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HAWAII'S WORLD CLASS EVENTS CALENDAR July – December 2010

Please note that events are subject to change without notice. For the most complete and updated Hawai'i calendar, please visit Calendar.GoHawaii.com.

JULY 2010

◆ **July 3, 2010**

Lāna'i Pineapple Festival – Each year in Dole Park, this event features historic and cultural displays in celebration of the island's history. Entertainment, local food, crafts and activities for children will also be available. For more information, call 808-565-0200.

◆ **July 4, 2010**

Concert in the Sky (Kaua'i) – This annual event is a fundraiser for Kaua'i Hospice, which has the largest display of aerial fireworks on the island along with hula, local music, rides, games, local products for sale, and an auction. Top hotels and restaurants will be providing great food for this big event. For more information, visit KauaiFestivals.com or call 808-245-7277.

◆ **July 4, 2010**

Parker Ranch Rodeo (Hawai'i's Big Island) – In celebration of Independence Day, this annual ranch rodeo includes children's activities, food, and traditional rodeo events like team roping, bull riding, and barrel racing. For more information, visit ParkerRanch.com.

◆ **July 10, 2010**

Kilauea Cultural Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Learn Hawaiian crafts from the masters and make a lei or feather *kāhili*, play Hawaiian games like *pala'ie* (a loop and ball game), weave a coconut basket, and taste traditional foods. Attendees also have a chance to learn from skilled practitioners who demonstrate their arts of fishing, throwing net, building a canoe, and much more. For more information, visit Hawaii.Volcanoes.National-Park.org.

◆ **July 10, 2010**

Korean Festival (O'ahu) – Held at Kapi'olani Park, this festival offers residents and visitors an inside look on the Korean culture from kim chee to Korean fan and drum dances. Enjoy *taekwondo* (Korean martial arts) performances, along with food, art, and entertainment. For more information, visit KoreanFestivalHawaii.com.

◆ **July 17, 2010**

Prince Lot Hula Festival (O'ahu) – This event, named in honor of the beloved Kamehameha V, brings the community together at Moanalua Gardens for a hula exhibition showcasing new and experienced *hālau* (hula school). The festival offers a full day of Hawaiian culture with Hawaiian food and refreshments, traditional Hawaiian games, lomi lomi massages, and Hawaiian arts and crafts like lauhala weaving, kapa, and ipu making. For more information, visit Mgf-Hawaii.org or call 808-839-5334.

◆ **July 17-18, 2010**

Hale'iwa Arts Festival Summer ArtFest (O'ahu) – View and purchase the original works and limited editions of 145 juried artists. Both traditional and contemporary art, using oil, acrylic, ceramic, photography, sculpture, watercolor, jewelry, and glass, are all a part of this amazing festival. Musicians,

cultural history tours, arts demonstrations and displays, storytellers, singers, and dancers are also present. Parking, admission, and all activities are free. For more information, visit HaleiwaArtsFestival.org.

◆ **July 17-25, 2010**

Kōloa Plantation Days (Kaua'i) – Held in the area where Hawai'i's first sugar plantation was founded in 1835, Kōloa Plantation Days comprises a lively, family-oriented slate of events that showcase the area's social history, natural history, and diverse cultural traditions. Enjoy sport activities and entertainment available at the Po'ipū and Kōloa area resorts. For more information, visit KoloaPlantationDays.com.

◆ **July 18, 2010**

'Ukulele Festival (O'ahu) – This concert at the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand is by far the largest of its kind in the world, attracting an audience of thousands. The free two-hour concert showcases the finest 'ukulele players, along with national celebrities, Hawai'i's top entertainers, and an 'ukulele orchestra of more than 800 students, mostly children. The festival also offers food booths and informational displays. For more information, visit UkuleleFestivalHawaii.org.

