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O'AHU CELEBRATES ITS DIVERSITY WITH FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Music, Entertainment, Culture and Cuisine Enrich Visitor Experience

O'AHU – Discover the island's rich culture and diversity at one of the many festivals and events occurring throughout the year. O'ahu's festivals and events provide visitors and locals with an opportunity to embrace the island's multicultural heritage, deep traditions and customs that are special to O'ahu. Whether it is a cultural festival highlighting Hawai'i's diverse people and their origins, an energetic concert series, or a culinary event featuring the island's top chefs, there is something for everyone. Below is a listing of notable festivals and events (all are subject to change without notice).

Music & Entertainment

Feb. 11-12, 2017

'Ukulele Picnic in Hawai'i

The 9th Annual 'Ukulele Picnic in Hawai'i will be stringing together two days of exciting events in celebration of Hawai'i's most beloved instrument. The festivities begin at the Royal Hawaiian Center on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 with the International 'Ukulele Contest and Hula Show, and will end on a high note on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Kaka'ako Makai Gateway Park. All events and entertainment are free and open to the public. www.ukulelepicnicinhawaii.org/en/

April 2017

Biggest Little Airshow in Hawai'i

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor's popular remote control Biggest Little Airshow in Hawai'i, sponsored by Aloha Petroleum is back for its 10th year. A family favorite, the airshow features open cockpits, hangar tours, restored World War II aircraft and remote control flying by some of the best pilots and aircraft from the mainland. For two days, Ford Island will come alive with remote control

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flying, hands-on modeling stations and a Kids Zone with rides, food, drinks, retail, music, entertainment and activities. www.pacificaviationmuseum.org

May 2017

Mele Mei

Mele Mei is an annual celebration of Hawai‘i’s music, hula and culture. Music and hula events are held from April through June at various hotels, venues, on the beach and statewide. From ‘ukulele to steel guitar, traditional Hawaiian music to slack key, island reggae to rock and everything in between, Mele Mei has something for everyone. www.melemei.com

May 6-7, 2017

Hawai‘i Book & Music Festival

Experience the finest of Hawai‘i’s contemporary culture at the Hawai‘i Book & Music Festival. Held on the Frank F. Fasi Grounds at Honolulu Hale, the free event celebrates and honors books, storytelling and music in a way that is fun, accessible and memorable for people of all ages, backgrounds and tastes. www.hawaiibookandmusicfestival.com

May-October 2017

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival

Slack key guitar originated in Hawai‘i in the 19th century with Hawaiian “paniolo” (cowboys), and continues to gain popularity. The Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival, founded in 1982, celebrates its cultural importance and perpetuates and preserves the unique acoustic guitar art form of “kī hō‘alu,” which means “loosen the key.” There are now six Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar festivals that take place throughout the island of O‘ahu featuring performances by well-known slack key musicians.

www.slackkeyfestival.com

- **Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “Kapolei Style”**
May 27, 2017: 12 - 6 p.m. at Ka Makana Ali‘i Shopping Center
- **Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “North Shore Style”**
July 4, 2017: 2 - 8 p.m. at Turtle Bay Resort
- **35th Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “Waikiki Style”**
Aug. 13, 2017: 12 - 6 p.m. at Kapi‘olani Bandstand & Park

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- **2nd Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “Kailua Style”**
September 2017 (date TBD) at Kailua Town Center
- **6th Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “Westside Style”**
Oct. 22, 2017: 12 - 5 p.m. Hoalauna Park
- **3rd Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival “Windward Style”**
Dec. 3, 2017: 12 - 6 p.m. at Windward Mall

July 4, 2017

Ala Moana Center Fireworks

For the 26th consecutive year, Ala Moana Center will present locals and visitors with one of the largest and most spectacular fireworks shows in the country. In addition to the fireworks, Ala Moana Center will offer a weekend’s worth of live entertainment and a mall-wide shopping savings pass.

www.alamoanacenter.com

July 16, 2017

47th Annual ‘Ukulele Festival Hawaii

Local ‘ukulele legend Roy Sakuma and his sponsors help to keep the instrument alive with the largest festival of its kind in the world, attracting thousands each year. A free five-hour concert showcases the finest ‘ukulele players from around the world, along with national celebrities, Hawai‘i’s top entertainers, and an ‘ukulele orchestra of more than 800 students. The festival benefits ‘Ukulele Festival Hawaii, a nonprofit organization. www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org

