

2023

**ANNUAL REPORT**

# **GUAHAN NAPU INC.**

## **MISSION**

Guåhan Napu is an established non-profit organization on Guam, serving the water sports community of Guam. Our mission is to cultivate and advance the surfing community of Guam, through training programs and contests for members of the surfing community, as well as to continue developing a national team to represent Guam abroad.



## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The surfing industry has advanced exponentially over the decades since the start of the sport. In modern days, if your goal is to become a professional competitive surfer, it is not only beneficial, but often necessary, to have an early start in your training and experience. Some of today's professional surfers started surfing when they were 5 years old. Guam's surfing community has made its presence known on the world stage, and while we are a small but proud island, we are striving to build our base of surfers with a strong foundation to compete in world games and contests. Guahan Napu helped get a Guam National Team to the Olympic Qualifiers event in Miyazaki, Japan in 2019, when surfing became an official Olympic sport. We sent a Guam National team to the 2023 ISA World games in El Salvador.

As a small island community, water competence and confidence is paramount to survival and capability in expected and unexpected situations. We strive to teach our youth and adults water safety, strength, survival strategy, and fitness training to feel comfortable and confident in the ocean.

# BOARD ELECTIONS

## GUAHAN NAPU INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

In August of 2023, the Guahan Napu Inc. board held a general meeting and election for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The newly elected board members are: Martin Leon Guerrero (President), Gregg Ikehara (Vice President), Tanisha Elgarico (Secretary), and Michelle Pier (Treasurer).



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

## GROM BOMB Kids Surf Boot Camp

In March of 2023, Guahan Napu Inc. applied for and received the Guam Economic Development Association grant, as part of “Prugrãman Pinilan” Community Care & After School Program. The program created by Guahan Napu Inc. is called the GROM BOMB Kid’s Surf Boot Camp.



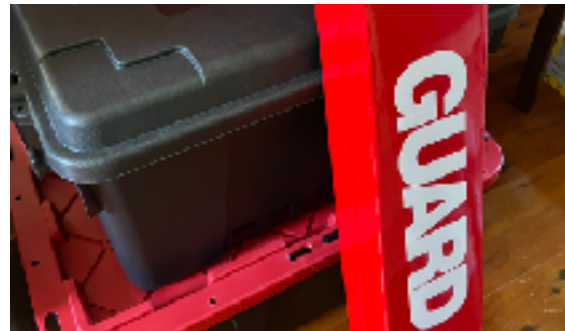
The goal and focus of this newly created GROM BOMB Kid’s Surf Boot Camp is to serve as an incubator program, to give an opportunity for up to 20 of Guam’s youth age 5-13 to experience surfing, an intro to the ocean, safety, surfing etiquette, and competition training. Kids who thrive in the program and want to advance, can continue on to keep surfing, joining local competitions, and eventually represent Guam on our National Team to surf in competitions abroad.

Though the development of this program was initially made possible by the GEDA grant funding, Guahan Napu Inc. intends to continue this program annually. The federation also intends to develop and hold annual competitions for the youth, including those who participate in the GROM BOMB camps. The program ran from August-September and served 17 youth participants.

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The Guahan Napu Kids Surf Boot Camp was led by ISA (International Surfing Association) certified Head Coach Shane Pier, along with Assistant Head Coach Cheyne Purcell (American Red Cross First Aid & CPR certified, ISA Coaching Certification in progress), and assistant coaches Martin Leon Guerrero (American Red Cross Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, First Aid & CPR certified), Every Alexander (lifeguard & first aid/CPR certified, surf instructor experience), and Cason Jackson (lifeguard & first aid/CPR certified, surf instructor experience). Support staff include Kenneth Alexander (lifeguard & first aid/CPR certified), Jared Gogue, Riley Purcell, and Veronica Cruz. The program was directed by Michelle Pier.



As a part of our commitment to water safety and competency, we were able to provide First Aid, CPR and Lifeguard certification to two youth and one adult program personnel, as well as ISA Coaching Certification to one of the coaches.

# LOCAL COMPETITIONS

## **SURF THE BASIN- JANUARY 2023**

This surf competition included surfing and bodyboarding, men and women's open divisions. Top 3 in men's open surfing division were (1st-3rd): Noa Mendiola, Shane Pier, and George Borges. There was one female competitor, Riley Purcell. Men's bodyboarding division finishers were (from 1st-3rd): Johnathan Leon Guererro, Carl Dela Cruz, and Joe Santos. Top female bodyboarders (from 1st-3rd) were: Mae Mendiola, Chanel Salazar, and Ceidree Duenas.



