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FIRST ANNUAL DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU WATERMAN CHALLENGE HONORS NEW US POSTAGE STAMP, AUGUST 24, 2002 DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU'S BIRTHDAY

BEACHFRONT COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FROM 3:00 - 5:30 PM AT THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE BEACH RESORT & SPA

HONOLULU – ON AUGUST 24, 2002, THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL DEDICATE THE HISTORIC 37-CENT COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP HONORING DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU.

In conjunction with the stamp dedication, Waikiki Beach Activities (WBA), in association with the Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Ho'olaule'a, will host the First Annual "Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Waterman Challenge." The event will be held on Duke's beach fronting Käli'a Bay and the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa from 3:00 – 5:30 pm.

"OUR AIM IS TO RECOGNIZE THIS HISTORIC TIME WITH A UNIQUE EVENT THAT EPITOMIZES SOME OF DUKE'S TALENTS AND VALUES. TO DO THIS WE ARE INVITING THE MAJOR BEACHFRONT HOTELS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT DUKE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH TO ENTER THIS FIRST ANNUAL FRIENDLY COMPETITION HELD IN HIS HONOR," SAID BOB HAMPTON, WBA'S PRESIDENT.

PRESENTLY, THE FOLLOWING FIVE TEAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO COMPETE:

C&K BEACH SERVICE, WAIKÏKÏ BEACH ACTIVITIES, OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB, HONOLULU CITY AND COUNTY LIFEGUARDS, AND LOS ANGELES LIFEGUARDS.

EACH TEAM WILL CONSIST OF SIX COMPETITORS, FIVE FROM THE SPONSORING STAFF AND ONE "CELEBRITY."

DUKE'S WATERMAN CHALLENGE WILL CONSIST OF THREE STAGES OF ATHLETIC ACTIVITY, EACH EXPRESSING THE VIRTUES OF A WATERMAN: STRENGTH, SKILL, AND TEAMWORK.

• HUKI HUKI "STRENGTH" (TUG OF WAR) - ALL SIX (6) TEAM MEMBERS.

- SURF CONTEST "SKILL" ONE (1) MEMBER FROM EACH TEAM.
- CANOE RACE "TEAMWORK" ALL SIX (6) TEAM MEMBERS.

AS IN THE OLD DAYS, EACH TEAM WILL PROVIDE ITS OWN CANOE, COLORS AND PADDLES, AND A SURFBOARD (OVER 10 FEET) FOR THE COMPETITION.

THE FIRST ANNUAL "DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU WATERMAN CHALLENGE"
WILL BE HISTORIC AS HOTELS AND BEACH BOYS COMPETE FOR THIS HONOR AND
ESTABLISH THE RECORDS TO BE BROKEN IN THE FUTURE.

A TEAM CAPTAIN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 9:00 AM, AT THE HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE BEACH RESORT & SPA IN THE 'ILIMA ROOM, KÄLI'A TOWER, SECOND FLOOR.

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