

19 April 2020

Dear Paddling Ohana,

We hope that you are all healthy and safe. If you or anyone in your family has COVID-19, we wish you a full and speedy recovery.

### **British Outrigger Events**

It will come as little surprise to you that we need to extend the suspension of GB Outrigger sanctioned events until 30th June.

The specific GB Outrigger events cancelled are:

- The GB Outrigger Erg Nationals (National Maritime Museum) on 6th June.
- The Outrigger Canoe Race London held by OCUK on 13th June.

### **On Water Training**

We ask that you continue to not train on water until the government gives clear guidance that it is safe to do so. On water training, which often involves travel to and from the training site, puts a potential unnecessary strain on the emergency services and puts our entire UK ohana at risk. The Canal and River Trust has also asked people to limit their use of towpaths.

### **Thanks**

Thank you to all of our ohana who are working on the frontline and as key workers: in the NHS, as cleaners, health care workers, the emergency services, fire services, police and the military, teachers, drivers, rubbish collectors, in supermarkets, pharmacies, takeaways, and corner shops....

The people who are keeping our country running are numerous and please know your quiet bravery has not gone unnoticed.

Most of all, thank you to all of you who are staying at home, often looking after loved ones. Please remember it is okay to feel overwhelmed, it is okay not to do anything. Only you know what is right for you.

If you need anything, please get in touch. All of the UK paddling ohana want to support you in any way we can.

Kindest regards,  
GBOCA Executive