



# Maui Channel Swim

Established in 1972

**DATE OF SWIM: Saturday, September 3, 2011**

The MAUI CHANNEL SWIM is the original Masters distance relay race in open water. It begins on the Island of Lanai and ends at Kaanapali Beach on the Island of Maui. In between are some fine rough water and a lot of competitive long-distance swimming. Six-person teams on individual escort boats trade off swimmers after successive half-hour legs, then switch to ten-minute legs until the finish line is reached anywhere from 3 to 7 hours later depending upon sea conditions. Individuals will swim the whole race. The total distance is over nine miles.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### 1. Entrants & Eligibility

- 1.1. An official team may be entered by six individuals, or as an individual. **A maximum of 20 individual swimmers on a first come first serve basis will be accepted.** All swimmers are cautioned that swimming the channel can be very challenging due to winds and currents. As such, a swimmer who cannot complete 2,000 pool yards or an Open Water mile in under 30 minutes should not consider entering as a solo competitor. If you have any doubts, please contact the race director.
- 1.2. All competitors, team and solo, must finish the race within 8 hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) in order to have an official time and to be eligible for applicable awards. Swimmers not finished can be pulled from the water at the discretion of the race referee or official timer. All finishers after 8 hours will be unofficial whether or not they are pulled from the race.
- 1.3. All swimmers must be at least **19** years old. Date of birth for each team member will be listed on the entry form. There are six (6) swimmers to a team. Swimmers are advised that they may jeopardize their amateur standing under FINA rule GR1, if they participate in Masters competition. There are no age group divisions for the individual category.
- 1.4. All participants must be currently registered with U.S. Masters Swimming. If a team's Official Entry and Roster Form does not indicate each team member's 2011 U.S. Masters Swimming Registration number along with a copy of their USMS card, the entry will be rejected. Foreign swimmers may compete if they are registered with their FINA-approved governing body (a copy of their registration card is required). A team shall be comprised of six swimmers (except for solo swimmers). Teams can be comprised of a mix of members of different USMS clubs.
- 1.5. An official entry must include (A) complete Official Entry and Roster Form; (B) copy of USMS card for all participants (or card of other approved FINA-governing body); (C) Liability Release Form executed by all participants; and (D) entry fee. **Partially complete applications will be rejected and returned.**

### 2. Divisions

- 2.1. Divisions are as follows, with appropriate division determined by the combined age of all team members:

	MEN/DEFAULT (Any Number of Men & Women)	MIXED (Exactly 3 men & 3 women)	WOMEN (All Women)	SOLO (Man or Woman)
OPEN	OPEN	MIXED OPEN	WOMEN'S OPEN	INDIVIDUAL (Max 20 entries)
MAKULE (240+)	MAKULE	MIXED MAKULE		
SENIOR MAKULE (300+)	SENIOR MAKULE			
GRAND MAKULE (360+)	GRAND MAKULE			
EXTREME MAKULE (420+)	EXTREME MAKULE			

The famed Maui Channel "DUKE BOWL" will go to the first team overall. Combined ages will determine the age division of a team. Thus some members of a team may be younger than the age total divided by 6 ( $150/6=25$ ). However the minimum age is 19 years. A "mixed" team consists of exactly 3 men and 3 women. A "woman's" team must consist of ALL women. All other divisions are any combination of men & women competing against each other.

### 3. Competition

#### 3.1. General

- 3.1.1. ALL BOATS are required to monitor a frequency defined at the captain's meeting to allow timing and emergency communication with all boats throughout the race.
- 3.1.2. TIMING: The official race time is kept by the timer on Kaanapali Beach using stopwatches and started by listening over the radio to the starter. Times are recorded to the nearest second when the final swimmer crosses the finish line up the beach. If race finishers are within a second of each other, the timing judge determines order of finish or a tie.



