocate for Hawai'i and its youth, that he is most proud of today. Guard has held numerous leadership roles for charitable organizations including the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Founder of the Hawai'i Youth Challenge Academy Foundation, past President and Director Emeritus of the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, and the Marimed Foundation.



2 0 1 0 I N D U C T E E S



Duke Kahanamoku

Swimming, Surfing, Paddling

Many consider the legendary Duke Kahanamoku as Hawai'i's greatest athlete. Duke first made his mark as the world's fastest swimmer and an Olympic champion, winning six medals, including three gold medals, between 1912 – 1932. He was widely recognized as “the Father of International Surfing.” Duke's charisma and warmth led him to being named Hawai'i's official Ambassador of Aloha.



Eddie Aikau

Surfing, Ocean Safety

Eddie Would Go!
The phrase pays tribute to the heroic Eddie Aikau.



Buffalo Keaulana

Surfing

The patriarch of “Mākaha's first family,” Buffalo Keaulana's enduring legacy of Aloha has touched generations of ocean lovers and surfers worldwide.



Wally Froiseth

Surfing, Paddling

Wally Froiseth conquered Mākaha and the North Shore and helped inspire the global migration to these iconic surf sites.



Keo Nakama

Swimming

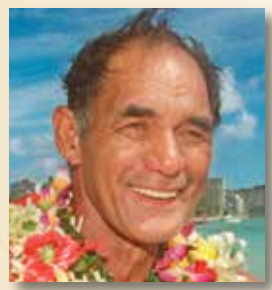
Keo Nakama was one of Hawai'i's greatest and hardest-working swimmers. Keo became the first person to swim the 27-mile Moloka'i-O'ahu channel at age 40.



Fred Hemmings

Surfing, Paddling

Fred Hemmings was one of the world's best surfers by age 18, winning the Mākaha and Peruvian International Surfing Championships in 1964.



Nappy Napoleon

Paddling

As founder and head coach of Anuenue Canoe Club, Uncle Nappy's teams have raced worldwide. As founder and head coach of Anuenue Canoe Club, Uncle Nappy's teams have raced worldwide.



Rabbit Kekai

Surfing, Paddling

Waikī beach boy legend, Rabbit Kekai is admired by surfers around the world as a groundbreaking pioneer and champion and was also a master paddler.



Rell Sunn

Surfing, Paddling

Revered as the “Queen of Mākaha,” Rell Sunn was a champion surfer with a legacy of pioneering triumphs for women in ocean sports.

2 0 1 1 I N D U C T E E S



Peter Cole

Surfing, Community Service

Peter Cole's love of surfing lured him to O'ahu's North Shore in the 1950s. He attacked the big waves few would take on at his beloved Sunset Beach.



Ethel Kukea

Surfing, Paddling

Ethel Kukea was a surfing champion pioneer, competitive paddler, and role model who inspired a generation of women to follow her lead.



Aileen Soule

Swimming

Aileen Soule was a champion whose reign spanned eight decades. At the 1920 Olympics, she became the youngest – at 14 – gold medalist.



Nainoa Thompson

Polynesian Voyaging

Nainoa Thompson embraced the miracle of ancient Polynesian voyaging and brought it forward for all of Hawai'i to celebrate.

2 0 1 2 I N D U C T E E S



Ricky Grigg

Surfing, Oceanography

Ricky Grigg devoted his life to surfing, researching, and sharing his knowledge to preserve Hawai'i's marine life.



Brian Keaulana

Surfing, Ocean Safety

Brian's brave and adroit use of a jet ski in the dramatic 1993 rescue of a tourist revolutionized ocean lifesaving techniques – both in Hawai'i and around the world.



Archie Kalepa

Surfing, SUP, Ocean Safety

Archie Kalepa has conquered the world's biggest waves, rescued people from treacherous conditions, and been an innovator for enjoying the ocean.



Michael Tong

Paddling

Michael Tong touched generations with his love of paddling. Michael started the Ala Wai Challenge Race and ran it for 20 years, providing financial support to the Waikī Community Center.

2 0 1 2 I N D U C T E E S



HRH Prince David La'amea
Kahalepouli Kawānanakoa

Hawai'i's Royal Surfing Ali'i – Surfing

Surfing is indeed the sport of kings. And it was Hawaiian royalty that first spread the gospel of surfing to the U.S. mainland and then to Great Britain.

In July 1885, Prince David, Prince Jonah, and Prince Edward, made history in Santa Cruz, California, when they took to the waves using long, heavy surfboards made from local redwoods. It was the first account of surfing in the U.S. mainland.

The three princes dazzled beach-goers and swimmers with their surf-riding exhibitions and fun antics. And with that, the craze of surfing was born in the Golden State.

Five years later, Prince David and Prince Jonah were joined in Great Britain by their cousin, Princess Victoria, an expert surfer and swimmer. In September 1890, David and Jonah took their surfboards into the North Sea off the coast of Bridlington, East Yorkshire.

Residents were amazed by the princes' skill and the fun they enjoyed. In a land where royalty makes history every day, Hawai'i's Royal Surfing Ali'i left its own indelible impression in Britain.