◆ **July 24-25, 2010**

FujiSankei Business i Waikiki Offshore Regatta (O'ahu) – This event organized by the Waikiki Yacht Club and spanning over three days is a five race series culminating with an awards reception. Local racers and visitors are welcome to compete in the best ocean trade wind sailing in the world. For more information, visit WaikikiOffshores.com.

◆ **July 25, 2010**

Tinman Triathlon (O'ahu) – Inspired by the Ironman Triathlon in Kona on Hawai'i's Big Island, the Tinman Triathlon challenges and inspires all participants. This very popular annual event along O'ahu's scenic south shore includes a 750-meter swim, 40K bike ride, and a 10K run around Diamond Head. For more information, visit TinmanHawaii.com.

◆ **July 28-31, 2010**

Kaua'i Music Festival – Learn songwriting from some of the best writers in America at this four-day celebration of the arts. Consult one-on-one with award-winning composers, Grammy-winning producers, and top A&R and industry people who can really make a difference for attendees. For more information, visit KauaiMusicFestival.com.

◆ **July 31 – August 1, 2010**

Heiva I Kauai Iaorana Tahiti (Kaua'i) – This international Tahitian dance competition held at Kapa'a Beach Park features solo and group performances, in addition to traditional and contemporary Tahitian style drumming. Multi-cultural workshops and exhibitions, Tahitian dance, and singing are also featured. For more information, visit TikiriPolynesianInstruments.com/heivaikauai/index.htm.

AUGUST 2010

◆ **August 2-6, 2010**

Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Holding its 51st annual tournament, The Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament consists of five days of fishing off the beautiful Kona Coast and several social and cultural events throughout the week. Over 30 teams from around the world are expected to compete for the coveted Governor's Trophy. For more information, visit HIBTFishing.com.

◆ **August 15, 2010**

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival (O'ahu) – Founded in 1982 on O'ahu to honor Gabby "Pops" Pahinui and perpetuate the unique tradition of *kī ho'alu* (Hawaiian slack key guitar), this festival has since expanded to Hawai'i's Big Island, Kaua'i, and Maui who each honor Uncle Gabby in their own island-style. The O'ahu event is held at Kapi'olani Park and brings out the biggest names in Hawaiian slack key music, and also features local food and island crafts. For more information, visit SlackKeyFestival.com.

◆ **August 19, 2010**

The Joy of Sake (O'ahu) – This is the largest sake-tasting event held outside Japan, with over 270 sakes on display. The samples guests enjoy are also submitted as entries to the U.S. National Sake Appraisal, a rigorous blind tasting with ten judges from Japan and the U.S. Honolulu's finest restaurants are also represented as local chefs prepare sushi and other tantalizing dishes to complement the sake. For more information, visit JoyofSake.com.

◆ **August 20-21, 2010**

International Haari Boat Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Learn more about the Okinawan culture at this annual event honoring the traditional *sabani* (Okinawan fishing boat). Cheer on your favorite team in the Haari boat races, as groups row in tandems with speed and harmony down the Wailoa River in Hilo and compete for top honors in three divisions. Following the races, stick around for an open market featuring Okinawan cuisine, cultural exhibits, and entertainment. For more information, visit HaariBoatFestival.com.

◆ **August 20-22, 2010**

Made In Hawaii Festival (O'ahu) – Popular among visitors and residents alike, more than 400 exhibitors offer everything that is made in Hawai'i, from art to clothing, food, home furnishings, jewelry, toys, fresh produce, plants, and

Hawaiian handicrafts. Attendees enjoy free cooking demonstrations and live musical performances. The event is held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall and Arena. For more information, visit MadeInHawaiiFestival.com.

◆ **August 22-28, 2010**

Duke's Ocean Fest (O'ahu) – The Duke's weeklong Ocean Fest will feature a variety of ocean sports events and a beach volleyball tournament in honor of the legend, Duke Kahanamoku. The fest will also raise funds the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation's (OKDF) college scholarships and athletic grants program. A few of the events happening in the week's festivities are the ISA/ITSA World Tandem Surf Title, Corona Extra Volleyball Classic, and Duke's lei draping. For more information, visit DukeFoundation.org.