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- 3.1.3. **CAPS & BODY MARKINGS:** A swim cap is required on the lead-off and finish legs of this race. Please bring a black **waterproof** marker and write the team number on your finishing swimmer's left arm and on your starting swimmer's bathing cap to assist in identification at the start and finish of the race. Your race number, T-shirts and banquet tickets will be given out at the pre-race meeting.
- 3.1.4. Each swimmer's first leg is 30 minutes. Succeeding legs are 10 minutes per person, except for the Kaanapali Beach finish leg. If the swimmer has passed or is close to the final buoy and has reached the end of their 30 minute or 10 minute leg, the captain may elect to have this swimmer complete the race.
- 3.1.4.1. Official 30-minute change times will be called out on the radio frequency that all boats are required to monitor throughout the race. Relay changes must occur +/-30 seconds of the change time. Unless dealing with an emergency at the time, the race director will direct a race official to call out a 1 minute warning of the upcoming change point, 30 seconds prior to the change point, the change time, and 30 seconds after the change time.
- 3.1.4.2. Any team found changing team members outside the 30 second window (as best evidenced by videotape) will be penalized with a time penalty equal to how much time they changed outside the +/-30 second window. Any protests on this matter must be submitted to the race referee or race timer within 30 minutes of race finish. Any penalty to be assessed will be determined by the race referee based on the evidence provided. Decision of the race referee is final and not subject to appeal.
- 3.1.4.3. If the team captain chooses to switch the swimmers near the finish triangle buoy, under no circumstances will the escort boat be allowed to enter the area between the buoy and the shore. Any escort boat that enters this restricted area will automatically disqualify the team. (Exceptions can only be granted by the race referee, race director or official race timer.) See map below.



- 3.1.5. **PULLING SWIMMERS FROM THE RACE:** The starting sequence of swimmers must be maintained throughout the race. If a swimmer cannot take his or her turn for any reason, he or she cannot be replaced by an alternate. In all cases, the race referee or official race timer must be notified of these conditions. See below for details and examples.



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- 3.1.5.1. If a person cannot swim any part of his or her leg(s), the boat is allowed to keep its motor on only to keep present position for the duration of that swimmers leg. In this case, if the next swimmer starts his/her relay leg before the proper time, the team will be disqualified. E.g.; If a swimmer gets out for any reason, the boat stays in place until the next 30- or 10-minute relay change point. If the swimmer still doesn't swim his/her next leg, the boat stays in place during his/her leg. A swimmer may re-enter the water during his leg or for future legs if whatever caused him/her to stop has been resolved and the team may continue forward progress. (Solo swimmers may NOT take a break except for unsafe conditions approved by the Race Referee. Note doing this will disqualify the swimmer from having a recognized official channel crossing.)
- 3.1.5.2. If a team has to pull a swimmer for any reason, they may choose to motor sideways relative to the finish line to get away from that area, but they may not motor forward.
- 3.1.5.3. As stated above, competitors, team and solo, must finish the race within 8 hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) in order to have an official time and to be eligible for applicable awards. Before 8 hours, it is up to boat captains as to whether a swimmer is pulled from the water due to, among other items, significant currents; and after 8 hours, the decision to pull a swimmer can be ordered by the race referee or official race timer. Any swimmer or team finishing after 8 hours is not eligible for any awards.
- 3.1.5.4. **TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE FOR ANY REASON MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICIAL TIMER ON THE EMERGENCY FREQUENCY.**
- 3.1.6. **DRAFTING & PACING BY SWIMMERS.**
- 3.1.6.1. **NO DRAFTING WILL BE ALLOWED** outside the Lanai Channel (i.e.; the channel dug into the coral reef allowing boat access to the starting beach corresponding to the first 20 minutes of the race).
- 3.1.6.1.1. **NOTE:** While FINA and USMS rules generally allow drafting in Open Water races, this swim never has and does not. Note also there is a safety component to this drafting rule: Since boats have to escort swimmers for the entire race, swimmers drafting puts boats in a position to watch out for each other and the swimmers – especially as swimmers positions change and boats would gain right of way over one another. Any swimmer drafting whose boat endangers other swimmers or does not yield to the boat of the swimmer in the lead will be disqualified for this safety reason.
- 3.1.6.1.2. Drafting is defined as "the carrying of a swimmer by the wake of the escort boat (including such wake as may exist directly behind or to the immediate side of the boat – Note that for catamarans behind includes between or behind-between the pontoons) or another swimmer."
- 3.1.6.1.3. Because of the nature of this race, a race official may not be direct witness to any drafting violations. As such, any complaints of drafting must be submitted to the race referee or official race timer within 30 minutes of the complaining team completing the race. **EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE PROTEST MUST BE PROVIDED, VIDEO BEING THE BEST EVIDENCE THAT DRAFTING OCCURRED. EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT A PROTEST MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DRAFTING CAUSED ABSOLUTE OR RELATIVE DETRIMENT TO ANOTHER TEAM IN THE SOLE DISCRETIONARY JUDGMENT OF THE REFEREE WHOSE DECISION SHALL BE FINAL WITH NO RIGHT OF APPEAL. THE REFEREE'S decision SHALL BE MADE BY 6pm. THE REFEREE MAY DETERMINE WHETHER DETRIMENT WAS CAUSED TO A COMPETING TEAM AND ASSESS A SANCTION IN THE REFEREE'S JUDGMENT COMMENSURATE WITH THE DEGREE AND EFFECT OF DRAFTING. THIS MAY RANGE FROM A TIME PENALTY TO DISQUALIFICATION.**
- 3.1.7. **BOATS & SWIMMERS:**
- 3.1.7.1. **NO PACING; NO PADDLEBOARDS:** Rubber rafts are allowed if fixed to the escort boat.
- 3.1.7.2. Swimmers must swim on either the left or the right side of the boat except during changes or if this poses a safety risk due to ocean conditions. **NO DRAFTING** off the boat **WILL BE ALLOWED.** Drafting is defined as "the carrying of a swimmer by the wake of the escort boat (including such wake as may exist directly behind or to the immediate side of the boat) or another swimmer." The same procedure for drafting off another swimmer above applies to this section.
- 3.1.7.3. **SWIMMER'S RIGHT OF WAY:** The swimmers safety is the first priority. In all cases, escort boats must give way to the swimmer(s). Boat captains are cautioned to maintain safe distances from all swimmers including those on other teams. If



