

HUI WA'A KAUKAHI WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Ratings of paddles/trips are based on distance and ease of entry/exit. Weather and ocean conditions can change rapidly and increase the difficulty of the paddle. Anyone can shorten a trip by arranging to stop along the way. Inform the leader of this plan so that the Coast Guard is not alerted to look for you. The leaders of all paddles volunteer to do so and are in no way liable for your safety. **You are responsible for your own safety!** Be sure that you have received proper instructions in sea kayaking and that your boat is well-cared for and sea-worthy! The Club marine VHF radios are available for all Club paddles and are lent to people who are capable of using them in emergencies. Please be courteous and return the radios immediately after the conclusion of a paddle/trip so that they can be made available for the next group.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in **The American Canoe Association, Inc.** and **Hui Wa'a Kaukahi**, a nonprofit corporation, and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agree that, prior to participating, each participant will inspect the existing ocean conditions and equipment to be used and, if they believe anything is unsafe, will immediately advise Club members of such condition(s) and refuse to participate;
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions, or negligence, but also the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to anyone or not reasonably foreseeable at this time;
3. Assume all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death; and
4. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue **The American Canoe Association, Inc.** or **Hui Wa'a Kaukahi**, a nonprofit corporation, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, officers, members, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organizations, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and leasers of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN VOLUNTARILY.

Event _____

Date _____

Name & Signature	Color/Type of Kayak	In case of emergency, contact [name & number]