◆ **August 28-29, 2010**

Greek Festival (O'ahu) – This annual attraction celebrating Greek food, live music, and culture is held at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park and is sponsored by the St. Constantine and St. Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. For more information, visit GreekFestivalHawaii.com.

◆ **August TBD**

Mango Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – This attraction dedicates an entire day to the fruit that grows so abundantly in the Hawaiian Islands. The celebration begins at the Keauhou Farmers Market with a Mango Experience featuring presentations, mango-themed arts and crafts, and lots of mango-flavored delights. Later in the evening, the Keauhou Beach Resort prepares a Mango-Inspired Dinner complete with mango-infused cocktails. For more information, visit KeauhouFarmersMarket.com.

◆ **August – September TBD**

Hawai'i Island Festival – 30 Days of Aloha (Hawai'i's Big Island) –

Hawai'i's Big Island celebrates Hawaiian culture and tradition with an entire month of activities and events featuring music, dance, and more. Signature events include a Ms. Aloha Nui pageant, a Poke Contest, and the Kindy Sproat Falsetto Contest. For more information, visit HawaiiIslandFestival.org.

◆ **August – December TBD**

Hawai'i Healing Garden Festival (Statewide) – This event focuses on health and wellness, organic farms, cooking classes, and the healing arts of Polynesian, Hawaiian, Chinese, and Filipino cultures. For more information, visit HawaiiHealthGuide.com.

SEPTEMBER 2010

◆ **September 4-5, 2010**

Okinawan Festival (O'ahu) – From its humble beginnings to the status of being one of Hawai'i's premier ethnic festivals, the Okinawan Festival continues to share the Okinawan culture with the public through intriguing exhibits and demonstrations, exciting cultural performances, and delicious traditional delicacies such as pig's feet soup and *andagi* (Okinawan doughnut). For more information, visit OkinawanFestival.com.

◆ **September 5, 2010**

The Kaua'i Marathon – This 26.2-mile race promises to keep runners inspired as the course features sparkling blue waters, pristine white sand beaches, and lush rainforests of Kaua'i. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities. For more information, visit TheKauaiMarathon.com.

◆ **September 10, 2010**

Mealani's A Taste of the Hawaiian Range (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Indulge your appetite as local chefs invent mouth-watering dishes that showcase Hawai'i's diverse agriculture. Chefs create dishes using locally grown, range-fed meats and complemented by fresh Big Island vegetables. For more information, visit CTAHR.Hawaii.edu/Taste.

◆ **September 10, 2010**

The Joy of Food and Wine (O'ahu) – A food lovers and wine connoisseurs delight held at the luxurious Halekulani Hotel in Waikīkī, this event features a collection of the world's finest wines paired with the exquisite French culinary creations of Chef Yves Garnier. For more information, visit Halekulani.com.

◆ **September 17-19, 2010**

Maui Marathon and Half-Marathon – Recognized as one of the 10 most scenic marathons in the country this road race sends runners across Maui's mountains and seaside highways, and within 50 feet of the Pacific Ocean at times. For more information, visit MauiMarathon.com.

◆ **September 19-25, 2010**

Kaua'i Mokihana Festival – Named in honor of the highly treasured, light violet Mokihana flower and green berry found only in Kaua'i's forests, the festival is a great opportunity to experience the rich Hawaiian heritage of the island through folk crafts, music, and dance. For more information, visit MalieFoundation.org.

◆ **September 26, 2010**

He Halia Aloha No Ka Queen Lili'uokalani Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – *Hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the world come together to present memorable performances in celebration of the birthday of Hawai'i's beloved

Queen Lili'uokalani, in the beautiful surroundings of her historical namesake Japanese-styled gardens in central Hilo. For more information, call 808-961-8706.