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any team's boat becomes a threat to the safety of a swimmer and a complaint is filed with the Race Director and upheld, the violating team will be disqualified.

3.1.7.3.1. If two swimmers are close to each other, the boat for the lead swimmer has the right of way over the boat for the following swimmer. However, in such case, both swimmers have the ultimate right of way and both boats must give way to the swimmers in order for them to follow their chosen path.

3.1.7.4. Boats **MUST** turn off power to, or disengage, the propellers when swimmers climb into the boat to prevent any possibility of injury. (This also applies for individuals not competing (support staff or swimmers not currently swimming their leg) are getting in/out of the boat e.g.; for a bathroom break.)

3.1.8. On the start and finish legs, swimmers must wear a visible cap. Caps are optional on other legs.

### 3.2. Start

3.2.1. When escort boats arrive at the starting area, only the lead swimmer is to be at the beach for the start of the race – other swimmers must leave the beach 5 minutes before the start and return to their boats.

3.2.1.1. Team members wishing to warm up are to ask their boat to move further down the beach where there are no boats in the area. This is a safety concern to prevent any accidents from occurring. Even the lead swimmer who is swimming to the beach must be aware of other boats in the area.

3.2.1.2. The starter will have all swimmers line up the beach in team number order to verify all teams are present.

3.2.2. To start the race, an official starter, standing on the pier, will raise a red flag, then a green flag, so all swimmers will have a fair and equal start. Any swimmer or group of swimmers who start before this signal will automatically disqualify their team(s). The official starter is solely vested with the authority to start the race. This authority includes holding up the start of the race in order to assure all teams have crossed the channel to get to Lanai.

3.2.2.1. NOTE: Because of the shallow muddy bottom at the beginning of the race, race start may be on the beach above the high-water line, or the starter may move the starting out by the end of the pier. Solo swimmers that want credit for a channel crossing should note that an official channel crossing time is how long it takes to go from high-water mark to high-water mark.

