Lae'ula O Kai

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Paddling at Kanahā, Maui

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Aloha kākou,

Lae'ula O Kai is sending out an urgent kāhea, a call, for help.

In the next few months, we will need to spend \$50,000 to bring our hālau wa'a up to current standards and codes so that we will be in compliance with our lease. Because these are required repairs under the lease, all work must be permitted and handled by a licensed contractor. Thankfully we have a generous proposal for handling the updates and repairs and need to move forward with the work.

As Lae'ula O Kai, we support the community with our space and our actions; In 2024 alone our hālau wa'a was reserved and utilized by over 38 groups and/or individuals for gender reveals, birthdays, retirements, celebrations of life, and community events such as Paddle Imua. Several small groups meet frequently at our hālau wa'a, sheltered from the elements – monk seal group training, a women's recovery and youth group, and of course our own members. We are now seeking support from the community to upkeep and renovate our space.

Aside from over \$30,000 needed for general work and permit expenses, it will cost over \$20,000 to bring the stage up to safety standards, including adding concrete footings. Our Board of Directors discussed the options, and agreed that the presence of the stage is a unique and valued aspect of our hālau wa'a. SAVE the STAGE.

Other issues are safety and lighting. We would like to install solar generated power for evening programming and security as well as a camera monitoring system. An estimated additional \$12,000 - \$15,000 is needed for this. Because this is a lease and safety matter, these funds are needed urgently and any amount you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

To make a tax-deductible donation to Lae'ula O Kai, a registered 501(c)(3), you may contact any board member directly, mail a check, or use the Venmo or Paypal information below, at your convenience:

Venmo: @laeulaokai

Paypal: laeulaokai1991@gmail.com

Check: made out to Lae'ula O Kai, and either mailed to P.O.Box 898, Wailuku, HI 96793 or hand delivered to a Board Member.

Feel free to contact myself (808) 385-3016 or any BoD with questions.

'O Wau me ka ha'aha'a,

- Lers

Sharon I. Balidoy President/coach

Join us: LuOK general membership meeting: 3/16/25; 9:30am; Kanahā