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Message From Da Mayor

Helloha,

Well, it's been a while but I'm still here, just not there. There's only one thing I can think of I'd rather do that be over there on LB on a regular basis. But, for the time being I just can't be there.

Before I get into the cruises I'd like all of you to know that we now have a DLNR enforcement officer living in the Park behind Big Beach. His responsibilities are for more than just the state park but he will come over whenever called. His name is Buzz and his number is 283-2678. I've known him for a longtime so don't be shy about calling if something, anytime needs to be rectified. Please use my name.



The cruises. Our Halloween cruise was pretty good. Unfortunately it was on Halloween Day so we lost some cruisers to the Lahaina celebration. We had a great time as usual. For the second time FOLB offered prizes for the top three best costumes. The boat crew members were the judges. First place went to Tom and Bobbi, second to Jerry, and third to Gloria and Jonathan (a tie). All participants are to be thanked for their innovative costumes. Next year will be booked so confirm early and start thinking about costumes. Next was our Valentine cruise. Whales, Dolphins and Turtles abounded for this outing. So kids, remember to book early for any cruise because we had to turn people down for this one. These cruises are becoming so popular that people on the Valentines cruise wanted to sign up for the next ones while on the cruise. Shortly after the cruise we confirmed the next 3 cruise dates so you will find more info about them elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Unfortunately, this next cruise will be the first FOLB cruise that I am going to miss. I know, but you'll just have to get along and have fun without me. Designate someone to be the first clothes taker-offer. I'm going to be on the mainland for almost two months! I'll be back here for the Halloween cruise with bells on, so to speak.

So you all enjoy. The pictures should be worth a thousand pieces of clothing.

Looking forward to seeing more of you!

Morehalo,

Tom

Nude Cruise Updates

To help celebrate National Nude Recreation Week July 4-10, Friends of Little Beach will sponsor its 8th Annual Nude Rec Week Nude Cruise on Sunday, July 10. We sail again on the Maui Magic, from Slip #55 in Maalaea Harbor. We will board the boat around 12:45 for a 1PM departure, and will return around 4PM. As usual, the boat will provide soda, beer and wine for the cruisers. We ask each cruiser to bring a pupu to share. Since it is high summer, make sure you bring plenty of sunscreen, hats or caps, towels and a big smile. There will be snorkel gear and a water slide on the boat. The whales are gone for the season, but there is a good chance of seeing sea turtles and dolphins. A lot of manta rays have been seen recently in the waters off Kihei, so we may sight some of them also.



The cost for this cruise is \$45 for members of FOLB, \$85 per member couple, and \$50 for non-FOLB members. An email to Dave at mauidaves@verizon.net will get your name on the reservation list while a check to FOLB, PO Box 841, Pu'unene HI 96784 will confirm your reservation. Several of our recent cruises have been sold out, so get your reservations and payments in early.

FOLB Annual Dues Due

This is a reminder for those of you who have not renewed your annual membership in FOLB that your dues are due. Please use the form included with this newsletter. Also, please remember to send us your new email or USPS address when you change it. We have lost track of many on our mailing lists due to lack of notification of a new address.

Nude Cruise Updates *continued*

We have also confirmed the following dates for our future cruises.

Sunday, Oct 30, 2005, 5th Annual Halloween Cruise

Sunday, Feb 12, 2006, 10th Annual Valentines Cruise

If you want to confirm a reservation on either of these cruises, you can send us a check now and the price for the Halloween and Valentines cruise will be the same as for the upcoming July cruise.

Our Valentine’s Cruise last February 13 was another sell-out success. 50 happy cruisers spent a sunny afternoon on the water off Maui. Many whales were sighted, and a school of dolphins swam along with the boat during our trip.☀




Little Beach Beat

South Maui was hit with several storms in Jan and Feb with Kihei receiving over 4 inches of rain. We are already over the annual average rainfall for this area. Fortunately, Little Beach was spared of any major beach erosion during all the storms and swells. The beach changed its profile almost on a daily basis but not in a major way. The north end of Big Beach washed out in late April but recovered within a week.

On the politics/budget front, in January, Mayor Alan Arakawa asked State legislative money committees to include \$430,000 for the county to hire lifeguards for Makena State Park. This request, along with others, was part of his annual presentation to State Legislators. It is estimated by DLNR that up to 3,000 people visit the park and use its beaches daily. As has been reported previously in this Newsletter, four individuals drowned off the Park beaches in 2004. We all know that many, many swimmers have been assisted (“saved”) by Frank and other Little Beach regulars which go unreported. Countless numbers of injuries have probably gone unreported also. However, Gov. Lingle removed the requested funds from the State Park budget request a week later.☀

AANR Affiliation Update

 I am pleased to report that as of this writing, 26 FOLB members have joined or renewed their AANR membership through our club. This great response means that FOLB remains a strong AANR Club Member. While this number exceeds the minimum requirement, it would be great if those of you who are still thinking about joining/renewing your membership in AANR do it through FOLB. As stated before, we may need AANR’s resources sometime in the future so the strength of our club standing will help us receive those resources. Mahalo for your support.☀

Kudos Again

Jonathan Lehman, our webmaster, has branched out again by returning to one of his favorite pastimes. He has always been interested in acting and in theater production so he tried out for a part in *Man of La Mancha* early this year. It was produced by Maui OnStage and performed at the Iao Theater in April. He was cast as Sancho Panza, squire to Don Quixote, one of the three main leads. The production received high raves from The Maui News noting that “newcomer Jonathan provided refreshing new talent for Maui theater.” We saw one of the first performances and can strongly agree that his singing and acting were outstanding. Kudos Jonathan!☀



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