3.2.2.2. The starter will be in contact with the official timer via radio at the start to start the official time.

3.2.3. The race will start through the channel leading away from Lanai by the pier. **RUNNING ALONG THE BEACH AND ENTERING THE WATER AT ANY PLACE OTHER THAN THE DESIGNATED STARTING AREA IS PROHIBITED.** If any swimmer enters the water at any place other than the designated starting area, the entire team will be disqualified. The race will start at approximately 8:00 A.M. from Lanai.

3.2.4. Team captains are to instruct the boat captains to position their boats at the start to create an imaginary channel approximately 50 yards wide to allow swimmers to swim out at the start without being obstructed by boats. Further, boat captains should be instructed to stay outside the various packs of swimmers for the first 20 minutes or so of the race. This will allow the swimmers to gain separation and allow all swimmers in the "imaginary channel" to have the benefit of clean water and clean air. Please be on the lookout for other swimmers in the water; **SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.**

### 3.3. Finish

3.3.1. The finish line will be in front of the Kaanapali Beach Hotel, immediately below the "MAUI CHANNEL" banner. At the finish line, the finishing swimmer shall give the team name and number to the race official. At the finish there will be an orange buoy in the water in front of the Kaanapali Beach Hotel. Please swim between the buoy and Black Rock (i.e., the buoy is to be on your right shoulder). Two tomato buoys will be near shore marking where you should exit the water to run up the beach. The official finish is on the beach under the banner. Don't forget to write your team number on the left shoulder of your finishing swimmer; and he/she must be wearing a swim cap.

3.3.2. The area between the orange buoy and the shore line is to be considered restricted in order to protect finishing swimmers and spectators. **TEAM CAPTAINS ARE TO INSTRUCT THE BOAT CAPTAINS THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ESCORT BOATS ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS AREA. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE TEAM.** Similar to the start, escort boats are to position their boats a safe distance apart in order to establish an imaginary channel to allow swimmers to approach the finish remembering that swimmers will be coming from south as well as north of the orange buoy. Escort boats may drop their other swimmers south of the orange buoy.



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## GENERAL LOGISTICS

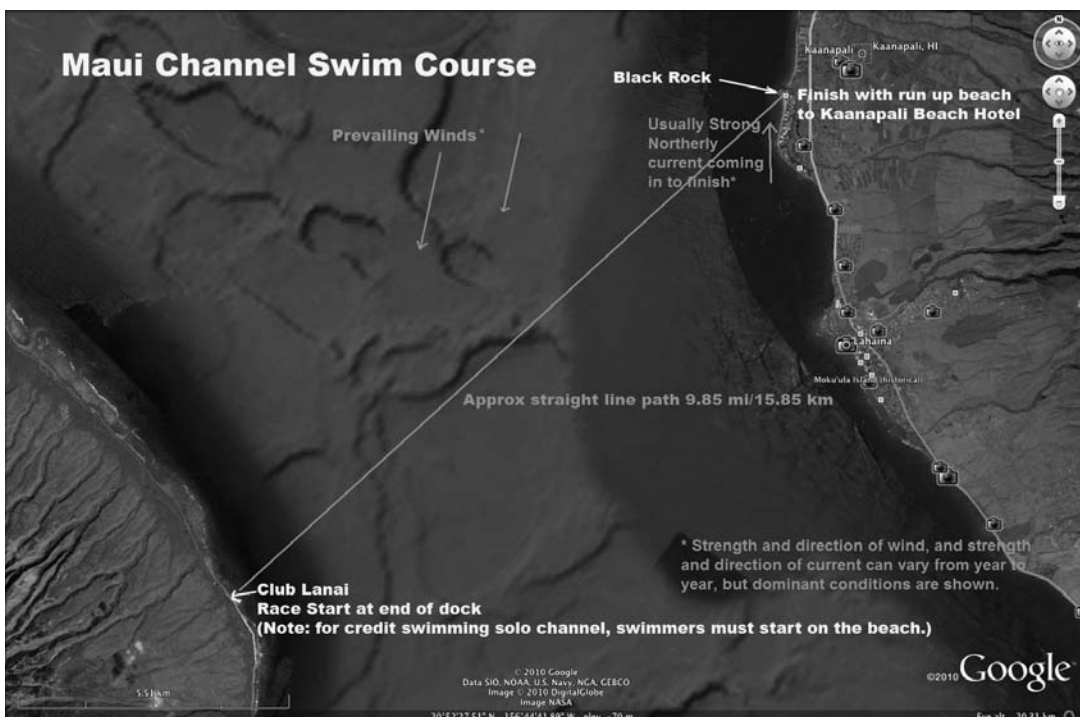
### 4. COURSE:

