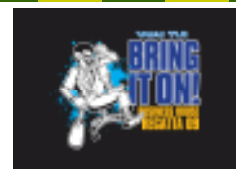


Wai Tui Business House Update

24 July 2010



Fiji Outrigger Wai Tui Business House Season 2010

29 Teams to compete in 2010 Business House Season

Competition in the 2010 Business House season is set to take off with 29 teams confirming entry.

Once again the Business House community of Suva has come out to support the sport of Outrigger Canoeing in full force.

The usual entries of years gone by in Fiji Gas, ANZ and TFL and Connect are their. FNPf are back to defend their "Best Dressed" title and judging by their training regime on the water they may be more than just a pretty team. The Bank South Pacific team will add to the Pacific flavor of the meet with their 2 teams.

Some new entrants will be a force to reckon with over the 2-regatta meet. The Fiji Prisons and Corrections Service represented by their "Wardens" and "Sevens" teams will bring a disciplined approach to the meet.



The Fiji Prisons teams after a hard session of training with the Tafaga Club. Prisons will be entering 2 teams in this seasons competition.

"It is encouraging to have the disciplined forces as part of our event" organizer Sheena Hughes said. "It will give us a change to meet some of the people behind the "Yellow Ribbon" project in person and we see it fits in how the Correctional Departments are involving themselves in com-

munity activities. We are also keen to see how their international Sevens expertise translates to on the water power" Hughes added.



Uto ni Yalo : "Vutala na Ua"

The Uto ni Yalo set off on 27 March bound for Auckland with a relatively inexperienced crew of fourteen men and two women. Over the next fourteen weeks we sailed the 22 metre traditional double hull canoe on a 6,800 nautical mile circumnavigation of the South Pacific Ocean, through five countries. It took a lot of courage and determination for the recently formed Fiji Islands Voyaging Society to plan and embark on such an ambitious voyage. The mission we set out with was:

- Revive Traditional Canoe Voyaging and Navigational Knowledge, Skills and Traditions in honour of our Ancestors

- Build awareness that we need

a Sustainable and Healthy Pacific Ocean

- Promote and share our Fijian Culture and learn from other Cultures as we traveled

In each country we witnessed the warmth and beauty of the people and their unique cultures. We were welcomed as long lost 'cousins' and treated as royalty wherever we went.

Arriving by canoe, we set ourselves apart from other visitors and instantly gained the respect and admiration of the people. Respect that we returned by sharing our own unique Fijian culture.

What this voyage has taught us

is admiration for our forefathers and the skills, confidence and courage they must have possessed to build and navigate craft capable of traveling the immense span of the Pacific Ocean.

This voyage has also taught us of the danger our Pacific Ocean is in and the need to make positive changes, now!

Eighteen ambassadors for the Ocean stepped ashore at the Suva Foreshore on Saturday June 26, armed with the experience of the voyage named "Vutala na Ua".

We hope we can share some of these experiences with you. Vinaka!



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Team Profile: Fiji Prisons and Correctional Services



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The Fiji Prisons and Corrections Service were only too glad to take part in the Fiji Outrigger Business House Regatta (BHR) when we were approached by the Tafaga Outrigger Canoeing Club (TOCC) based in Suva. As the Commissioner of FPCS Brigadier General Ioane Naivalurua believed that taking part in the BHR was in line with FPCS's intention of engaging with community. The Commissioner also believes that as a discipline organisation the FPCS could take advantage the fitness regime that pad-

dling offered. It was decided that the core of the team be made up of players from the Warden's Rugby Team, which has Fiji reps in the likes of Pio Tuwai, Seremaia Burotu, Lepani Nabuliwaqa and Ilai Tinai. The Wardens paddling team is managed by ACPO Etika Kaurasi and are being coached by the members of Tafaga Outrigger Canoe Club.



Wardens training hard at the USP Fore-shore.

