



Our vision for the future...

Boca Hawaii realizes the importance of making good decisions. We take into consideration the environmental impact our events may have on our islands. We want to be an encouraging model addressing environmental and social concerns that affect the racing community. In turn, responsible event production can build value in our events which improves awareness of participants and host communities. We need everyone's participation to achieve these goals.

WHAT IS BOCA CURRENTLY DOING...

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

- We purchase race food from Honolulu and Kailua owned bakeries
- We order fresh fruits from local produce sources
- We sometimes donate to local groups (schools, clubs) for aid station assistance

REDUCE & REUSE MATERIALS OUR SHOP/OFFICE

- Minimize the use of plastic bags
- Reuse office papers, using both sides; print less
- Soon to start with *Little Sprouts*, a Kailua based children's boutique: Recycle energy bar wrapper drive that raises money for charity
- Recycle cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and metal and office paper in our shop, office and races

PRE RACE:

- Use paper envelopes instead of plastic bags for packet pick-up
- Encourage athletes to check race info in our website: www.bocahawaii.com instead of printing race info for each athlete
- Encourage athletes to sign up online

DURING RACE:

- Keep excellent maintenance of race equipment in order to use and reuse: signs, cones, banners, table cloths, flags...everything that you see and don't see during race day.
- We also rent, borrow, and/or lend to others events
- Coaches and volunteers for events try to carpool when possible
- Provide temporary recycle bins at race site

WHAT BOCA WANTS TO DO IN THE NEAR FUTURE... WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

RECREATE & REDUCE

- Instead of participant t-shirts, give away attractive sponsor decorated reusable bags, water bottles, race towels, etc...
- Create "green" awards for races instead of regular medals and trophies (Flat tires tubes: for a cycling race one year, we created medals out of old bike tubes and chain rings—athletes were very supportive and enjoyed the creativity)
- Encourage online sign up for races and clinics
- Check race info at www.bocahawaii.com

ATTITUDE CHECK

- A good attitude can go a long way to "clean up" the mental environment of a race. Help to create a good feeling among participants and thus create openness to new ideas. How is your attitude during a race situation?

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- **BRING YOUR OWN SWIM CAP DURING OUR RACES**
- **INVEST IN A RACE BELT TO AVOID UNNECESSARY PINS DISCARDED IN ENVIRONMENT**
- **DISPOSE OF RACE FOOD WRAPPERS RESPONSIBLY ON RACE COURSE (NEAR AID STATIONS OR HOLD IN CLOTHING UNTIL END)**
- **WHEN POSSIBLE, USE OWN WATER BOTTLE INSTEAD OF DISPOSABLE CUPS**
- **WHEN POSSIBLE, CARPOOL TO RACE SITE**

We are open for ideas ...Let us know!