◆ **September 26, 2010**

Na Wahine O Ke Kai (Moloka'i, O'ahu) – Founded in 1979, this prestigious women's Moloka'i to O'ahu canoe race has flourished over the years and attracted paddlers from all over the world. Celebrate and honor their endurance, devotion and sportsmanship, as more than 70 teams of women race to cross the challenging Kaiwi Channel. For more information, visit NaWahineOKeKai.com.

◆ **September 26, 2010**

Honolulu Century Ride (O'ahu) – Hawai'i's premier bicycling event features one of the most beautiful routes in the world. Riders cycle from Waikiki and skirt by scenic Diamond Head and through Kāhala before heading up to O'ahu's eastern and windward shores and back. For more information, visit HBL.org.

◆ **September TBD**

Hawai'i Writers Conference (O'ahu) – Formerly known as the Maui Writers Conference, this prestigious event is now held in Honolulu. The conference brings together some of the best literary minds from around the world in the fields of fiction, nonfiction, and screenwriting, and also offers exciting and insightful workshops on different styles of writing. For more information, visit HawaiiWriters.org.

◆ **September TBD**

Aloha Festivals (O'ahu) – Preserving the unique island traditions for the past 60 years, Aloha Festivals is a cultural celebration of Hawai'i's music, dance and history, the festival features pageantry, parades, street parties, concerts, and family activities. Some of the highlights include the Waikiki Ho'olaule'a and the floral parade. For more information, visit AlohaFestivals.com.

◆ **September TBD**

Mānoa Jazz Festival (O'ahu) – In the magnificent outdoor setting of the UH Mānoa's Andrews Amphitheatre, this festival promises a cool night of hot jazz with a world-class lineup of artists, including some of Hawai'i's best jazz musicians. For more information, visit Outreach.Hawaii.edu/Community.

OCTOBER 2010

◆ **October 2-3, 2010**

Kauai Coconut Festival – This annual event highlights the cultural, social, and historical importance of the coconut. There is something for everyone at the festival with entertainment, cultural displays, cooking demonstrations, and unique coconut foods. For more information, visit KBAKauai.org.

◆ **October 9, 2010**

Eo e Emalani i Alaka'i (Kaua'i) –Each year, *kumu hula* (Hula masters) and their dancers honor Hawai'i's beloved Queen Emma with inspiring performances that make for a truly authentic and powerful Hawaiian cultural experience. Queen Emma made many contributions to her people and the land, and this event pays tribute to her humanitarian spirit. For more information, visit Kokee.org.

◆ **October 9, 2010**

Ford Ironman World Championship (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Witness 1,700 of the strongest triathletes compete in one of the biggest challenges that sports has to offer, the Ford Ironman World Championship in Kona. The endurance test includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon run through tough ocean waves and challenging lava-covered terrain. This event truly defines the sport where “average” people get to compete alongside the best in the world. For more information, visit IronMan.com.

◆ **October 10, 2010**

Moloka'i Hoe (Moloka'i, O'ahu) – This men's event attracts more than 100 teams of canoe paddlers from around the world for a treacherous race across the Kaiwi Channel. It starts at Hale O Lono Harbor on Moloka'i and finishes at Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki across 41 miles of open-ocean. For more information, visit MolokaiHoe.org.

◆ **October 10, 2010**

Hawai'i Fishing and Seafood Festival (O'ahu) – The Pacific Island Fisheries Group presents an action-packed day with events for fishing fanatics, seafood lovers, and the entire family at Honolulu's Fishing Village at Pier 38. Demonstrations and workshops are held throughout the day for various fishing and fishing-related activities: shoreline whipping, fish printing, and spin casting for the kids. Hawai'i's top restaurants will also be serving up special seafood dishes for the day. For more information, visit FishToday.org.