Team Profile: Fiji Gas: Team Gasman

Fiji's number 1 gas company, *Fiji Gas Company Limited*, was founded in 1956. Fifty years on, Fiji Gas has grown into Fiji's largest gas company with over 1375 metric tonnes storage capacity at five terminals around Fiji and two terminals in Tonga. Its business is the sale of LP Gas (butane), domestic cookers, commercial catering equipment; Hydrocarbon based refrigerants, industrial burners and the design, installation and maintenance of hot water systems ranging from single point domestic units to large scale hotel systems and steam boilers.

Team Gasman is looking forward to competition with other regional organizations as

well as competition from organizations from the public and private sectors. "This regatta provides us with a rare opportunity to build and strengthen networks and friendships, as well as boost team morale with a wide range of professionals." Team Captain Meli Waitaqa said. "Last year we clocked the fastest time over the 250m and in the final won the race but due to handicapping lost out to eventual winners ATS. We hope to repeat this and more to stamp our "Follow the Flame" motto." Waitaqa added.

Keep on buying Fiji's number 1 gas and always look for the *Fiji Gas Logo* at a store near you. Visit us on our website: www.fijigas.com.fj



Team Profile: European Union: Team Europa

The Delegation of the European Union is an interesting mix of Pacific and Europe. Our office looks after projects in Development Corporation in over 15 countries working in areas such as infrastructural development, climate change mitigation, renewable energy, health promotion, education and trade development. The motto of the European Union is "United in diversity" so together we work for peace and prosperity not just for the member states of the EU but also for the rest of the world.

So add the 22 countries that make up the Pacific and add the 27 member states of the EU and that makes for an interesting office and consequently an exciting canoeing team.

As diverse as we are, we don't have a single real paddler in our midst! As most of our staff are always 'on the road' and many love the sport, we probably couldn't join a club even if we tried!



True International Flavour. Will this be the winning combination!

This year is only our second time in the competition so we are pretty much wa-

ter babies in every sense of the words but we are learning a lot already and hope to do better as we take part more.

Our team members and their exciting origins are Cristina Casella (Italy); Stefan Stantejsky (Austria), Jovhanna Tovar (Colombo), Caprice Twumasi Ankrah (Germany), Eleni Levin-Tevi (Tonga), Bernard BLAZKIEWICZ (Poland), Lice & Pio Rova (Taveuni), Berlita Bonny (Port Moresby), Lenaic GEORGELIN (France) and Elena Mendez-Alid (Spain).



Introducing the FNPF Va'a Teams

The Fiji National Provident Fund is a social security savings scheme jointly supported by employees, employers and government. It was set up in 1966 to provide financial security for workers when they retire at the age of 55. It also provides two other main contingencies prior to retirement when the member is incapacitated and is not able to work, and for the financial support of survivors in the unfortunate event of death.

After a successfully participating in the 2009 Fiji Outrigger Business House Canoeing Regatta with two teams, and winning some awards, this generated an overwhelming interest in the sport forcing the Fund to register three teams to participate at this year's BHR. The 3 FNPF teams registered are as follows;

FNPF - ATH Team 1 (a.k.a THE WOODSTOCKERS) - The Woodstockers with links to the Royal "Frendz" bloodline and ties to the TAPIONZ clan is engineered by four Marines. Chief Marine Engineer **Tevita Finau** (a.k.a TeFi and not John Cena) heading the platoon, Woodchucking assistant **Tom Vakatora** (a.k.a sonny poy), under water master and commander, **Mereia Shaw** (Water Rat Master category) and the ever quiet but side tracking "duly noted" (meet me at the Clubhouse) **Rudolph Fonmoa** (Rudy) completes the power house. Silent and mischievous front liners consists of **Matelita Torocake** (a.k.a Mat, the next big Yoga Instructor) from the Garden Island now residing next to the Famous Suva "Garden" in Del Air, web man **Richard Marseu** (a.k.a Spiderman), who likes to flash his heroic power without any web but uses biscuit as bait - the secret weapon to our winning strategy and **Tevita Kalou**, the man known as TK (not in Shortland Stree but "Lakovi"- Lako Sara!!).

Anchoring the team, our back blazers are the lovely ladies of the marine; **Katarina**

Bulavakarua (a.k.a. Buks) and **Emakunatuba**; next of kin to the baby "trakens" but prefers to be a woodstocker.