August 2017

Rainbow Film Festival

The Rainbow Film Festival serves to educate and raise community awareness about gay and lesbian culture, arts and lifestyle through independent films shown at the Doris Duke Theatre. Locally-submitted films are also featured and supported by the festival. www.hglcf.org

Aug. 18-20, 2017

Made in Hawai‘i Festival

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Enjoy this three-day celebration highlighting the unique products of Hawai‘i. More than 400 exhibitors offer a wide range of goods made in Hawai‘i from art, clothing, food, home furnishings, jewelry, toys, fresh produce and plants to authentic Hawaiian handicrafts.

www.madeinhawaii festival.com

Nov. 2-12, 2017

Hawaii International Film Festival

The Hawaii International Film Festival (HIFF) is dedicated to the advancement of understanding and cultural exchange among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and North America through the medium of film. HIFF showcases independent feature films and is held at the Regal Dole Cannery Stadium 18 Theatres each spring and fall. Expect the very best and latest in independent and global cinema. www.hiff.org

Dec. 7, 2017

Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade

Talented performing groups joins bands and floats to parade down Kalākaua Avenue in Waikīkī to honor and pay respect to the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, our veterans, active duty military and their families. The parade takes place on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack and starts at 7 p.m. at Fort DeRussy in Waikīkī. www.pearlharborparade.org

Arts & Culture

ARTafterDARK

Last Friday of every month January through October

Offering a new twist on “pau hana” (after work) happy hour, the Honolulu Museum of Art presents an evening that invigorates the senses with a combination of food, art, music, dancing and drinks.

The theme for each event is based on the museum’s current feature exhibition and provides a fun and social way to view art in a festive atmosphere.

www.honolulu museum.org/events/art_after_dark

Honolulu Night Market

This event is quarterly

Kaka‘ako comes alive with an evening event that combines fashion, live music, art, shopping and

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local food. Held under the Honolulu city lights, this monthly night market celebrates the best of urban island culture featuring local artists, designers, musicians and chefs.

www.honolulunightmarket.com

Feb. 10-20, 2017

POW! WOW! Hawai‘i

Local and global artists will showcase their work in Honolulu during a widespread beautification and education of street art during POW! WOW! Hawai‘i. The event will include gallery shows, live panel discussions, mural projects, concerts, live art installations and more. www.powwowhawaii.com

March 25, 2017

Prince Kūhiō Festival

The Prince Kūhiō Festival is a series of events, ceremonies and activities organized by The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to celebrate the birthday of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole who founded the first Hawaiian Civic Club on Dec. 7, 1918. These celebrations began in the early 1970s and have grown to include month-long activities including a commemorative parade, choral concert, “Ho‘olaule‘a” or “Hō‘ike‘ike” (celebration), and more. www.princekuhiofestival.org

March 8-May 8, 2017

Honolulu Biennial

The launch of Honolulu Biennial marks Hawai‘i’s first entry into the international biennial circuit. The Biennial showcases the diversity of ideas, art and culture from the people who live today throughout the places connected by the Pacific Ocean. It will include contemporary art from Hawai‘i, the Pacific Islands, Asia, North America, Australia and New Zealand. By exhibiting the work of artists from all around this vast region, Honolulu Biennial 2017 shines a spotlight on the collective artistic vision from this important and dynamic Pacific neighborhood.

www.honolulubiennial.org

March 10-12, 2017

Honolulu Festival

The 23rd Annual Honolulu Festival is one of Hawai‘i’s premier cultural events, promoting understanding, economic cooperation and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawai‘i and the

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Pacific Rim region. Each year, the festival draws thousands of new and returning spectators. Through educational programs and activities, the festival continues to successfully share the rich and vibrant blend of Asia, Pacific and Hawaiian cultures with the rest of the world.

www.honolulufestival.com

May 2017

MAMo: Maoli Arts Movement

The PA‘I Foundation celebrates the Maoli Arts Movement (MAMo) during May in Honolulu with popular exhibitions, arts markets, trunk shows and the extraordinary MAMo Wearable Art Show which highlights native Hawaiian arts, artists and cultural practitioners. MAMo programming has expanded to the entire year, and the geographic reach has expanded to neighbor islands, nationally and internationally. www.paifoundation.org