The Maui Channel Swim begins at Club Lanai, approximately 8am and finishes on Kaanapali Beach after swimming 10 miles.

### 5. SAFETY:

The following section outlines some of the basic safety practices and requirements. A full Safety Plan will be posted on the MCS website at least a week before the event.

The aquatic environment, especially open water, holds a potentially wide range of challenges to swimmer safety. These may include anxiety attacks, physical contact between swimmers, fatigue, weather, marine life, hypothermia, hyperthermia, cramping, heart attacks, strokes and drowning.



5.1 Team captains must inform boat captains of the issues regarding the safety of all swimmers as well as rules pertinent to their operation of the boat as an escort.

5.2 When at sea, the boat captain is the ultimate safety officer responsible for his/her craft and the passengers on or near his/her boat. They also know ocean conditions and the limits of their craft in those conditions so their decision is final even to the point of disqualifying or stopping the race for his/her team.

5.3 No boats are allowed in the designated finish area inside the buoy from the time the first swimmer completes the race to the last swimmer finishes. Exceptions that don't result in disqualification can only be granted by the head Timer or Race Referee.

5.4 Because of the spread-out nature of this race, an ambulance will be available on call to meet boats or jet skis wherever is safest and fastest for a boat to reach shore.

5.5 ALL BOATS are required to monitor a frequency defined at the captain's meeting to allow timing and emergency communication with all boats throughout the race. The Citizens Band (CB) channel for boat communication will be CB 35 VHF and VHF 68.

5.6 Boats MUST turn off power to, or disengage, the propellers when swimmers climb into the boat to prevent any possibility of injury. (This also applies for individuals not competing (support staff or swimmers not currently swimming their leg) are getting in/out of the boat e.g.; for a bathroom break.)

5.7 It is required for swimmers to wear a cap for the start and finish legs. It is recommended that all other swimmers wear a bright colored cap for safety during every leg (e.g.; in case a boat breaks down or while the boat stops to pick up a previous swimmer ... while you swim ahead and conditions make it difficult to find you).

6. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee for a team is \$720.00. The entry fee for an individual/solo swimmer is \$140.00. Entry fees include the price of the buffet banquet for each member of a team (or the solo swimmer) and one official Maui Channel Swim t-shirt for each team member. The entry fee is to be paid by check made to MAUI CHANNEL SWIM and mailed along with a **complete** Official Entry and Roster Form, and copies of USMS cards and executed Liability Release Form for **all participants**:

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7. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be ***received*** by **Tuesday, July 19, 2011**. **If received after this date, the entry fee will be \$880.00 for a team and \$190.00 for an individual/solo.**
8. **ESCORT BOATS:** Each team is responsible for negotiating the price of an escort boat and paying for its charter. The average fee is \$500.00 - \$700.00 per boat. If assistance is required in securing an escort boat, the Race Director will assist the team in identifying possible escort boats. Regardless, it is the team's responsibility to confirm the boat and all other details. The Race Director has NO responsibility to insure that the boat will show up on time at a location specified. This is the responsibility of the team.
9. **TEAM CAPTAIN:** Each team shall have an appointed team captain who is responsible for knowing all the rules and details of the race. The Citizens Band (CB) channel for boat communication will be CB 35 VHF and VHF 68. **Please call in if you are pulling out of the race.**
10. **USMS REGISTRATION:** Your registration and membership in U.S. Masters Swimming provides you with accident insurance for all properly sanctioned events and supervised practices of member clubs. Pacific Masters registration chairperson is Nancy Ridout, 580 Sunset Parkway, Novato, CA 94947-4810 (PHONE: (415) 892-0771). Southern Pacific Masters registration chairperson is Julie Heather, 957 North El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91104 (PHONE: (626) 296-1841). For Hawaiian Association U.S. Masters Swimming, contact: Toni Sinnott, 321 Pukalani St., Makawao, HI, 96768 (PHONE: (808) 298-3269 or EMAIL: [HIRegistrar@usms.org](mailto:HIRegistrar@usms.org)).