FNPF-ATH Team 2 (a.k.a THE TAN PEPES) - Tan Pepes - English Version (Water Babes) consists of the ever green **Kelera Finau Elder** (a.k.a Cleo) also our team mentor and captain who from the island of ME oops KADAVU; **Seini Dobui** (a.k.a. Maru) a sweet looking girl... but if you ever try to cross her path better start running ☺The engineers are led by **Junior Watta** - ironman the much needed BOOSTER especially to our engine room **Joape Kuinikoro** (a.k.a. Jay plus the Kay) and his assistant **James Tara**. Their psychic and song bird is **Bai Vito Rabali** (who sings only at the after function) - what can I say or more like where can I start, he is supposedly the innocent family man... so it seems, but meet him at the after function and things start to get very interesting! Then there are the novice paddlers of the team including; **Aisake Rogo** (the iceman), and his three hoot hoot Miss Katias; the reliable **Luisa Yalayala**, who does her part without much ado, **Mere Torocake** (get me to da clubhouse and I'll show you some moves) and **Ulamila Delana**, silent but deadly. Though new to the sport, don't underestimate this new pack, because with the FNPF Vaa team "Bring It" spirit, they will leave you in your wake!!

FNPF-ATH Team 3 (a.k.a THE BABY DRAGONS) - The team is named after the captain's favourite lair in LA (Labasa). The so called FNPF Development team and Underdog is powered by 'Russian' Chief Engineer, **Barry Jione** (Papi Traken)... Still phrasing with his Russian accent!

Other supporting engineers are muscular giants **Aisake Taito** (GM & CEO a.k.a Ace-

man), **Eferemo Campbell** (Hulk - a.k.a eFy...) and **Laka Tamanalevu** (a.k.a Cat Laks), our Japanese doll, who is also a quiet but lethal lass!!! Team 3 speed merchants are, Mataiasi **Daulako** (Mat a.k.a The Kumi-man), "Daulako dina" and parrot girl, **Unaisi Bese** (a.k.a Jay Bee - plenty honey) from LA United (Lau) - she's the team's baby and ...a YES girl! Her own opposite! Secret weapons of Team 3 consist of **Trevor Lenati** (a.k.a Trevz) from NZ Lailai, the epitome of a Unicorn gracing the earth, who is also the sweetest and gentlest beauty you'll have the privilege of meeting; **Neil Singh** (a.k.a Neo - not the AA size battery brand) and **Florence Robanakadavu** - the team pompom girl!! Last but not least, is **Chanel Autar Watta** (the Mother Goose [MG]). A very tough Big Mama with maternal ties to biscuit planters, and wiliness ancestors in 'Russia'. She is the backbone and Manager of all the 3 FNPF-ATH Team. And there you have it the 3 ATH-FNPF dream(y) teams - well blended, well mixed, well groomed, well oiled and ready to rumble!! **BRRRIIIING IT!!**



Corporate raiders—don't let the look fool you FNPF will be force on the water!



Outrigger in Fiji

Fiji Outrigger is the National Body of the sport of Outrigger Canoeing in Fiji. It member affiliations comprise of 8 clubs around Fiji. This includes:

- Takia Outrigger Canoeing Club
- Kaiwai Canoe Club
- Nadi Bay Canoe club
- Tafaga Outrigger Canoe Club
- Vuda Canoe Club
- Savusavu Canoe Club
- Sigatoka Canoe Club
- USP Islanders Canoe Club



Outrigging is a sport for all ages and it allows participants to enjoy the oceans in and around Fiji.

If you are interested in signing up as a member speak to the club representative that has signed up your organization.

Outrigger Survival Tips:

- Flipping or Tipping is a general hazard in the sport.. If you not worried about getting wet just enjoy the waters off the Suva.
- Its all about timing—you don't have to be strong just have good timing.
- Hydration is the key to lasting the long day. We' ll leave the choice of drink to you.
- Sunblock and plenty of it is needed.
- You 're bound to get wet whether its on the water or off it. Bring a spare change and a towel.
- Inform your next of kin that you will be down at the USP Beach in the event you don't make it home at a reasonable hour.