◆ **October 14-24, 2010**

Hawai'i International Film Festival (O'ahu) – With more than a dozen screening sites on six islands, Hawai'i's premier film festival presents feature films, documentaries, and short subjects as well as seminars, workshops, special award presentations, and receptions. For more information, visit HIFF.org.

◆ **October 21-23, 2010**

Mālama Ola/Hawaiiana Festival (Kaua'i) – Rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa with presentations and classes in Hawaiian healing practices. Guests can learn the uses of *Lā'au lapa'au* (Hawaiian healing plants), the importance of *mana* (spirit) in health, and the practice of *ho'oponopono* (to make things right). Classes in hula aerobics, Hawaiian martial arts, yoga, and lomi lomi massage are also offered. For more information, visit KauaiFestivals.com.

◆ **October 23, 2010**

XTERRA Makena Beach 10K Trail Run (Maui) – Experience an off-road thriller on a trail winding through Maui's forests, dodging cactus, and past stunning oceanfront scenery. The top male and female finisher will win a roundtrip ticket from any West Coast Hawaiian Airlines gateway to Honolulu. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com.

◆ **October 24, 2010**

XTERRA World Championship Off-road Triathlon (Maui) – This extreme sport triathlon tests the endurance of qualified athletes from more than 20 countries through a Maui course noted for its rough terrain and climate. The course begins with a 1.5K swim, followed by a 30K bike ride around Heartbreak Hill, and ends with an 11K trail run to Wailea Beach. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com.

◆ **October TBD**

Kaua'i Aloha Festivals – This long-standing festival is celebrated throughout the state to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture. On the Garden Isle, the festivities include a parade and *ho'olaule'a*. For more information, call 808-245-6931.

◆ **October TBD**

Aloha Festivals, Maui Nui Style – The islands of Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i honor the Hawaiian culture with a weeklong celebration of events. The week's lineup of events include a parade and *ho'olaule'a* (celebration), fishing tournament, *keiki* (child) *mu'umu'u* (woman's gown) and aloha shirt contest, and lots of music, food, and dance. For more information, visit FestivalsofAloha.com.

◆ **October TBD**

Princess Ka'iulani Festival (Maui) – The Maui community comes together to commemorate the life of Princess Ka'iulani who was heir to the Hawaiian

kingdom during Queen Lili'uokalani's reign. Ka'iulani was of Hawaiian and Scottish heritage and as such the festivities include food, exhibits, children's contests and other activities all representing both cultures. For more information, visit IsleofMauiPipeBand.com.

NOVEMBER 2010

◆ November 5-14, 2010

Kona Coffee Cultural Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – Hawai'i's oldest food festival features over 50 events in Kona including coffee plantation and mill tours, a Grand Parade, the Miracle Mile Race, golf tournament, art exhibits, and recipe contest. For more information, visit KonaCoffeeFest.com.

◆ November 19-21, 2010

International Waikiki Hula Conference (O'ahu) – Hula dancers and fans from around the world gather at this three-day conference at the Hawai'i Convention Center to learn, share, and experience hula with many local hula masters. For more information, visit WaikikiHulaConference.com.

◆ November 22-24, 2010

EA Sports Maui Invitational – Hosted by Chaminade University of Honolulu, the EA Sports Maui Invitational is considered the best early-season college basketball tournament with the nation's top ranked programs competing in front of a jam-packed crowd at the Lahaina Civic Center. For more information, visit MauiInvitational.com.

◆ November TBD

Moku O Keawe International Festival (Hawai'i's Big Island) – This festival features *hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the world showing their interpretation of the hula along with workshops and various cultural classes at the Waikoloa Beach Resort. For more information, visit MOKIF.com.

◆ **November TBD**

World Invitational Hula Festival (O'ahu) – *Hula hālau* (hula schools) from around the Pacific Rim gather to celebrate the Hawaiian culture and language at the Waikīkī Shell. Their performances in traditional and contemporary hula are judged by *kumu hula* (masters). For more information, visit WorldHula.com.

