

INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

2026 John D. Kaupiko Regatta



To: OHCRA Member Clubs and Regatta Participants

From: Hui Nalu Canoe Club

Subject: John D. Kaupiko Regatta – Access, Conduct, and Special Event Information

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Aloha mai kākou,

As we prepare for the upcoming **John D. Kaupiko Regatta** at **Kāne’ohe Marine Corps Base Hawai’i (KMCBH)** on **Sunday, July 12, 2026**, we ask for your kōkua in ensuring this event runs smoothly, safely, and in full compliance with KMCBH rules and regulations.

This year is particularly significant as it is a RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) Exercise year, when military operations and base activities are heightened throughout Hawai’i. Despite these additional demands, KMCBH has generously partnered with Hui Nalu to support this event. For the first time during a RIMPAC year, Hui Nalu has been granted access to the entire tarmac and race site venue, providing a unique opportunity to host a larger and more efficient regatta experience for all participants. This level of access reflects the trust and confidence KMCBH has placed in our paddling community. We ask all paddlers, support crews, and spectators to help us uphold that trust by strictly adhering to all base access requirements, safety protocols, and conduct expectations throughout the weekend.

Please review the following important information carefully and share it with all paddlers, support crews, and attendees.

1. Special Military Exhibition Race

Before the regatta begins, Hui Nalu will host a **special exhibition race** to honor the armed forces and show our appreciation to the Marine Corps for hosting this regatta on base.

- We aim to accommodate **up to 7 military crews** for a **¼ mile sprint**.
- We respectfully request each OHCRA member club consider lending **one rigged fiberglass canoe** (quick-straps acceptable) and an **experienced steersperson** for this race.

- Canoes will be used **exclusively** for the military race and can be returned to your trailer immediately afterward.
 - Clubs willing to support, please contact Cyrus Lung - email: clung86@gmail.com; call/text: (808) 636-5959.
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2. MCBH Access Requirements

Access is a privilege granted by the Department of Defense for the purpose of participating in this special event. Please help us honor that privilege by following all entry procedures and conduct guidelines.

A. General Requirements for Entry:

- Base access is open **Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 0700 to 1200**, for clubs to trailer canoes, set-up tents, and stage other equipment required for the Sunday regatta.
- Base access on **Sunday, July 12, 2026, will begin no earlier than 0530**. There is **no waiting area** outside the gate, so please time your arrival accordingly.
- **The gate to the race venue will open at 0530**. Please do not arrive early as there is no shoulder to wait for the gate to open and cars blocking the road is not permissible.
- All visitors **18 years and older** must present one of the following forms of identification – a valid **REAL ID** (ie, State ID or Drivers License with a gold star), **U.S. Passport**, **Military ID**, or **U.S. Government-issued CAC** at the gate.
- Inform the gate sentry that you are attending the **canoe regatta**.
- **Foreign Nationals** must be pre-vetted and submit a copy of their **passport** and **country of origin**. To preserve individual's privacy, submission is electronic via this [LINK](#). Forms are due **no later than Friday, July 3, 2026**.

B. Vehicle and Driver Documentation (MCBH Order 5532.1) (be prepared to provide it if asked):

- Valid **State driver's license**
 - Current **vehicle registration**
 - Valid **State of Hawai'i safety inspection decal**
 - **Proof of Hawai'i No-Fault liability insurance**
 - **Seatbelts** are required for all passengers; **no riding in the back of trucks**
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3. On-Base Conduct and Event Guidelines

A. Conduct Rules:

- **No pets** allowed, except for registered service animals. Individuals with pets will be asked to leave the installation.
- **No jumping or fishing off the pier.** Access to the pier is only for people with military IDs
- Stay **within the designated tarmac/race area**—jogging/walking outside these areas is not permitted.
- **Park only in designated stalls** and follow the directions of the parking attendants at all times. Do not make up your own stalls or parking areas.
- All clubs must bring their **own trash bags** and are responsible for cleaning up their area. Dispose of trash in the **roll-away dumpsters** near the bathrooms.
- The **sundry store** will be open for general purchases (e.g., ice, snacks, drinks).
- **Use, possession, or importation of controlled substances is prohibited.**
- No E-bikes are permitted at the race site. Each club is allowed to have one (1) regular bike or scooter on-site for club representatives to traverse to/from the OHCRA official tent only. **Helmets are required when riding a bike or scooter.**

B. Dress Code (MCBH Order 1020.7):

- **Beach attire is permitted**, but provocative or inappropriate clothing is strictly prohibited.
 - **Prohibited attire includes:**
 - Thong, micro, or G-string swimsuits
 - Clothing exposing undergarments, genitals, breasts, midriff, or buttocks
 - Items displaying profanity, offensive language/images, drug references, or discriminatory content
 - Sleepwear, bathrobes, or housecoats
 - Violators will be asked to leave the base.
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4. Food Trucks On-Site

The following food vendors will be onsite and ready to serve first thing in the morning on race day. Attached are menus for the three confirmed food trucks. If other vendors become available, menus will be shared once confirmed.

- **Donnie's Bar Be Que**
- **Blue Truck Teppanyaki**
- **Irie Jerk**

We appreciate your partnership and kōkua in making this a respectful, safe, and successful event. Should you have any questions or need assistance leading up to race day, please don't hesitate to reach out to Cyrus Lung at clung86@gmail.com or call/text at (808) 636-5959.

Mahalo nui,

Hui Nalu Canoe Club