



Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Races - 2008

ESCORT VESSEL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of my participation as an escort vessel, assisting the canoe club and crew named:

Canoe Club Name

Crew Name (Women Masters, Men Sr. Masters, etc.)

I, the owner and/or operator of the power craft listed, recognizing and understanding the risks attached to such participation in said canoe race, assumes all and every risk of personal injury and damage to myself, my property and for the crew, and therefore agree to hold harmless this canoe club, the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, Moku O Hawaii Canoe Racing Association and Kai 'Opua Canoe Club, and all sponsors, their Officers, Agents, Members, Officials, Volunteers and Participants of said race from any and all claims for personal injury to myself, my property or my crew for any injury or damage, arising out of my participation in said canoe race, regardless of the cause.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- 1) That I will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence but also of others. Further, that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
- 2) That I knowingly and freely assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
- 3) That I release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, Moku O Hawaii, Kai 'Opua Canoe Club, their directors, agents, coaches and other volunteers, if any, of the organizations, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and owners and lessors of any equipment used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees" from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including damage to property, cause or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND UNDERSTANDS THAT HE/SHE HAS GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

PRINT NAME (Please print clearly.)

SIGNATURE

Owner and/or Operator of Escort Vessel

Vessel Name

Vessel ID Number

DATE _____



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RULES FOR ESCORT BOATS

- 1) Each escort vessel captain must sign a Waiver, and turn it in to Officials before the start of the race in which he/she is participating.
- 2) Escort vessels must remain behind the canoes at the start of the race, and **must remain outside** of the line established by the two large outside **official boats**, until 15 minutes after the **start** of the race, or earlier, at the discretion of the Race Director. A green flag waived by the Official Starting Boat will be the signal to the escort boats that they may proceed inside the Official Boat Line to begin setting course for the first crew change.
- 3) The bow of the escort boat must remain **behind the canoe** unless the boat is dropping off paddlers to make a change.
- 4) No deliberate interference of another canoe by an escort boat will be allowed. Disqualification of crews due to violations of these Rules will be at the discretion of Race Officials.
- 5) Escort boats will not be permitted to launch from the Kailua Pier boat ramp. Due to the congestion and lack of parking on the Pier, escort boats must launch from an alternative ramp, i.e., Honokohau Harbor or Keauhou Bay. Personnel may be picked up from the Kailua Pier, however.
- 6) Emergency procedures have been established (see attached) and should be read thoroughly before the start of the race.
- 7) The following radio frequency channels will be used:

COMMUNICATIONS: VHF 72 and CB

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY: VHF 16