

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

*[Valid from January 1, 2006 through March 17, 2007]*

In consideration of the services of Southern California Outrigger Racing Association, its member clubs, their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (hereinafter collectively referred to as "SCORA"), I hereby agree to release, indemnify, and discharge SCORA, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that my participation in paddling an outrigger canoe entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the activity.

**The risks include, among other things:** boat capsize; tidal conditions and currents; travel in remote areas; collision with objects or other watercraft; prolonged exposure to cold water, hypothermia, accidental drowning; illness in remote areas; exposure to sun, strong wind, cold, storms, large waves, eddies and whirlpools, and lightning; aggressive and/or poisonous marine life; wrist, arm, shoulder, and/or back injuries; slips and falls while getting in and out of the canoe; and rapidly changing adverse weather and water conditions.

Furthermore, SCORA organizers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness or abilities. They might misjudge the weather, the elements, or the terrain. They may give inadequate warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.

2. I acknowledge, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of outrigger canoe paddling and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity.

3. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in this activity. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks.

4. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCORA from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of SCORA's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of SCORA.**

5. Should SCORA or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such fees and costs.

6. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I further certify that I am willing to assume the risk of any medical or physical condition I may have.

7. In the event that I file a lawsuit against SCORA, I agree to do so solely in the state of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against SCORA on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street	Apt.#	City (Spell out Completely)	State/Zip
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Phone #: Hm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: Hm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION**  
**(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (print minor's name) ("Minor") being permitted by SCORA to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCORA from any and all Claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation by Minor.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_