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4	Pool 5
ANZ Pac Ops 1	ANZ Pac Ops 2	TFL	Connect	Daltron Fiji
EU	Fiji Gas Ltd	Software Factory	SPC	Telesource Fiji Ltd
US Embassy	Clay Engineering	ICUN	PFD	Digicel
Sopac	Total	ANZ Bank	BSP 1	BSP 2
FNPF 1	FNPF 2	FNPF 3	Prisons & Corrections 1	Prisons & Corrections 2
USP 1	USP 2	APM	BAT	

Race Rules: On Regatta Day

- During a Regatta' implies to when races begin, up until the races end for the day
- Team Registration will be at **9am for every regatta**. Races will start at approximately 10am.
- FO will allocate experienced Steerers to each team. These steerers are not allowed to paddle during a race. Business House Teams are not allowed to supply their own steerer and must use steerers designated to them on race day.
- Each team must have a minimum of 5 paddlers for each race and a maximum of 10 paddlers must be registered at each regatta. (This to be done at 9am Registration)
- Substitutions are allowed from the heats through to the finals, provided they are one of the 10 registered paddlers for the day
- The 5 paddlers that sign in for each race must do so with their ID cards when called up to the marshalling area. No ID Card, No Paddle!
- Heats have already been decided based on entries. Each canoe will be allocated a lane and steerer. The Semi Finals and Final place getters will be seeded according to place and time in the heat.
- Each team is only allowed to have a maximum of 2 experienced paddlers paddling per race, (steerer excluded) in which the "experienced paddler" is defined as a member of Fiji Outrigger.
- Each team **MUST** have a minimum of 2 women in a race. (excluding the steerer) Any less will incur a 2 second penalty per female (absent) for the 250 metre race. No advantage will be given if more than 2 female paddlers take part in a race.
- Fiji Outrigger will provide life-jackets to those that might need it on race day.
- If there are any complaints during a regatta, please see the Race Director.
- Starts: A white flag will be raised approximately 5 minutes prior to start of a race, when teams are lined up on the start line a red flag is then raised. This red flag signals the race is to start within the next 10 seconds. All your steerers have been briefed to ensure that canoes are brought out to the start line in a timely fashion. Any team deemed to be delaying the start of a race will be disqualified from taking part in a race.
- Finishes: A finish is when the front of the canoe crosses the finish line. All paddlers must be seated in the canoe. Anyone standing or short of the six paddlers will be disqualified.
- Appeals: An appeal has to be lodged within 10 minutes of a race finishing. Only the team captain will be allowed to lodge an appeal.

Disqualification:

- Only the Race Director or Assistant Race Director may disqualify a Club, Team or Competitor from competing after consultation with the appropriate officials. The Club, Team or Competitor will verbally be given the reasons for disqualification at the time of notification by the Race Director / Assistant Race Director
- Any team or competitor who attempts to win an event by means other than honesty or who does not comply with these race rules or, who by his or her conduct, clearly shows a lack of respect of the said rules, or appointed officials, will be disqualified.
- A canoe will be disqualified if it causes interference to another canoe whilst outside the assigned lane.
- The following are cause for automatic disqualification:
 1. Non compliance with a direction given by the Race Directors or an FO appointed official.
 2. Abusive language or threatening behaviour towards the Race Director, an appointed official or another competitor.
 3. Competing for more than one team in an event. This action will disqualify both teams from the event.
 4. Interfering with another canoe while outside an assigned lane.
 5. Starting or finishing outside an assigned lane.
 6. Paddling not in a seated position.
 7. Non-compliance with the starter's directions.
 8. Proper paddling attire must be worn at all times during the race (shorts, tights, tops, caps). No jeans, heavy jackets etc.

Pacific Games: Noumea New Caledonia 2011

The Pacific Games in 2011 are to be held in Noumea. Va'a will be represented by

10 countries. Profits of this Business House Season will go partly to funding the Fiji team to Noumea. The Fiji will be represented by men and women's team consisting of 9 athletes per team for

a squad of 18.

Noumea, New Caledonia was the site for the 14th World Championships held between 25th and 31st May, 2010.