May 1-2, 2017

Lei Day Celebration

On May 1, a celebration that includes entertainment, food booths and a lei making contest takes place at the beautiful Queen Kapi‘olani Park and Bandstand in Waikīkī. The event is followed by an honoring of Hawai‘i’s “ali‘i” (royalty) at Mauna ‘Ala and Kawaiaha‘o on May 2. Lei Day was created to celebrate the Hawaiian custom of making and wearing lei. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the celebration of Lei Day in Hawai‘i. www.honoluluparks.com

May 2017

We Are Samoa Festival

The We Are Samoa Festival at the Polynesian Cultural Center features the 25th Annual World Fireknife Championship and High School Samoan Cultural Arts Festival. Dancers of all ages showcase their mastery of Samoan fireknives in which acrobatic moves and death-defying tricks combine with ancient Samoan culture. Held in conjunction with the World Fireknife Championship, the High School Samoan Cultural Arts Festival is an event in which Hawai‘i high school students demonstrate their own cultural knowledge of Samoan traditions with exhibitions in basket weaving, coconut husking, fire making and more. www.polynesia.com

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May 29, 2017

Lantern Floating Hawai‘i

Every year on Memorial Day, thousands of people gather at Magic Island at Ala Moana Beach Park to honor ancestors and loved ones who have passed away. At sundown, more than 3,000 candlelit lanterns are set afloat on the ocean, a traditional Buddhist rite originating in Japan. The ceremony serves to honor those who have sacrificed their lives in war, pay respect to ancestors and loved ones who have passed away, and pray for a harmonious and peaceful future. The ceremony also features live entertainment by local and international musicians, as well as inspiring speeches.

www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com

June 9-11, 2017

Pan-Pacific Festival

The 38th annual Pan-Pacific Festival is a three-day international cultural celebration that features a weekend of Pacific Rim cultural performances, demonstrations, hula, food, and “ho‘olaule‘a” (celebration). The event culminates with a colorful parade with thousands of participants in lively costumes marching down Kalākaua Avenue in Waikīkī. www.pan-pacific-festival.com

June 10, 2017

Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade

Celebrating its 101st year, this colorful celebration honors the reign of King Kamehameha, who was responsible for uniting the Hawaiian Islands under his rule in 1810. The parade features brightly decorated floats, energetic marching bands and traditional pā‘ū riders who represent a Hawaiian royal court on horseback. Following the parade will be a “ho‘olaule‘a” (celebration).

www.hawaii.com/kamehamehaday

July 2017

20th Annual Hale‘iwa Arts Festival

The 20th Annual Hale‘iwa Arts Festival will feature a broad spectrum of traditional, contemporary and ethnic arts at Hale‘iwa Beach Park. This event includes visual artists, musicians, singers, dancers, demonstrations, storytelling, student art displays, historical trolley tours and children’s arts and crafts. Visitors can browse and purchase unique works by artists of all ages and cultural backgrounds. www.haleiwaartsfestival.org

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July 15-16, 2017

40th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival

The 40th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival is a two day event held in beautiful Moanalua Gardens. The festival features hālau hula (hula schools) gracing the hula mound for spectators to enjoy and showcases Native Hawaiian culture through crafts, kapa making, lauhala weaving, lomilomi massage, traditional Hawaiian games and more. www.moanalugardensfoundation.org

July 16, 2017

Hawai‘i All-Collectors Show

Don't miss the opportunity to find the perfect gift from Hawai‘i at the Hawai‘i All-Collectors Show at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. This annual collectibles and antiques show and sale features more than 200 booths with one of the largest selections of Hawaiiana under one roof.

July 14-15, 2017

Korean Festival

The Korean Festival is an annual event run by the Hawai‘i Korean Chamber of Commerce in partnership with dozens of community organizations and businesses and hundreds of volunteers. This popular cultural celebration highlights the unique food, dance, art and music of Korea. In the past, festivities included Korean cooking lessons, a singing competition and even a kimchee eating contest. www.koreanfestivalhi.com

August 2017

Hapa Haole Hula Festival and Competition

The Hapa Haole Hula Festival and Competition will feature a celebration of hula and the hapa haole era of Hawaiian music which gained popularity from the turn of the 20th century through the early 1940s and beyond. This era of Hawaiian music was characterized by English and Hawaiian language, as well as American and Hawaiian musical structure. The festival will begin with a presentation of previous winners and a vocal competition, then will continue with a hands-on educational workshop at the PA‘I Arts and Culture Center by various scholars. Finally, the Hapa Haole Hula Competition will be held at Hawai‘i Theatre. www.paifoundation.org/community-initiatives/hapa-haole-hula-festival