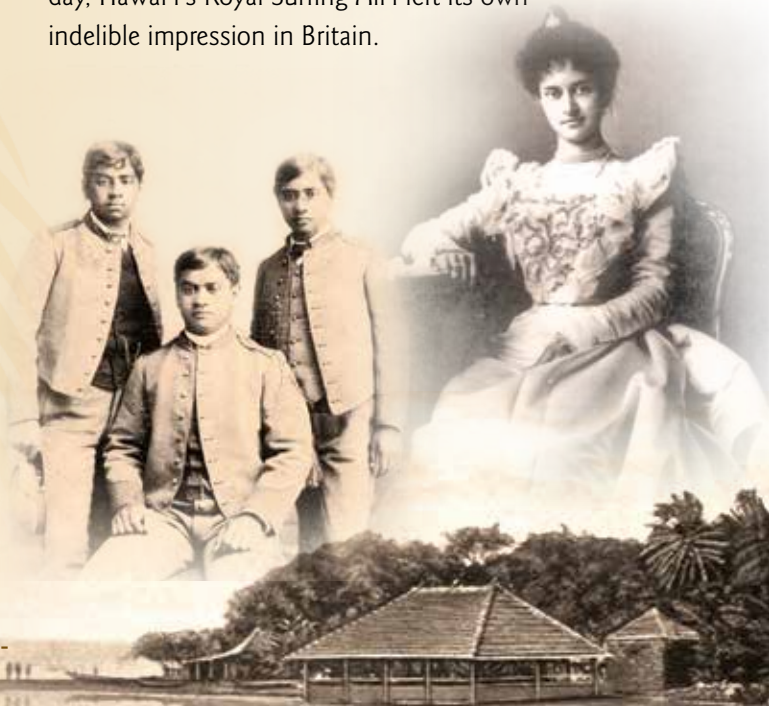
HRH Prince Edward Abnel
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HRH Prince Jonah Kūhiō
Kalaniana'ole



HRH Princess Victoria Ka'iulani
Kalaninuiāhilapalapa Kawēkiu-i-
Lunalilo Cleghorn



2 0 1 3 I N D U C T E E S



Steve Borowski
Swimming

Steve's greatest accomplishment has been his lifelong dedication to lead, motivate and improve Hawai'i swimmers of all skill levels.



Bill Smith
*Swimming,
Ocean Safety*

Bill Smith was the world's undisputed #1 middle-distance freestyle swimmer in the 1940s.



Tommy Conner
Paddling

Every successful paddling crew needs a great steersman and there was none greater than the late Tommy Conner.



China Uemura
*Surfing, Community
Service*

A skilled longboarder, China won numerous surfing championships in local, national, and international meets.



Linda Kaiser
*Open Water
Swimming*

A true *keiki o ke kai*, Hawai'i's leading long-distance swimmer has been powering through the waterways of the Hawaiian Islands ever since.

2014 INDUCTEES



**George David
"Dad" Center**
*Swimming,
Paddling, Volleyball*

An accomplished athlete, coach, leader, and, most significantly, mentor, to young watermen and waterwomen.



**Mark
Cunningham**
*Bodysurfing,
Lifesaving*

On the North Shore Mark Cunningham's lifesaving skills and wave-riding achievements became legend.



Anona Napoleon
Paddling, Sufing

Anona has been a champion waterwoman since her teens, highlighted by winning the International Mākaha Surfing Contest in 1961.



Randy Rarick
Surfing

Mentored by Hawai'i Waterman Hall of Famer Rabbit Kekai, Randy became a Hawai'i State Junior Champion, and traveled the world to surf all the treasured breaks.



Sonny Tanabe
*Swimming,
Spear Fishing*

Sonny Tanabe was a barefoot boy from Hilo who became an Olympic swimmer before passing on his passion for aquatics to generations of up-and-coming swimmers.

2015 INDUCTEES



Soichi Sakamoto
Swimming,

Legendary Hawai'i Swim coach from Pu'unene, Maui. Sakamoto lead numerous Hawai'i swimmers to national and Olympic prominence.



Duane DeSoto
Surfing

Longboard Surfing World Champion. Founder and CEO of Na Kama Kai, a non-profit organization that teaches Hawai'i's children about how to enjoy the ocean safely.



Walter Guild
Paddling

Outrigger Canoe Paddling Renaissance Man, 8 time Moloka'i Ho'e Canoe Racing World Champion, Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i.



Joey Cabell
Surfing

Duke Kahanamoku Surf Team Member, Surfing Champion, World Class Sailor and Co-founder of Chart House.

2016 INDUCTEES



Diane Stowell
Swimming,

100+ national & international swimming Titles and dedicated community volunteer.



Paul Strauch, Jr.
Surfing

Member of the original Duke Kahanamoku Surf Team and 1960's champion surfer.



Sharron Weber
Surfing

2-time surfing World Champion and member of the Surfing Walk of Fame.



Bruce Blankenfeld
*Paddling, Polynesian
Voyaging*

Pwo Master Navigator of the Hōkūle'a and long time president of Hui Nalu Canoe Club.