◆ **November – December TBD**

Vans Triple Crown of Surfing (O'ahu) – The most successful professional surfing series in the world takes place on O'ahu's North Shore with three competitions each for men and women:

Men:

- ◆ \$125,000 Reef Hawaiian Pro at Hale'iwa's Ali'i Beach
- ◆ \$125,000 O'Neil World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach
- ◆ \$280,000 Billabong Pipeline Masters at Banzai Pipeline

Women:

- ◆ \$30,000 Reef Hawaiian Pro at Hale'iwa's Ali'i Beach
- ◆ \$67,500 Roxy Pro at Sunset Beach
- ◆ \$67,500 Billabong Pro Maui at Honolua Bay

For more information, visit TripleCrownofSurfing.com.

DECEMBER 2010

◆ **December 5, 2010**

XTERRA Trail Running World Championship (O'ahu) – This half-marathon event features an off-road course across hills, flat valley trails, and streams throughout Kualoa Ranch. As participants work their way to the finish line, they'll be treated to picturesque views of Ka'a'awa Valley and the white sandy beach on O'ahu's northeast shore. For more information, visit XterraPlanet.com.

◆ **December 12, 2010**

Honolulu Marathon (O'ahu) – One of the world's largest and most festive road races, the Honolulu Marathon's 26.2-mile scenic course includes spectacular views alongside world famous Waikīkī Beach and Diamond Head.

For more information, visit HonoluluMarathon.org.

◆ **December 22, 23, & 25, 2010**

Diamond Head Classic (O'ahu) – This collegiate basketball tournament takes court at the University of Hawai'i's Stan Sheriff Center featuring an eight-team, 12-game bracket format. The tournament is a partnership between the

University of Hawaii and ESPN. For more information, visit DiamondHeadClassic.com.

◆ **December 24, 2010**

Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl (O'ahu) – One of college football's most exciting bowl games played at Aloha Stadium just before Christmas. The game continues to be the first non-all-star post-season game in Hawai'i since December 2000 when the Oahu Bowl and the Aloha Bowl were played in Honolulu. For more information, visit SheratonHawaiiBowl.com.

◆ **December 31, 2010**

New Year's Eve Fireworks Celebration (O'ahu) – Aloha Tower Marketplace lights up the New Year with waterfront dining, shopping, multiple stages of free live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display over Honolulu Harbor.

Visitors can participate in free giveaways, face painting, balloon animals, and more. For more information, visit AlohaTower.com.

◆ **December TBD**

Honolulu City Lights (O'ahu) – The Christmas spirit comes alive in downtown Honolulu with the annual Honolulu City Lights celebration. Every year,

Honolulu Hale and the Civic Center grounds are transformed into a spectacular Christmas display that features various themed Christmas trees and wreaths, gingerbread houses, and gigantic statues of Mr. and Mrs. Claus – Hawaiian style. The opening night kicks off the month long celebration with various food booths, *keiki* (child) rides, the annual Tree-Lighting Ceremony, Electric Light Parade, and entertainment. For more information, visit HonoluluCityLights.org.

◆ **December TBD**

The Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau (O'ahu) – In the ultimate challenge of man versus the sea, a selective group of the world's big wave surfers compete in conditions not less than 20-foot plus waves at Waimea Bay on the infamous North Shore of O'ahu. Challengers compete for a purse prize of \$98K while honoring the legacy of Hawai'i waterman Eddie Aikau. For more information, visit Live.Quiksilver.com/2009/eddie.

◆ **December TBD**

Festival of Lights/Lights on Rice Parade (Kaua'i) – The island of Kaua'i kicks off the holidays with the annual lighting of Christmas decorations on the grounds of the Historic County Building. Live local entertainment, Christmas caroling, and a float parade down Rice Street are some of the night's activities. For more information, call 808-245-6931.

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