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August 26-27, 2017

Greek Festival

The 36th Annual Greek Festival, held at McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park, celebrates Greek culture with ethnic food, live entertainment, cultural booths and more. The popular annual festival is sponsored by the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

www.greekfestivalhawaii.com

September 2017

Annual Okinawan Festival

The Hawai‘i United Okinawa Association presents the largest ethnic festival in the state of Hawai‘i. The event kicks off with a mini procession at Kapi‘olani Park featuring a taiko drum performance. The three-day festival celebrates Okinawan culture with food, entertainment, arts, crafts and cultural activities. www.okinawanfestival.com

September 2017

Aloha Festivals

Aloha Festivals is the largest Hawaiian cultural celebration in the U.S. Aloha Festivals has become a statewide celebration of Hawaiian culture with major events on the island of O‘ahu. Thousands of volunteers work together each year to stage the events, which are attended by over 100,000 people. This premier showcase celebrates Hawai‘i’s music, dance and history, and is intended to preserve the islands’ unique traditions. www.alohafestivals.com

- The Royal Court Investiture & Opening Ceremony features hula, chanting and pageantry while introducing the Royal Court.
- The Keiki Ho‘olaule‘a (celebration) hosts two days of free kid-friendly activities, demonstrations, performances and more.
- The 65th Annual Waikikī Ho‘olaule‘a on Sept. 23 is Hawai‘i’s largest annual block party featuring local food, music and entertainment.
- The 71st Annual Floral Parade on Sept. 30 hosts a colorful procession of horseback riders, performances and floats covered with Hawaiian flowers.

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Nov. 16-19, 2017

HONOLULU Fashion Week

HONOLULU Fashion Week will return this fall at the Hawai‘i Convention Center. The three-day event will highlight international and local design talent with collaborative and individual runway shows, VIP events, pop-up boutiques, exclusive merchandise and other events.

www.honolulufashionweek.com

Cuisine

April 29, 2017

Waikiki SPAM Jam

The Waikiki SPAM Jam is an exciting annual street festival that takes place on Kalākaua Avenue in Waikīkī. This annual event celebrates Hawai‘i’s love of SPAM and features a variety of Honolulu’s finest restaurants serving up SPAM-inspired creations. Two entertainment stages provide non-stop entertainment ranging from hula dancers to local musicians, and merchandise vendors sell SPAM-themed items and Hawaiian crafts. Proceeds from the event benefit the Hawaii Food Bank.

www.spamjamhawaii.com

July 2017

Joy of Sake Festival

The Joy of Sake celebrates Hawai‘i’s hundred-year love affair with sake—from the early days of Japanese immigration and the founding of the Honolulu Sake Brewery up to the present. Today, Honolulu hosts the annual U.S. National Sake Appraisal. After this blind tasting, all of the sake is presented for tasting by the public at The Joy of Sake. This event, with entries from every region and representing virtually every brewing style, gives an unparalleled perspective on the great variety of delicious sakes being produced today. www.joyofsake.com

July 15, 2017

Mangoes at the Moana

If you are bananas for mangoes be sure to head to the Moana Surf rider, a Westin Resort & Spa, Waikiki Beach, for the 8th annual Mangoes at the Moana festival. Mango enthusiasts are invited to visit food and activity booths featuring this local favorite. This celebration of all things mango will include recipe contests, cooking demonstrations and a mango cocktail throw down. With over 60

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varieties of mango grown in Hawai‘i, visitors will be sure to find something they like. www.moana-surfrider.com

September 2017

Rice Festival

September is national rice month and what better way to celebrate than to attend the eighth annual Rice Festival. The celebration features entertainment, cultural performances and cooking demonstrations by local celebrity chefs. Rice Fest is a free, one-day event which explores the many different uses for rice, as well as the cultures that use it. Attendees leave with a deeper appreciation for rice and its many manifestations. www.ricefest.com

October 2017

Hawai‘i Chocolate Festival

The seventh annual Hawai‘i Chocolate Festival is where chocolate lovers can learn the steps that go into making this sweet treat from start to finish. There will be chocolate tastings, guest speakers, chocolate inspired activities, live entertainment and more. The festival was created to raise awareness about Hawai‘i’s growing cacao industry. www.hawaiichocolatefestival.com