## **SURF TRIALS 1- BOAT BASIN DECEMBER 2023**

One of two open surf trials held for the purpose of gaining as much participation as possible, to establish initial points and rankings amongst local surfers and bodyboarders, and to serve as one factor of consideration toward national team selection for ISA Olympic Qualifying competitions abroad. This trial was held at the Hagatna Boat Basin. There were a total of 27 registered competitors, 6 of whom were bodyboarders. The top 10 in the men's open surfing division were (from 1st-10th): Jared Gogue, Cheyne Purcell, and Shane Pier, Napu Taimanglo, Tom Wooley, Hayden Murphy, Kenny Alexander, Peter Santiago, Cason Jackson, and Matt Robles. There were 5 female competitors (from 1st-5th): Sarah Wilkinson, Riley Purcell, Heejung, Hazel Wilson, and Maeva Conroy. There were 6 bodyboard competitors (from 1st to 6th): John Barber, Johnathan Leon Guererro, Juan King, Quinn Sablan, Derek Quenga, and Jermaine Guerrero.

# LOCAL COMPETITIONS



## SURF TRIALS 2- RICKS REEF JANUARY 2023

One of two open surf trials held for the purpose of gaining as much participation as possible, to establish initial points and rankings amongst local surfers and bodyboarders, and to serve as one factor of consideration toward national team selection for ISA Olympic Qualifying competitions abroad. This trial was held at Ricks Reef, hosted by the Royal Rihga Laguna Guam Resort. There were a total of 25 registered competitors, 6 of whom were bodyboarders. The top 10 in men's open surfing were (from 1st to 10th): Jared Gogue, George Borges, Cheyne Purcell, Diego Vaz, Derrick Ikehara, Napu Taimanglo, Peter Santiago, Andrew K., Hayden Murphy, and Kiko Santos. Only one female competed, Sarah Wilkinson, finishing 11th overall. There were 6 bodyboarders (from 1st-6th): John Barber, Larron Gandaoli, Carl Dela Cruz, Johnathan Leon Guerrero, Quinn Sablan, and Abe Gandaoli.

	Rank	NAME	TRIAL 1	TRIAL 2	TOTAL
1	1	Jared Gogue	21.63	27.87	49.50
2	2	Cheyne Purcell	20.25	19	40.25
3	3	Stone Pae	22.00	11.0	34.00
4	4	Napu Taimanglo	17.00	10	27.00
5	5	Peter Santiago	15.14	15.85	30.99
6	6	Hayden Murphy	10.1	15.00	25.00
7	7	Sarah Wilkinson	15	12.14	27.14
8	8	Cason Jackson	14.00	10.04	24.04
9	9	Alfred Leon Guerrero	12.00	10.04	22.04
10	10	George Borges	—	20.00	20.00
11	11	Kerry Alexander	15.2	4.00	19.20
12	12	Diego Vaz	—	17.00	17.00
13	13	Ervin Alexander	9.3	11.34	20.64
14	14	Tommy Woody	13.00	—	13.00
15	15	Daniel Ikehara	—	10.2	10.2
16	16	Matt Forbes	11.00	—	11.00
17	17	Andrew Kuonath	—	11.21	11.21
18	18	Kiko Santos	—	10.4	10.4
19	19	Riley Powell	12.50	—	12.50
20	20	Joel Cummings	—	11.49	11.49
21	21	Aaron Gandaoli	7.00	—	7.00
22	22	Johnathan Leon Guerrero	—	9.04	9.04
23	23	Charles Ikehara	5.78	1.98	7.76
24	24	Heeyung	4.1	—	4.1
25	25	Isabel	3.12	—	3.12
26		Bodyboarding			
27	1	John Barber	27.7	27.00	54.70
28	2	Joel LG	15.15	15.16	30.31
29	3	Quinn Sablan	9.3	15.04	24.34
30	4	Larron Gandaoli	—	10.2	10.2
31	5	Carl Dela Cruz	—	17.00	17.00
32	6	Abe Gandaoli	—	5.78	5.78
33	7	Johnathan	1.32	—	1.32
34	8	Derrick Guerra	0.00	—	0.00

# COMPETITIONS ABROAD

## APRIL/MAY 2023- ISA WORLD LONGBOARD CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual ISA Longboard Championship was held in El Salvador in April/May 2023. Guahan Napu Inc. had two female representatives competing in this event: Minami Cramer and Hazel Wilson.



## MAY 2023- ISA WORLD SURFING GAMES

The annual ISA World Surfing Games was held in El Salvador from May 30- June 7 in 2023. Guahan Napu Inc. was able to send a team of 5 athletes (and 1 alternate), including: Jared Gogue, Noa Mendiola, Derrick Ikehara, Every Alexander, Minami Cramer, and Riley Purcell. Attending coaches were Cheyne Purcell and Martin Leon Guerrero. Supporting official was Michelle Pier. The ISA World Surfing Games is an Olympic Qualifying event.

