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TO: All HCRA Clubs
FROM: MCHCA
SUBJ: Tents for 2011 State Race at Hanakao'o Beach

Space at Hanakao'o will be at a premium during the State race, but if the clubs remain flexible and are willing to work together, we will be able to accommodate all the paddlers and spectators.

Tents for the 2011 State race may be set up no earlier than Friday morning, August 5, 2011. Tents must be set up with the narrow side facing the ocean. Please leave walkways between your tent and the next so that people can move through the area. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Only the tent frame can be set up (including the cover) and left in place; you cannot put the legs up until Saturday morning.** Our permit from the county does not allow any tents other than the officials' tents and the food booths to remain up over night. If your tent is put up all the way it will be taken down.

No club tents are allowed on the grass area north of the finish line (between the official stand and the canoe hales/river) – this area is reserved for vendors, officials and the t-shirt tent. Once all of the official areas have been set up, we will release more space if it is available. Also, the sand area immediately after (north of) the finish line is reserved for confirmation checks. If in doubt, please check with Walter or Bo. If you are blocking the officials' view your tent will be moved. The safest area to set up your tent is south (Lahaina) side of the finish line.

Please be aware that we have been informed by the county that according to the Maui County Fire Code, tents of over 200 sq. ft. (20'x20') must be made of a fire retardant material. Tents under 200 sq. ft. are not subject to this requirement. If 2 or more tents are joined together, the total area is considered when determining the size. Separate tents should be 10 feet apart. The county may require that tents not in compliance with the fire code be removed.

Please be aware that Hanakao'o is not a bay or lagoon. We are hoping for a dry day with no surf, but cannot control the weather. If you set up on the sand and the surf comes up, your tent may be washed away. The entire beach is often wet if there is surf and high tide. The river will run if it rains in the mountains and the river often courses all along the beach.