SPORT PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing. Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with The **Paddling Athletes Association**, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to**:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for drowning, broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that my result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
3. I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AND A LEASH SECURELY ANCHORING ME TO MY VESSEL AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN. However, protective gear and leash cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging ocean conditions, weather, or other obstacles.
5. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result in heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
6. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lighting, severe and or varied wind, hazardous waves and ocean conditions, temperature and other weather conditions.
7. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
8. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
9. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death**.

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that:

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH,** or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees.

___ **Paddling Athletes Association** ____

2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

PROMOTIONAL RIGHTS WAIVER

The undersigned grants The Paddling Athletes Association and its representatives permission to telecast, show and/or print land publish any and all pictures taken of me or the crew collectively in conjunction with any Paddling Athletes Association event, the undersigned releases The Paddling Athletes Association and its representatives all rights to publication and/or other use of aforementioned pictures for their brochures, or other promotional and/or other printed material without remuneration.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

S/_____ _____ _____

Signature of Adult Participant **Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)** **Date**

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

S/_____ _____

Signature of Parent or adult legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor, and by their signature, they on my behalf release all claims that both they and I have **Name of Parent or adult legal Guardian (Please Print)**

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Name of Minor (Please Print) **Date**

Participant Information:

_____ _____ _____

Vessel (OC1, OC2, SS1, V1, OC6 400lb, OC6 Open, Pdlbrd Stock, Pdlbrd Open, SUP Stock, SUP Open) **Sex (M, F)** **Division (Jr, 18-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+, Mix)**

Pinky's Open Ocean Challege Race _____ _____

Name of Event **ID number (Will be issued by PA'A)** **For OC6 entrants, Team name**