



Pineapple Race Story

What is the Lake Havasu City Annual Pineapple Race you ask?

The Pineapple is the International symbol for WELCOME which is what the Lake Havasu City Hospitality Association (LHHA) represents.

The LHHA has sponsored this event for the past 10 years with businesses that are members of the Association. It has been great to watch them compete and build camaraderie while having fun and getting a great cardio workout!

Each team consists of (5) members from a business. Prior to the race these participants undergo safety training plus instructional 'how to outrigger paddle' from the Lake Havasu City Outrigger Canoe Club (LHCOCC). A steersperson from LHCOCC is assigned to a racing canoe with the (5) team members on race day, (24) teams will compete based on the teams experience level.

The three levels plus OC1 Heats as follows:

Novice: Teams with all participants that have never paddled in Pineapple Races prior to this year.

Intermediate: Teams with no more than 3 participants who have paddled in Pineapple Races prior to this year.

Experienced: Teams in which all participants have either paddled in Pineapple Races or have Outrigger Canoe paddling experience

OC1 Heats: Sponsored by Edge to Edge Outriggers. We encourage experienced OC1, OC2 or OC6 paddlers to participate in the OC1 Heats. Contact Jan Chisman for details 573-837-7645.

The winning team is based on best time from the start to finish (approximately ¼ mile = 1,320 feet). There will be a 1st place for each skill level.

It is a fun filled event to be a participant in BUT just as much fun to watch and cheer! **JOIN** in on the festivities, **WEAR** your best SUPERHERO costume, **BRING** your beach chair & **ENJOY** the entertainment and Beer Garden. See you on the water in the Bridgewater Channel (On the Island) on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2019**