

MOLOKA'I HOE 2009

October 11, 2009

CANCELLATION OF RACE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for conducting a safe outrigger canoe race.

Cancellation of the race will occur under the following conditions:

- ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS
- MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS (IE...sewage spill)
- DARKNESS
- OTHER REASONS AS DETERMINED BY THE RACE DIRECTOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND RACE COMMITTEE.

The Race director is responsible for making the announcement to cancel the race.

The Race Director shall consult with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Race Committee and the race sponsors, if necessary, prior to making a decision to cancel the race.

Cancellation based on adverse weather conditions may include the following:

- WINDS IN EXCESS OF 25 MPH (small craft warning)
- WAVE HEIGHTS OF 12' TO 15'
- CURRENT AND OTHER TIDAL CHANGES AFFECTING THE COURSE

In addition to the above conditions, the Race Director and Race Committee shall consult with official boat captains and the U.S. Coast Guard, and listen to marine weather reports and all other sources, as necessary, prior to making a decision to cancel the race.

The announcement to cancel the race should be made on the morning of the race, except where circumstances exist which allow for cancellation the night before or earlier.

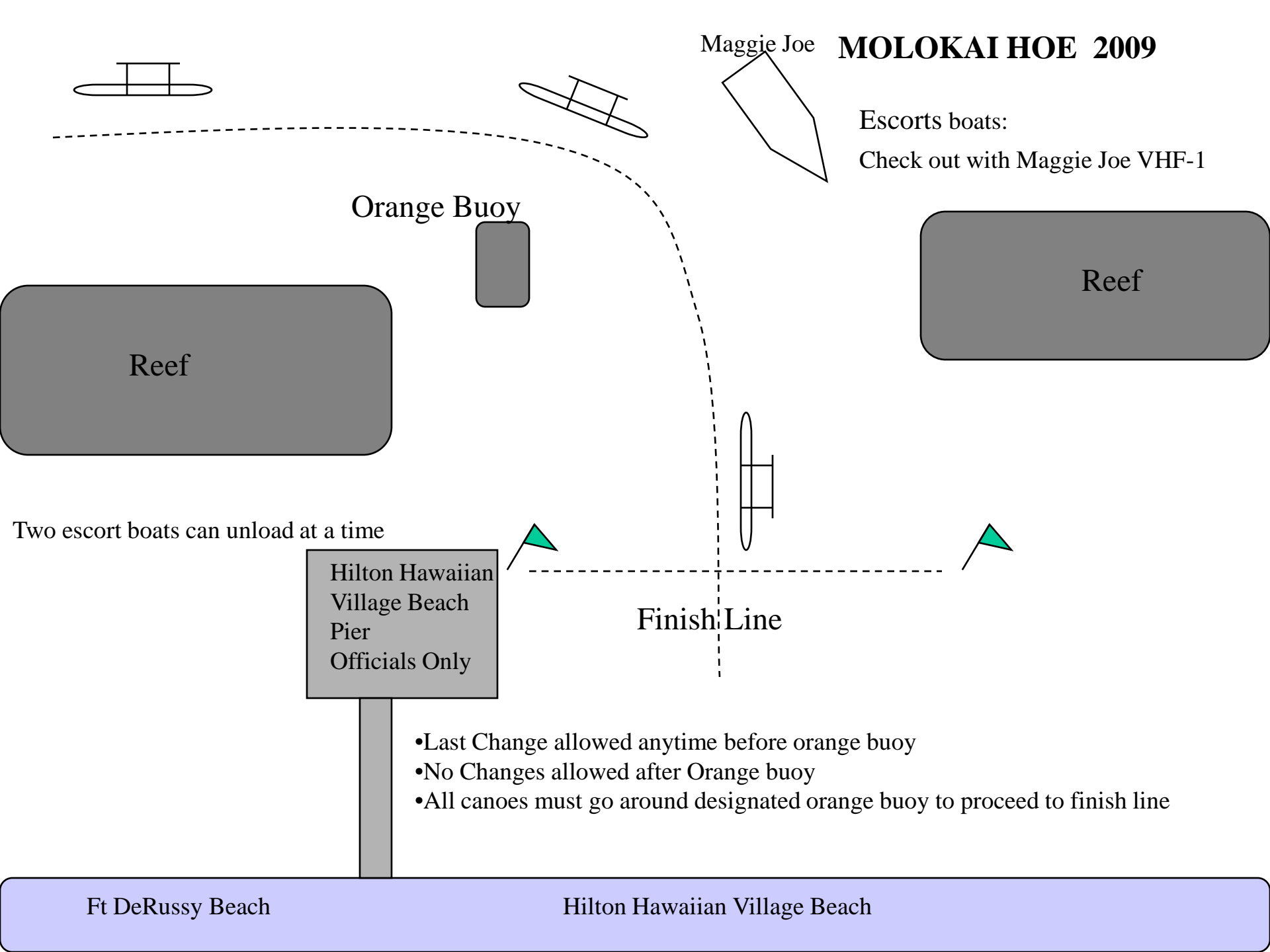
Cancellation Alternatives

The Race Director, along with the Race Committee, shall consult with the race sponsor to determine if there is an alternate course for the race or select an alternate date and time. The Race Director, Race Committee, sponsors, crew representatives, etc., shall consider the logistics of using an alternate course or alternate date. The final decision is left to the Race Director and Race Committee, with input from the race sponsor.

Please review Race Rules for further information regarding cancellation of race.

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Escorts boats:
Check out with Maggie Joe VHF-1



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RADIO CHECK:

- All escort boats must do a radio and visual check (VHF 1). **Not doing a radio check will result in disqualification!**
- Complete radio silence is mandatory during radio check and before the start of the race.

YELLOW FLAGS RAISED:

- Flags will be anchored to mark the buffer zone, and stationary official boats will form the starting line. No canoes are to go past the boats.
- Canoes are to slowly enter into the buffer zone. It is the responsibility of each crew to be in the buffer zone, ready to move in position for the start of the race.
- Any team that jump starts the race will be docked 20 minutes.
- Escort boats must remain outside of the course to the back of the Maggie Joe or to the very back of the official boats. First change will be in 30 minutes. Safety must be considered at all times when escort boats enter the course to locate their canoes. **NO SPEEDING THRU THE COURSE AT ANYTIME. FAILURE TO FOLLOW SAFETY GUIDE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, CLUB FINES AND/OR EXTENSIVE FINES.**

START OF RACE:

- Yellow flags will be raised at approximately 7:25 a.m. Afterwards, the Red and Green flags will then be raised to indicate the start of the race. A horn will also be sounded.

FINISH OF RACE:

- All canoes must go past the front of the Maggie Joe so they can be identified. All escort boats must go behind the Maggie Joe and do a final radio check on channel VHF.
- All escort boats are to only use the Diamond head side of the dock to off load or drop off paddlers.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS:

VHF 72

START/FINISH:

VHF 1

SAFETY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

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In our efforts to insure the safety of all paddlers; all crew members including coaches and escort boat captains will be required to implement the following Emergency Procedure Plan as outlined by the Molokai Hoe committee and approved by the Race Director.

In the event of an emergency please follow the procedures listed below:

1. All escort boats will be required to equip their boats with a sufficient First Aid kit including but not limited to: badges & sutures.
2. Escort boat captain must immediately contact Maggie Joe on designated radio frequencies and indicate the following:
 - a. Name of Crew
 - b. Description of canoe
 - c. Longitude & Latitude in reference to the Diamond Head buoy. (If applicable)
 - d. Location in reference to official boats in the surrounding area as outlined in official triangle lay out included in your crew manual.
 - e. Detailed description of the emergency situation.
3. Once medical assistance has arrived Head medical person will assess the situation and determine whether the injured party will be transported to a medical facility. The Race Director reserves the right to mandate immediate transport of injured party.
4. In the event of a serious injury, the medical personnel in conjunction with the Race Director and the escort vessel driver will determine if the transfer of a victim is necessary and appropriate. The Race Director will have the final say.
5. If transfer of disabled paddler is not appropriate, the team's escort boat, accompanied by medical personnel will be responsible for transporting the disabled paddler to the nearest designated port for immediate attention. The Race Director may authorize the assistance of another escort boat to assist the team with escorting the canoe and working with changes.

It is the intent of the Molokai Hoe committee to support the paddlers in their efforts to finish their race. However, safety is the first and for most obligation to this event. The head medical person, in conjunction with the Race Director will make the final decision as to whether a paddler will be brought to shore.

All escort boats **MUST** have a VHF communication device. You may not share your radios by checking in for another crew. A visual radio check may be conducted at the request of an official. Failure to comply with the visual check will result in immediate disqualification from the race.

~ NOTE: Crews may **NOT** enter the race course without an **ESCORT BOAT**. Immediately report to the stage area if your escort does not show up as we may be able to assist in finding a replacement.

Failure to comply with the emergency procedures listed above may result in immediate disqualification and/or ban of future participation.