Oct. 20-Nov. 5, 2017

Hawai‘i Food & Wine Festival

The festival includes culinary-focused events and evening receptions featuring dishes prepared by an all-star lineup of chefs from Hawai‘i and around the world, using locally sourced ingredients. The Hawai‘i Food & Wine Festival is co-chaired by chefs Roy Yamaguchi and Alan Wong and serves to showcase the state’s bounty of produce and proteins and highlights the islands’ return to a sustainable eco-system of agriculture, environment and economy.

www.hawaiifoodandwinefestival.com

Sporting and Fitness Events

Jan. 9-15, 2017

Sony Open in Hawai‘i

The Sony Open in Hawai‘i kicks off the PGA Tour by bringing 144 of the world’s best professional golfers to O‘ahu’s exclusive Wai‘alae Country Club each January. Past participants include notable

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golfers including 2005 winner, Vijay Singh, 2003 and 2004 winner, Ernie Els, and Hawai‘i’s own Michelle Wie and Tadd Fujikawa. The seven-day event is one of the largest charity events in the state of Hawai‘i. www.sonyopeninhawaii.com

Feb. 20, 2017

Great Aloha Run

The Great Aloha Run is an 8.15-mile foot race that starts at Aloha Tower in Honolulu and ends at Aloha Stadium in Hālawā. A three-day sports, health and fitness expo occurs during the weekend of the race and includes an array of exhibition booths offering unique products and services, entertainment, workshops and more. www.greataloharun.com

Feb. 23-26, 2017

Wanderlust Yoga Festival

Enjoy the ultimate mind, body and soul wellness festival on O‘ahu. The Wanderlust Yoga Festival is a one of a kind gathering of yoga masters, musical performers and top chefs along with the world’s leading wellness speakers. Open the mind, refresh the soul and satiate appetites at this event held at Turtle Bay Resort. www.wanderlustfestival.com

April 9, 2017

Hapalua Honolulu Marathon Half Marathon

Sponsored by Honolulu Marathon Association, the event is expected to draw more than 5,000 runners. The start of the Hapalua is by The Duke Kahanamoku statue in Waikīkī and finishes in Kapi‘olani Park. Both walkers and runners are welcome. www.thehapalua.com

April 9-15, 2017

LPGA Lotte Championship

The annual LOTTE Championship features a star-studded field of marquee pros who grace the world stage of ladies’ professional golf. The 2017 LOTTE Championship presented by Hershey will tee off at Ko Olina Golf Club in Kapolei. www.lottechampionship.com

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April 21-22, 2017

Ragnar Trail North Shore Oahu

Ragnar Trail North Shore Oahu will be the first Ragnar relay in the Hawaiian Islands as part of the Ragnar Trail series. Teams of eight people will run relay style day and night through lush jungle vegetation and along the ocean coastline at Turtle Bay Resort until each team member has completed all three trail loops traversing close to 120 miles together. Team members can choose to camp with their team along the trails, party at Ragnar Village complete with campfires, s'mores, music, food, endless coffee and comfy hammocks, or stay at Turtle Bay Resort.

www.runragnar.com

April 30, 2017

Hale‘iwa Metric Century Ride

The annual John B. Kelley Hale‘iwa Metric Century Ride begins and ends in Kaiaka Bay Beach Park on the Northshore of O‘ahu. The course takes riders through Hale‘iwa Town, out towards Ka‘ena Point, then back along the shores past Waimea Valley, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, and Ka‘a‘awa. All skill levels and ages are welcome. www.hbl.org

May 2017

Filipino Fiesta and Parade

The 25th annual Filipino Flores De Mayo Parade features numerous bands, floats, marching groups manned by various civic, cultural and community organizations. The post parade fiesta in Kapi‘olani Park showcases an assortment of food, educational and craft booths. www.filcom.org

May 14, 2017

Honolulu Triathlon

Thousands of triathletes from around the world visit O‘ahu each May to compete in the Honolulu Triathlon. The Olympic distance triathlon features a 1.5K swim, 40K bike and 10K run that begins and ends at Ala Moana Beach Park. www.honolulutriathlon.com

