



HAWAIIAN CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION
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We hope that you are all continuing to stay healthy and are getting some good ocean time in swimming, snorkeling, surfing, SUP, and OC-1/2'ing. As of this writing, we've not been ok'd to resume use of our OC6/12's yet due to social distancing requirements but we remain hopeful that protocols will be agreed upon which will allow us to resume some use of our beloved wa'a.

A quick update on the status of the paddling season:

Regattas: Our member associations have all agreed that regatta season is cancelled.

State Championships: After much deliberation and weighing of options, the decision was made on April 25, 2020 to cancel the State Championship Race in 2020.

Long Distance: Na Wahine, Molokai Hoe and Pailolo are cancelled for 2020. Queen Liliuokalani is cancelled in its traditional form. Some smaller/shorter race may be held depending on what restrictions are in place as September nears.

Each association is in discussions as to which, if any, distance races will be held and under what kind of protocols, distances etc. As decisions are made, we will share those with you.

Your association representatives and committee chairs and members continue to work on projects that will benefit us in the future such as *RaceDay-Live*. As a collective we are in constant discussions with State and County officials and continue to work to return all of us to paddling – as it is safe and appropriate to do so. Canoe paddling has always been about leadership and we strongly believe we can be the example of how to get back to “normal”, stay healthy, protect our aina, and be supportive of those that have supported us – be they local businesses, sponsors, or our paddling friends from other states and countries.

Stay healthy.