A One-event USMS registration is available from Hawaii Masters Swim Association at <http://www.hawaiimastersswim.org/how-tos.html>. This registration does not include a subscription to SWIM MAGAZINE. When requesting registration application, specify whether you want full membership or single-event. Pacific and Southern Pacific Masters contact your local registrar for availability of single-event registration.

11. **SANCTION:** This event is sanctioned by the Hawaii Masters Swimming Association for USMS, Inc. The official sanction number is S391-OW001. As such, rules not specified in this race notice default to USMS 2011 rule book.

11.1. All suits and equipment must conform to current USMS open water rules. Wet suits are NOT permitted. Support craft other than designated race craft are not permitted. The USMS House of Delegates voted in September, 2010, to follow new regulations regarding swimsuits for open water competitions, effective January 1, 2011. Swimwear shall be made from textile materials. For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel or below the knee. For women, the swimsuit shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knees. There are no "fastener" specifications.

12. **CAPTAINS' MEETING:** There will be a mandatory organizational meeting at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel, at 5:00 P.M. on the evening of Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, near the pool, which will serve as the banquet area on Saturday night. **TEAM CAPTAINS OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH TEAM ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT THIS MEETING** to go over any last minute changes, instructions for the start of the race and to pick-up official t-shirts. **NOTE:** Additional t-shirts and hats will be available for purchase at this meeting and during the banquet on Saturday evening.

13. **BANQUET:** The banquet on Saturday night will also be held at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel, beginning at 5:30 P.M. The team and individual entry fee covers the cost of the banquet for each participant.

Non-participants who wish to attend the banquet may purchase banquet tickets for an additional fee of \$40.00 per person. Please indicate the number of additional tickets on the Official Entry and Roster Form and include the additional fee with the team's entry. If you plan to have extra people attend the banquet, it is mandatory you pay ahead of time so we can have an accurate headcount to give the hotel.

Parking for the banquet on Saturday night at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel is limited at the hotel. We ask for your assistance to park near Luigi's Restaurant, the Whaler's Village parking complex, or walk, if you are nearby.

Due to swimmers wanting to leave early to participate in other swims, the Awards ceremony will start at 6:00 PM. The Waikiki Roughwater Swim will be on Monday, September 5, 2011, and the Annual 2.4 Mile (or Sprint 1 Mile) Maui 'Au Makua Swim will be on Monday, September 6, 2011. Please indicate if you will not attend the banquet.

14. **ACCOMMODATIONS:** A special rate is available for Maui Channel Swimmers, please contact reservations at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel, it is best to contact them directly. Their phone number is (808) 661-0011, Toll Free Number: (822) 262-8450, Web Site: [www.kbhmaui.com](http://www.kbhmaui.com). Hawaii residents may request a Kama'aina rate.

15. **RACE DIRECTOR:** The Race Director with ultimate authority over the conduct of the competition is:

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Makaweli, Kauai, HI 96769  
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Web Site: [www.MauiChannelSwim.com](http://www.MauiChannelSwim.com)

**16. GRIEVANCES, COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS:**

16.1. Protests, or intention to file protest, over any infraction or race rules or conduct must be submitted within 30 minutes of the team or solo swimmer finishing the race (i.e.; within 30 minutes of the team accused of an infraction OR of the team making the protest.) Protests should be filed with either the head timer or the race referee. A written protest must follow within the hour.