- 'After Regatta' implies to when the races for the day are complete.
- FO and its affiliated member clubs are not responsible for Business House teams after the completion of all races.
- It is the responsibility of each Business House team to look after its participants after a regatta
- Drunken or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated and Fiji Outrigger reserves the right to have anyone escorted off the race premises for such behaviour.
- All equipment (paddles, life-jackets, bailers, bungs & canoes, etc.) that belongs to FO or any of its affiliated clubs must not be taken from the site.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

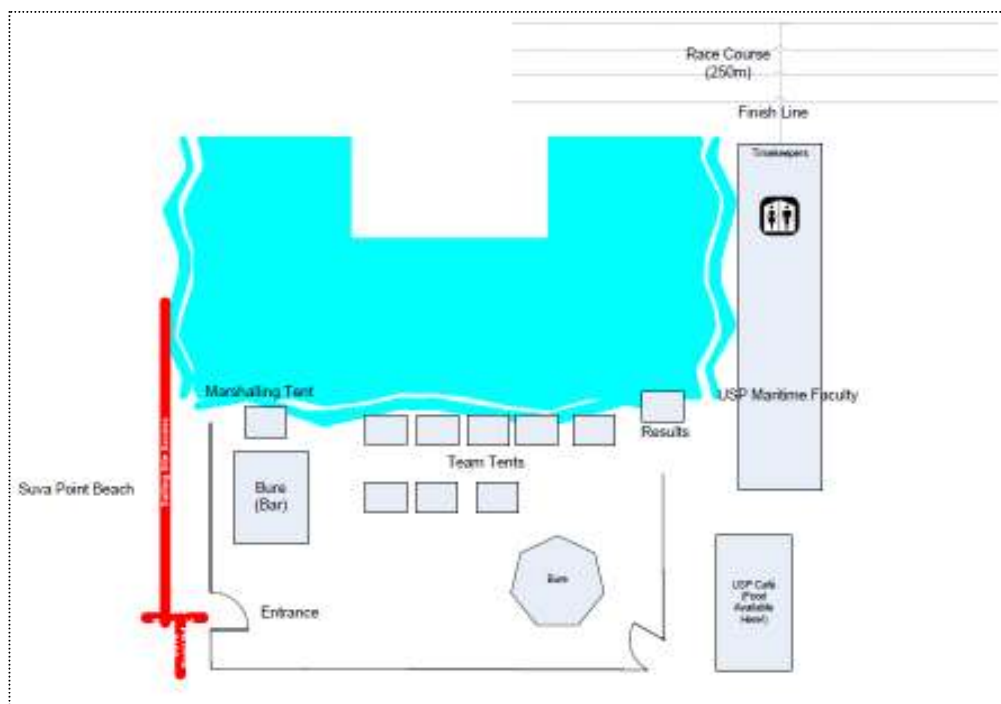
- Medical personnel will be present at every regatta should paddlers require medical assistance. There will be a first Aid Kit available at the Main Results Tent.
- Business House Teams are not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages to the race site. If so, it will be confiscated and returned the next day. Selling of food by teams is also prohibited.
- The Lower Campus Cafe will be open to the event some clubs may sell food such as hot dogs etc.
- Outrigger Canoe Clubs will have food stalls on race day that teams can purchase food from. There will also be a Coke caravan selling soft drinks, powerade, and water!
- Garbage bags will be provided to every business house team. Please ensure that your area is clean at all times with due respect to our environment.
- Security for personal belongings are the responsibility of the Business House.

THINGS TO BRING

- Sun Block
- Towel
- Dry change
- Shoes – the foreshore is a little rocky so you might want to invest in a pair of beach shoes, bata flip flops etc.
- Water—Lots of it!

Site Information

Your site for the 2 regatta will be as follows the USP Beach at Suva Point. All venues will have access to toilets . Apart from this there is limited access to water so please come well prepared. Parking will be in and around the Suva Point area access to the site for vehicles will be restricted to the setup and dismantling of tents. This will be made available on the morning of the regatta from 6.30am to 9am.



USP Beach Site Plan