

Press Release

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2003 Abbott Galaher Sea-Man Canoe Race

The first pre-season event of Hawai'i Island Paddlesports Association's 2004 race series is scheduled to be held this Saturday November 15, 2003. This fun event was started by the late-Abbott Galaher of Kailua-Kona and is run in his memory.

The event will have division for all age groups from teen aged youth divisions to all adult divisions. There will also be divisions for solo OC-1 canoes, OC-2 canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. The youth, paddleboard and short course race will be 3 miles long running straight-out "to the horizon" and back with the long course running 6 miles.

Abbott Galaher was one of HIPA's more competitive paddlers and all-around great guy. He died January 30, 2002 of a heart attack at the age of 47. He is loved and missed by the entire paddling community - he encouraged everyone, no matter what their ability or age, and the race is run in this tradition.

Registration begins at 8:30 am at the Keauhou Canoe Club Halau at Keauhou Bay

The youth race is scheduled to start at 9am with the adult races scheduled to start at 10:00am. The entry fee is \$5.00 and a canned good for the Hawaii Food Bank as was Abbott's tradition. Light lunch will be provided by Keauhou Canoe Club.

Hawai'i Island Paddlesports Assn. is the Solo and Duo Paddlesports association for the Big Island; this includes one person and two person outrigger canoes as well as Surfski kayaks and paddleboards. Our race schedule runs from January to April.

Mahalo for support of Outrigger and Kayak Paddling on Hawaii Island

Additional information

Race information line 969-6695

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