

## Information sheet

# QuiksilverEdition MOLOKAI TO OAHU PADDLEBOARD RACE – July 27, 2008

**Safety precautions.** While not mandatory, it is highly recommended to take the following precautions.

1. The start can be very confusing, you need to get your stuff off the beach and into your escort boat before 6:45 on race morning. The race starts between 2 buoys about a 100 yards from shore. Your escort boats must wait off to the south side for 30 minutes or until the head official boat gives the okay before they can come to you. It is a good idea for you to wear some type of unique headgear so that your boat can spot you easily.
2. Make sure at least one person in your escort boat is CPR certified and has basic first aid knowledge and equipment.
3. Make sure the tether to your paddleboard has a *quick release* feature. The Oceanic World Surftek system is highly recommended. Wear brightly colored shorts and a hat. Carry or wear a personal flotation device.
4. Carry a Coast Guard approved personal location device on your person.
5. Have all persons on your escort boat wear personal flotation devices. Inspect your escort boat, make sure it is safe.
6. Carry shark repellent and other anti shark devices. on your person or your escort boat.
7. Make sure your boat has a bullhorn or megaphone so your boat can communicate with you.
8. Make sure your boat has binoculars, flares, and other emergency equipment.
9. Carry adequate water, food, and beverages needed to complete at least an 8 hour race. Have someone on your boat swim out to you with your water or food. **Always make sure the boat is in neutral when anyone approaches it.**
10. Make sure your board is brightly colored on both the top and bottom.
11. Make sure to inspect the racecourse. The finish around Kaukonahoa (Portlock) point can be very tricky and dangerous, especially if the surf is over 3 feet. Familiarize yourself with the route to the finish line.
12. **There will be a Wednesday evening 7/23/07 pre-race meeting at Dukes Canoe Club in Waikiki at 8:00. Race packets will be passed out there. Contact Mike Takahashi, 638 8208, if you cannot make it.**
13. **Meet with your escort boat captain at least 3 days before the race (the Wednesday pre-race meeting is a good time). Discuss all safety procedures, race route, where to meet before the race starts so you can get your stuff on board, and how to hook up after the race starts. Make sure the race # sticker is on the port side of the boat in a clearly visible area. Make sure your boat shows up early enough to get your stuff on board.**
14. **Make sure you carry your boat captain's contact info with you at all times on Molokai. This includes, boat description/name, HA #, cell phone #, and home phone #.**
15. **If you withdraw from the race you must radio the Head Official Boat on vhf 71 or 72 or CB 4 or 5 and let them know that you are withdrawing from the race. If your escort boat's radio is broken, then physically check in with the Head Official Boat, which will be stationed at Portlock Point after the first finisher comes in.**
16. **There will be a maximum of 96 individuals and teams allowed to race. Get your entry in early.**

## Travel and accommodation

1. Island Air and Hawaiian Airlines fly to Molokai, you can purchase e-tickets from them online. Neither one can carry boards. There is a board trailer going to Molokai on Monday 7/21/08. Space is very limited and boards must be loaded Sunday 7/20. Contact Mike Takahashi for details. Bring a pre-race breakfast, there are no restaurants near the Kalua Koi resort complex.
2. The Kalua Koi Hotel will be closed. The race will be headquartered at the Kalua Koi Villas, 808 552 2721 or 800 367 5004. The best rates are available on the internet at [www.castleresorts.com](http://www.castleresorts.com). If they are full try the Kenani Kai (808 552 2761). Swanson Realty 808 553 3648 and Friendly Isle Realty 808 553 3666 also handle rentals in the Kalua Koi area. Hotels.com may also be able to find you a room. You can also try Tropical Island Properties 800 367 2984 [www.molokai-vacation-rental.net](http://www.molokai-vacation-rental.net)
3. You can also camp at Papohaku State Park, which is about a mile south of the Kalua Koi area.
4. Shuttle service from the airport to the Villas and Papohaku is available at \$10/person (they are not equipped to get your board to the hotel). Call 808-553-3369 to make arrangements (e-mail [mort@aloha.net](mailto:mort@aloha.net)).
5. If you do not have an escort boat, contact **LJ Benson** at 808 306 4121 or Fritz King 808 291 1147 (e-mail [escortboatsHawaii2000@yahoo.com](mailto:escortboatsHawaii2000@yahoo.com)) and they will give you the phone #s of escort boat captains. **We highly recommend LJ and Fritz**, they will get you a boat that is experienced at crossing the Channel. They can also help you get your board to Molokai. You will have to call them and confirm all arrangements.
6. **Pre race meeting is at 5:00 p.m. on 7/26/08 at the area in back of the of the Kalua Koi Villas office. You must check in with race organizers at that time. Please do not forget to sign and include waivers and release.**

**Deadline: 7/7/08.**

**No late Entries!!**