16.2. The race referee will either rule on the protest, gather more evidence then rule, or put together a race committee consisting of the race referee and 4 other members (consisting of 4 other members including the race referee, head timer, and members of 3 teams participating in the race not party to the incident) to hear evidence and render a decision.

16.3. A written reply to the protest will be delivered before the awards presentation and delivered to the person making the protest, the person/team who the protest was filed against, and the race director. If no decision is made, the results of that race cannot be presented until resolved.

16.4. Any grievance or appeal of the decision of the referee or race committee shall be filed with the race director, the official's chair of HMSA and the general chair of HMSA in writing. There is no appeal on the decision regarding rules listed earlier in this document.

**17. OTHER QUESTIONS:** If you have further questions about anything not covered here, or about anything that remains unclear after reading all of this, please contact the Race Director. Please call between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. **HAWAIIAN TIME** (be courteous; Hawaii time is 3 hours earlier than California). Since we are swamped with telephone calls concerning the MAUI CHANNEL SWIM, we would appreciate it if you would write, email or fax whenever possible.



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## 2011

### OFFICIAL ENTRY AND ROSTER FORM

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011**

(Complete all sections; copies will be accepted; Signatures of ALL athletes required)

TEAM NAME/INDIVIDUAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION (check one):  OPEN (150+)  WOMEN'S OPEN  SOLO  
 MAKULE (240+)  SENIOR MAKULE (300+)  GRAND MAKULE (360+)  EXTREME MAKULE (420+)  
 MIXED (3 MEN/3 WOMEN)  MIXED MAKULE (240+ and 3 MEN/3 WOMEN)

TEAM MEMBERS NAME  
(Please Print or Type)

T-SHIRT SIZE  
(S M L XL)

AGE

U.S.M.S. Numbers

#	TEAM MEMBER'S NAME (Please Print or Type)	T-size S-M-L-XL	AGE	Birth Date	USMS Number
1.	Captain:				
Mailing Address:			Home Tel:		
			Work Tel:		
			Email:		
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

**REQUIRED:** Attach copy of each USMS CARD

**ESCORT BOATS:** Do you require assistance in locating an escort boat? (Please circle one) YES NO

If you already have an escort boat, please complete the following:

Captain/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Registration Number: HA-\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL BANQUET TICKETS** (boat captain, spouse, friends, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM CAPTAIN:** My signature following indicates that I have read this application in its entirety and understand all of the rules of the race. Further, I acknowledge that in certain cases, failure to comply with the rules can result in my team being disqualified from the race.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Competitors recognize that this is the longest Open Water relay race in the world that brings unique difficulties not found in other Open Water competitions. THIS SHALL INCLUDE THAT IN CONSIDERATION OF THE COMPETITORS' PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT THE ORGANIZERS SHALL EXERCISE THEIR BEST EFFORTS AND DUE DILIGENCE TO, PROVIDE REALISTIC RESCUE AND RELATED ASSISTANCE TO AND AS REASONABLY REQUIRED BY ANY COMPETITOR. AND THAT, DESPITE HAVING DONE SO, COMPETITORS WAIVE ANY CLAIM AS MIGHT BE HAD BY ANY ONE OF THEM FOR ANY FAILURE BY THE RACE ORGANIZERS TO HAVE PROVIDED SUCH ASSISTANCE WHICH TURNED OUT NOT TO BE EFFICACIOUS IN PREVENTING HARM, INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY COMPETITOR.

Due to the extended exertion, potential hazardous ocean conditions, and possible interactions with ocean creatures in the hot sun and strong winds that put the body under stress, and that you may be far from immediate medical care while out to sea, I understand that I should consult a physician before participating in this race.

I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters Swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in open water swimming, and agree to assume those risks.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### A. Entry Information:

- a. Team Name and Division \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Participant Data \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Escort Boat Data \_\_\_\_\_

B. Copy of USMS Card       1     2     3     4     5     6

C. Executed Liability Release Form     1     2     3     4     5     6

D. Check for Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETE or APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED & RETURNED**