THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 am to 11:00 am
HISTORIC KAILUA VILLAGE CULTURAL WALK
Lead by noted historian Hannah Kihalani Springer. This is a free event. Meet on the beach at Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel.

10:00 am to 3:00 pm
QUEEN LILI‘UOKALANI CULTURAL FAIR
Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel — Makai Lawn
Artisans and cultural practitioners lead demonstrations and provide hands-on learning opportunities for a wide variety of traditional Hawaiian crafts. Beautiful crafts and local art on display during the all-day fair.

2:00 pm Race heats start
HULAKAI OC4 (4 person canoes) SPRINT RELAY RACE
This fun sprint race consists of a relay team of 8 paddling in a OC4 canoe. The race takes place in the bay at Kailua Pier and will require that one team member do a short Stand-Up (SUP) segment in addition to paddling.

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
INTERNATIONAL PADDLERS RECEPTION
Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom
Paddlers from around the world outside of Hawai‘i are invited to attend this evening function.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm • Kailua Pier
ROYAL SPLASHFEST
Competition will be in the style of Lele Pahū — plunging feet first with a great splash (cannonball). Registered participants may enter as a solo jumper or as a team of six. The Body Glove catamaran will be part of this year’s jumping and splashing. Medals and awards for those who make the biggest splash!

5:00 pm
TALK STORY
Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel Grand Ballroom
Everyone’s invited to talk story with Team Red Bull Wa’a. Free movie debut of the film presented by Red Bull “This and Nothing Else” the Red Bull Wa’a 2017 Molokai Hoe experience. Come meet the crew, the coach, their supporters and learn the inspiration behind the logo.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

WA‘A KAUKAHI (single hull canoes)
7:30 – 7:40 am Wähine & Mix 40+ start in Kailua Bay
11:45 – 11:55 am Kāne & Mix Open start in Hōnaunau Bay
Women and Mix 40+ start the race paddling 18 miles from Kailua Bay to Hōnaunau. The men and Mix Open then bring it back 18 miles to Kailua Bay. The iron division crews race the entire course with no changes!

AWARD PRESENTATION
Starting at 3:30 pm all awards for Saturday races will be given at Kamakahonu Bay. Everyone is invited to celebrate the 2018 Queen Lili‘uokalani Long Distance Outrigger Canoe Race champions.

7:00 pm
TORCHLIGHT PARADE
Torchlight parade through Historic Kailua Village starting at 7:00 pm. Participants meet at Hale Hālawai County Pavilion. Parade winds its way through Historic Kailua Village starting at Hale Hālawai County Pavilion and ending at the Kailua Pier.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Starting at 7:30 am • Kailua Pier
TEEN (single hull canoes)
Three teen divisions (OC6 – 6 person crews): 16 and under, 18 and under & mixed, 18 and under. The young people paddling this race follow the same course as the double hull canoes.

WA‘A KAULUA (double hull canoes)
Crews of 12 paddlers lash together two single hull canoes to make the double hulls. Throughout the morning, the double hulls are raced in women, men and mix divisions. The course takes the wa‘a (canoe) 2.5 miles south and returns to Kailua Bay for a total of 5 miles.

OC1 (one person) & OC2 RACES (two person)
The OC1 and OC2 canoe races are a recent addition to the more traditional racing events. The men and women paddling in this one follow the same course as the double-hull canoes.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARD RACE
Starting in Kailua Bay, the SUP race heads south. Stock boards race 3.5 miles and Unlimited division races 4.5 miles. Boards are available for rent from the Hulakai booth on the pier or Kona Boys at Kamakahonu Bay.

THE QUEEN LILI‘UOKALANI CANOE RACE LŪ‘AU
1:30 pm Doors open • 2:00 pm Lū‘au
Makaeo County Pavilion (Old Airport) | 75-5500 Kuakini Hwy
This Hawaiian celebration features traditional foods, music, dance and award presentations for Sunday race winners. Cost $10, ticket required.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

KUPUNA CLASSIC
Mix (3 Wahine / 3 Kane) iron crews paddle to Banyans, turn and finish at the Kailua Pier
8:00 am Race start • Kailua Bay
50+ and 55+ divisions
9:30 am Race start • Kailua Bay
60+, 65+ and 70+ divisions
Awards brunch to follow under the green tent on the Kailua Pier.