# COMPETITIONS ABROAD



## FEBRUARY 2024- ISA WORLD SURFING GAMES

The annual ISA World Surfing Games for 2024 is to be held in Puerto Rico from February 22- March 3rd. Guahan Napu Inc. will be sending a team of 4 athletes to include: Jared Gogue, Derrick Ikehara, Napu Taimanglo, and Sarah Wilkinson. Coach: Shane Pier. Guahan Napu Inc. attending officials: Michelle Pier and Gregg Ikehara.

## BOOGIE DOWN AT OBYAN, SAIPAN BODYBOARD COMPETITION

In affiliation with the Marianas Surf & Skate League, Guahan Napu Inc. was invited to send competitors to the 2nd annual Boogie Down at Obyan event in Saipan in December 2023. We hope to keep this collaboration going, to keep a positive relationship with our fellow waveriders in the Marianas.



# TEAM TRAINING



## TEAM TRAINING

Along with almost daily surfing sessions, the team trains together by attending swimming training at a designated pool, or engage in other complimentary physical training such as yoga, ice baths, etc. Guahan Napu Inc. is working on developing more training opportunities for team athletes.

## TEAM SELECTION

Team selection is based on 3 main factors of consideration: Prior ISA competition experience, local competition participation and results, and the discretion of the executive board members and team coaches. For Olympic Qualifying events, team athletes must meet eligibility and residency requirements per GNOC's rules and regulations.

# **COACHING & CERTIFICATIONS**

## **TEAM COACH SELECTION**

At this time, there are two main team coaches: Shane Pier and Cheyne Purcell. They were nominated as team coaches based on their seasoned experience, certifications, competition rankings, and the discretion of the executive board members.

## **COACHING CERTIFICATION**

As a part of our commitment to training and development among our team coaches and athletes, Guahan Napu Inc. was able to send Shane Pier to Bali for the ISA Level 1 Surf Instructor certification course in May 2023.

## **LIFEGUARD, FIRST AID & CPR CERTIFICATION**

As a part of our commitment to water safety, training, and development among our team coaches and athletes, Guahan Napu Inc. was able to send 3 members to the Tano & Tasi Water Safety Lifeguard Certification course, 2 of whom were youth members. They are: Cason Jackson, Every Alexander, and Kenny Alexander. Because of their training, they were able to participate as assistant coaches/water safety staff for the GROM BOMB kids surf boot camp.

## **JUDGING CERTIFICATION**

In order to execute professional level competitions, we must have qualified judges who are trained in proper scoring of competitors, as well as ISA competition formats and rules. Guahan Napu Inc. was able to reinstate the ISA Judging Certifications of 10 judges. The federation intends to hold further courses, to be led by Level 2 ISA Certified Judge Gregg Ikehara.

# COMMUNITY



## CLEAN-UPS & WATER SAFETY

Guahan Napu Inc. is committed to contributing toward island cleanup efforts to the best of our ability, as well as emphasizing water safety in all of our events. It is our hope to help spread awareness about keeping our island beautiful and clean, and safe. We also intend to hold some water safety education events moving forward.



**POST MAWAR:** As those who were here for Typhoon Mawar in May of 2023, you recall the mess it made! Many in the wavering community gathered at the Hagatna Boat Basin park and beach area to clean up the debris of rocks, bamboo, trash, etc.

## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

In September 2023, the community came together for the Guam International Coastal Cleanup at multiple sites.



# PROPOSED 2024 CALENDAR

**JANUARY 2024-** 2nd Surf Trial at Ricks Reef (Completed)

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024-** ISA World Surfing Games in Puerto Rico

**APRIL 2024-** ISA World Longboard Championship in El Salvador

**MAY 2024-** ISA World Juniors Championship in El Salvador

## 2024 POSSIBLE EVENTS (Not yet scheduled)


- Annual Ricks Reef Classic Surf & Bodyboard Competition (Royal Rhiga)
- Longboard Competition (Ricks Reef or Talofoto Bay)
- GROM Bomb Kids Surf Boot Camp (Talofoto Bay)
- GROM Surf Competition (Talofoto Bay)
- Annual Surf the Basin Surf & Bodyboard Competition (Boat Basin)

Thank you to all for your continued support of Guahan Napu Inc. May you catch some good waves and good vibes. From your Guahan Napu Inc. President Martin Leon Guerrero, and Secretary Tanisha Elgarico.

  
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# 2023 GUAHAN NAPU ANNUAL REPORT

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