Aug. 5-6, 2017

The Reebok Spartan Race Hawai‘i Trifecta Weekend

The annual event at Kualoa Private Nature Reserve includes four race types: Sprint, Super, Beast

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and Ultra Beast in one weekend. Participants can run one of these individual races, or take on the ultimate Spartan Trifecta Challenge. The race is designed to test participants’ physical and mental toughness and entitle them to accomplishment when crossing the finish line. www.spartan.com

August 2017

Duke’s OceanFest

Duke’s OceanFest, a weeklong festival, features a variety of exciting water sports competitions including longboard surfing, surf polo, swimming, standup paddling and other events that pay tribute to the local waterman. The festivities culminate with the Duke Kahanamoku Statue lei draping ceremony on Aug. 24, the anniversary of his birthday. www.dukesoceanfest.com

Sept. 4, 2017

Waikiki Roughwater Swim

The 48th annual Waikiki Roughwater Swim is where swimmers from all over the world will tackle the challenging waters off Waikīkī. This open water swim measures 2.384 miles long, beginning at Sans Souci Beach between the Natatorium and the New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel and ending near the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. www.waikikiroughwaterswim.com

Sept. 24, 2017

Honolulu Century Ride

The Honolulu Century Ride is Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest cycling event, attracting approximately 4,000 people around the world each year. The ride begins and ends at Kapi‘olani Park and participants can choose to ride 20, 25, 40, 50, 75, or 100 miles at their own pace. Proceeds from the annual fun ride support the Hawaii Bicycling League and its efforts to promote cycling for health, recreation and transportation through advocacy, education and events. www.hbl.org

October 2017

Moloka‘i Hoe

This year marks the 65th annual Moloka‘i Hoe, one of the longest running annual team sporting events in Hawai‘i, second only to football. The race starts at Hale o Lono beach on Moloka‘i and goes through the Kaiwi Channel, ending at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikīkī. The Moloka‘i Hoe

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perpetuates one of Hawai‘i’s and Polynesia’s most important and historic cultural traditions, while honoring outrigger canoe paddlers around the world. www.molokaihoe.com

November-December 2017

Vans Triple Crown of Surfing

The Vans Triple Crown of Surfing returns to the North Shore of O‘ahu. Kicking off with the Hawaiian Pro at Hale‘iwa, the series continues with the Vans World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach, and lastly the Billabong Pipe Masters at the famous Banzai Pipeline. O‘ahu’s North Shore is home to these final events on the World Surf League (WSL) calendar that will crown surfing’s new world champion. www.triplecrownofsurfing.com

Dec. 1, 2017 – Feb. 28, 2018

33rd Annual Quiksilver Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau

Each winter, the world’s best big wave surfers are invited to Waimea Bay on O‘ahu’s North Shore to compete in the Quiksilver Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau. The Eddie can only be held when surf measures at least 20 feet (Hawaiian scale) for a full day. The holding period for the event is between Dec. 1 and the last day in February. When the surf is big enough, thousands flock to watch the likes of Kelly Slater and Bruce Irons compete in this prestigious surfing competition. www.quiksilver.com

Dec. 3, 2017

Paul Mitchell XTERRA Trail Run World Championship

The XTERRA Trail Run World Championship is an off-road half-marathon that winds through Kualoa Private Nature Reserve on O‘ahu’s northeastern shore. Trail runs, a kids’ race, and other family events will also be offered. www.xterraplanet.com

Dec. 10, 2017

Honolulu Marathon

Thousands of runners from around the world travel to O‘ahu each year to participate in the Honolulu Marathon. The 26.2-mile scenic course includes spectacular views alongside world famous Waikīkī Beach and Lē‘ahi (Diamond Head). The Marathon is held every year on the second Sunday of December. www.honolulumarathon.org

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December 2017

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic

The Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic is an eight-team, 12-game bracket tournament that features some of the nation’s best collegiate men’s basketball teams. The tournament is held at the University of Hawai‘i’s Stan Sheriff Center. www.diamondheadclassic.com

December 2017

Sheraton Hawai‘i Bowl

Following the University of Hawai‘i’s move to the Mountain West Conference (MWC) in 2012, the Sheraton Hawai‘i Bowl will pit a team from the MWC against a team from Conference USA in the annual college football bowl game played at O‘ahu’s Aloha Stadium on either Christmas Eve or Christmas day. www.sheratonhawaiibowl.com

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