



October 23, 2002

Aloha H.I.P.A. Member,

First and foremost I want to congratulate and recognize every H.I.P.A. member who competed in the Molokai Channel races and especially the Kai`Opua Open women on the successful defense of their Na Wahine O Ke Kai title making it **3 in row**. It is so cool to see that there were H.I.P.A. members in virtually every Moku O Hawaii Molokai Crew, Great Job folks.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Season is upon us and we have some great things in the works. The biggest change you will notice in 2003 is there are fewer races on the schedule; this is designed to make it easier to participate in every race and still have a life. The Championship Race is being sponsored by Tiger Canoe and Kayak and the long course is scheduled to be run from Keokea in No. Kohala.

All races are scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.

Eyecatcher Polarized Sunglasses, Pepsi and Starbucks are back with us and we will have new sponsor for the point series championship for 2003 (announcement forthcoming). We will once again end our season with the Starbucks Big Island Challenge and the Starbucks Coffee Molokai Road trip (we already have our room reservations). Association dues remain \$ 40.00 per season with entry fees at \$15.00 per race. You can pre-register and pre-pay on line. The season pass fee is \$145.00 (like getting 1 free race)

There will be 2 pre-season events. The Abbott Gallaher Memorial Sea-Man Canoe Race sponsored by Keauhou Canoe Club on Saturday November 2, 2002. Per Abbott's tradition, the entry fee is 2 cans of food for the food bank. There will be a pot-luck lunch following the race. Bring something if you can.

The P3 Masters Wa`a Kaukahi has been rescheduled for Sat. Dec. 14, 2002.

H.I.P.A. will be partnering with Canoe Camp Hawaii to bring our members some unique events in the near future. Watch for announcements. In the meantime, you can check them out at [www.canoecamphawaii.com](http://www.canoecamphawaii.com)

Please note the attached updated race rules with clarified race start procedures and new age-group divisions. Our goal is to make race starts and race day procedures simpler and more consistent. We also need to remind everyone that your race number is for You, NOT the canoe. If you sell the canoe, the new owner needs to contact Jane about getting a number. If you get a new (or different) canoe, you keep THE SAME number. If you are in doubt about where to put the number, **PLEASE ASK**.

The Race hotline is up and running at 969-6695.

Leave us a message or an e-mail at [hipa@kaikahoe.org](mailto:hipa@kaikahoe.org)  
(please note that this e-mail address has been changed).

See you on the Water

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