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Cruise News

Halloween - 10/31/04

The 4th Annual Halloween "Nude" Cruise has been set for Sunday afternoon, October 31. We will cruise on the Maui Magic which will leave from Slip #55 at Maalaea Harbor. Boarding will start around 12:30 for a 1 PM departure. We will return at approx 4:30 PM. As usual, the Magic will provide sodas, beer, wine, snorkel gear, "noodles," and a water slide. We ask that each cruiser bring a pupu to share.



Due to the overwhelming success of the costume contest we held during last year's cruise, we will do it again this year. There will be prizes for first, second

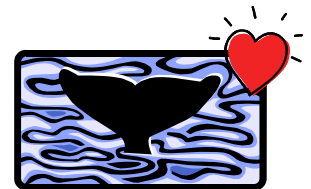
and maybe third place winners as encouragement for participation. Last year's costumes were outstanding but I'm sure there is enough creativity in the group to

do them one better this year.

As usual, bring plenty of sunscreen, hat, dark glasses etc. and **please** remember to bring a tip for the crew. Our tips make them amenable to going out for a second trip that day. If they were not willing, we would have to take a morning cruise at 2-3 times the cost (or more) so we want to keep them happy.☀

Valentine's-Whale Watch - 2/13/05

We have confirmed Sunday, February 13 as the day for our 9th Annual Valentines Whale Watch "Nude" Cruise. It will be an afternoon trip and if past cruises are an indication, the whales will be waiting for us. Full details will be in the next Newsletter.☀



Beach Update

The weather has continued to be different this Summer as it was all Winter and Spring. There have been many big swells from the Southwest and these continue to change the shape of both Big and Little Beach. We updated the website in late April with new pictures of Little Beach due to changes from a swell 4/24-27. July saw another big swell and changes in the profile of the beach. As recent as the end of August the North and South ends of Little Beach were eroded one day and back the next. We will try to monitor these changes and post updated photos on the website (www.littlebeachmaui.com) as **significant** changes occur. It there is not a recent update it means that there has not been a significant change to report, or something did happen but before we could photograph it, it had reversed itself. Overall, the beach has come back from the pounding it took early this year, but it's not back to its regular, normal profile.☀



Nude Recreation Week Cruise Report

Our 7th Annual Nude Recreation Week cruise was held Sunday, July 11. 24 avid cruisers were treated to a day of water fun in the Molokini crater. Perhaps the most notable part of the cruise was the trip back to Maalaea Harbor. Another south swell was present and as we departed Molokini the trade winds started howling across the central part of Maui which created a very disturbed ocean. We did not cruise past Little Beach due to the swell but had to hang on tightly as the boat wallowed in the high, heavy chop all the way to the harbor. It was definitely a ride to remember. ☀



Camping at Makena Beach State Park ?



On Friday, Sept 3, The Maui News featured an article on its front page stating that “the DNLR has launched a new program that would grant leases to private concessionaires to build, operate and manage campgrounds in Hawaii State Parks.” One of the prime opportunities on Maui is Makena, according to DNLR Director Peter Young. If the public shows enough interest in this concept, then a series of public meetings will be held to help determine the scope and shape of the activity. The full text of the article, which appeared on September 3, can be found at <http://www.mauinews.com/story.aspx?id=941>.

Those interested in voicing an opinion can contact the DLNR by e-mail at DLNR@hawaii.gov, by telephone at (808) 587-0320 (or toll free at 984-2400, ext. 7-0320#), by fax at (808) 587-0390 or by regular mail at Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu 96809.

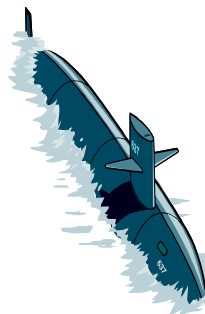
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In Memorium

Ann and Gerry Nash of Penryn, CA have made a donation to Friends of Little Beach “in memory of Oji, Carl J. Welland, a citizen of Little Beach for over four decades.” Many of you will remember Oji with his cane on the beach. He suffered from Parkinson’s Disease for the last years of his life. ☀

Sub Sighting



On Wednesday, Sept 1, at approximately 4 PM, a submarine was sighted traveling between Molokini and Kahoolawe in a Northwesterly direction. Presumably it was a US Navy sub and obviously it was not submerged. It continued on its way and as long as it could be seen was staying south of Lanai. ☀

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