

# M2M Race Rules & Information

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) **All paddlers must check in & pick up their boat number stickers at Flemmings Beach between 7:00 & 8:30am on race morning.** Please be early so we can start the race on time!
- 2) MPH does NOT have boat service for taking **bags to Molokai**. You are responsible for your own arrangements. One jet ski ONLY is available to shuttle bags from shore at Flemmings & it will stop at 9:10 sharp. It is best you paddle your bags to the boat you have arranged to take your bags.
- 3) **Race jerseys** will be available for pick up at the Hawaiian Canoe Club Hale at Kahului Harbor on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, or can be picked up when you check in at Flemmings Beach on race morning.

## SAFETY

- 1) **All race participants must have and use a leash.** Failure to comply will result in being disqualified from the race.
- 2) As a racer in the open ocean, **your safety is your responsibility first & foremost.** Race officials have no reliable way to determine if a paddler is missing until most of the paddlers have crossed the finish line. All participants are encouraged to carry **alternative safety/rescue aids** such as a whistle, reflective tape, personal flotation device, Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), VHF radio, airhorn, and smoke. **Should you have equipment failure or become separated from your boat during the race, your ability to stay afloat & be spotted is critical to rescue efforts.**
- 3) All racers will be provided with an official M2M jersey at check in. **You must wear the official 2018 M2M jersey** for the duration of the race or you will be disqualified. These are vital for the safety of everyone out there.
- 4) Our water safety crew will have a **cell phone** that will be active during the race. This is to be used for **SAFETY issues only** – not general questions. We suggest you program this number into your cell phone & take it on your boat & provide it to your escort if you have one. Number is: [808-856-9752](tel:808-856-9752)
- 5) **If for ANY reason you pull out of the race** while it is in progress, please contact the safety number ([808-856-9752](tel:808-856-9752)) immediately! We don't want to call out the coast guard for a racer that pulled off at Kamalo or wherever who is NOT in need of rescue!
- 6) **If a canoe breaks** and needs to pull out of the water for repair, the racer is pulled from the race as a DNF
- 7) The **cut-off time for the race is 4:30 hours** and at the discretion of race officials. If it is obvious a racer will not make the cut-off time and is falling far behind the pack, the racer will be pulled before the 4:30 cut-off at the discretion of the race officials. We cannot risk the safety of all other paddlers to escort a paddler who has fallen behind the pack.
- 8) Be sure to affix official 2017 **M2M boat number stickers**, provided by MPH, to your boat securely & so they are visible to finish line spotters & safety patrol. Failure to use these stickers will result in being disqualified from the race. Should your stickers come off or become damaged during the race, notify the MPH finish line crew immediately upon your arrival. Wrong or missing number slow down confirmation that all paddlers have arrived & can put other paddler's safety at risk.

## RACE START

- 1) First heat: 9:30am. First heat includes:
  - a) All OC-1 Iron Women
  - b) All OC-2 Iron crews
  - c) All Relay Crews; OC-1, OC-2, & Surfski
- 2) Second heat: 9:40am. Second heat includes:
  - a) All OC-1 Iron Men
  - b) All Surfski Iron Entries
- 3) Starts will be prompt! If race officials determine a need to delay the start time, you'll be notified at the race briefing.

4) Start will be flags and a horn

5) Paddlers will line up between two orange buoys. Any paddler over the line will receive a 20 minute penalty. Safety boats will be writing down boat numbers & taking pictures. This will be STRICTLY enforced, so keep it clean!

### **RACE FINISH**

1) There is a shallow reef off the end of the pier at Kaunakakai. Outside of that is a red buoy that you must turn on the outside of. Please look at the map at the race start to familiarize yourself with the buoy layout. The penalty for cutting the corner at the turn buoy at the approach to the finish is 5 minutes.

2) The finish line will be between an orange buoy and the pier. It is different from prior years. Please familiarize yourself with the finish map. The finish line must be crossed between the buoy and the pier. Plan to be close the pier. The alley between the buoy & the pier will be narrow. There is a 5 minute penalty for finishing outside the buoy as it impedes our ability to safely account for the arrival of all paddlers.

3) The boat ramp services the people & fishermen of Molokai. As guests to their island, please yield to their needs on & around the ramp & insure that your escort boats are not in their way

4) The ramp & the road to where you can set your boat down get very HOT. Highly recommended you have slippers tied onto your canoe or surfski for immediate use.

### **AFTER THE RACE**

1) Food, beverage, & awards will be at the Yacht club at the start of the pier. Take out containers are available if you need to grab food on the run to make your return trip.

2) Awards will be done as soon as possible. We'll post preliminary results as we have them. Paddlers can speed up the process by checking these often & letting our race officials know if there are any errors. Results will also be make public on RaceHubHQ.com