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Cruise News

The 6th Annual Halloween Nude Cruise is a GO! Our cruise is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 29, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. We will cruise on the Paragon, a sailing catamaran out of Slip 72 at Maalaea Harbor. After we leave the harbor under motor power, the engines will be turned off and the boat will move under wind/sail power. Our cruise will take us to Coral Gardens for an hour of swimming, snorkeling and other water and sun fun. There will be snorkeling gear on board for our use.



This boat has a certified capacity of 49 passengers but the operators limit their commercial cruises to 38 passengers for their comfort. Since most of us have cruised together before, we are going to up the number to 42 cruisers. There is not as much bench-style seating available on this boat as on our previous

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From the Mayor..

Aloha,

Last winter, Tom Collins retired as Mayor, and I accepted the appointment.

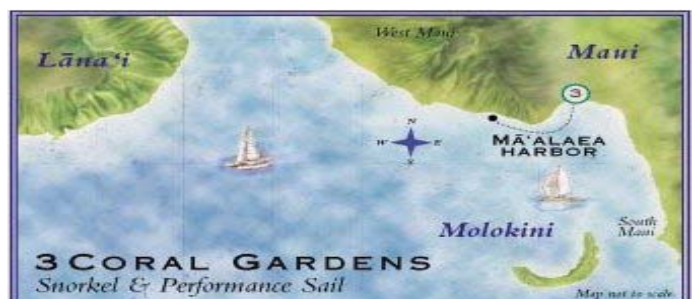


Just a little about me: I am a transplant from the Philadelphia area and have lived here for a little over 11 years. I have been known as “Butt Man” and “Bird Man”. The names have nothing to do with any parts of my anatomy. I have been seen cleaning up butts and feeding the birds, hence the names.

I don't know exactly what my responsibilities as Mayor are. Basically, I think of greeting newcomers and informing them of some of the things going on at Little Beach. I would like them to feel welcomed, safe and have a fun time. I have made so many good friends here, both Kama'aina and year after year seasonal visitors. Little Beach is such a beautiful beach, and we all try to keep it clean and trouble free. We try to resolve our differences ourselves rather than bring in outside negative attention.

I would like take this time to thank Tom Collins for the great job he did as Mayor. I would also like to recognize Dave and Miriam Swanson for keeping our group afloat. I would like to especially thank Dave for his relentless efforts in obtaining another boat for our nude cruises. A special thanks also goes out to Jonathan Lehman, who keeps up the website.

Mahalo, Jerry



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boats but it is spread around the boat more. There is seating in the "inside" serving area also. After viewing the boat at the harbor, we have decided that the configuration is not good for a costume contest as we have had in the past, so we are suspending that for this cruise. We will continue to evaluate this for future cruises.

This has been set up as a basic charter, so we are asking each cruiser to bring a pu'pu to share as a mid-afternoon snack. Friends of Little Beach will supply beer, wine and sodas.

Due to the limit on the number of cruisers we are willing to accept, we have to make two changes for this cruise. The first is that the cost is going up. The new costs are: \$55 per person non-member of FOLB/AANR, \$50 per member with no member couple discount. The second change is that we must insist on full payment to reserve a place on the cruise. In the past we have been lax and allowed cruisers to pay onboard. In a couple of cases, some non-paid folks did not show up while we had already turned away others, thinking we had reached the limit. So, no more nice guys here. We must receive payment to confirm a reservation and it is all on a first-come, first-served basis.

So, send us a check, grab your towel and sunscreen and join us on the Paragon for our Halloween Nude Cruise on Sunday Oct 29 at slip 72 in Maalaea Harbor. ✨

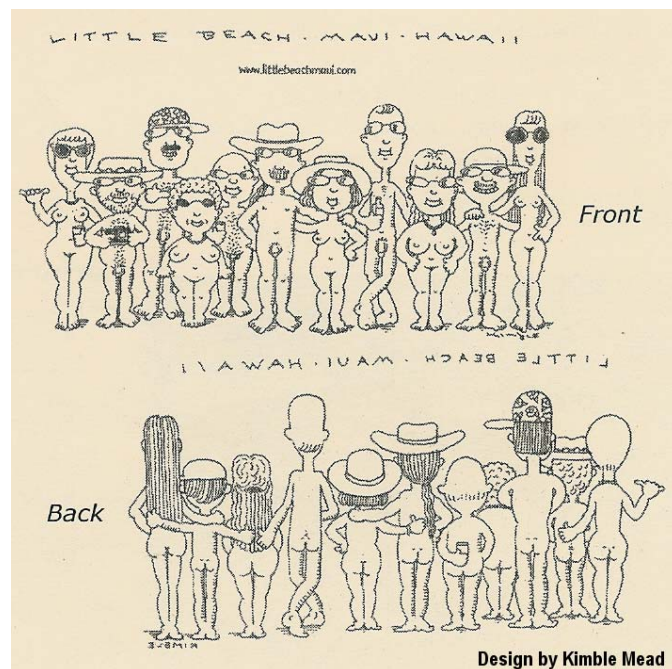
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Tee Shirts And Tank Tops

We have ordered more of each and expect them to be here by mid-Sept. The cost is still \$15 each. Postage is \$4.05 to send one or two, except for sizes XL and XXL where postage is \$4.05 for each. Order yours now while all sizes are available. ✨



Shark News



On Wed., July 19, 2 kayakers encountered 2 sharks off Sugar Beach in North Kihei. The sharks followed the kayakers for about 10 anxious minutes and then swam off. The kayakers reported this encounter to officials who closed the beach area and used jet-skis to search for shark activity. No sightings were made so the beach was reopened 3 hours later. ✨



Makena State Park Update

On Sat. Aug 5, State Park personnel changed the signs posting the hours the park was open. The new hours posted were 7AM to 6PM. Formerly the posted hours were 5AM to 9PM, with the gates opening at 7AM. The 5-9 hours were agreed upon through meetings and discussions between various members of the public and interested parties and DLNR Park Officials in 1996. These hours were a concession on both sides to keep campers out of the park overnight while still allowing early and late access, especially for fishermen.



These sudden and new, restricted hours of operation were based on what park officials called a safety issue. On Sunday, July 30 enforcement officers were called to Little Beach because of some drinking and disorderly conduct on the part of a few people there. DLNR estimates there were about 300-400 people on the beach at the time. During the attempt to break-up the threatening situation, officials had to escort many over the path across the lava outcropping. This continued well past sunset and the officers felt this had become a major safety hazard and therefore recommended that in the future the beach be empty before sunset.

DLNR enforcement officers were out in force Sunday, Aug 6, as were many of those who normally stay on the beach through sunset. Enforcement officials let the beachgoers stay until the sun set, and then closed the beaches and the Park.

All of this was reported on the front page of The Maui News on Monday which led to a major outcry against DLNR. The headlines on Tuesday morning reported that the hours had been revised again and that park users would be allowed to stay 'til dusk. Peter Young (DLNR Director) agreed that closing the park early deprives park users of seeing the sun set which is one of the most beautiful features of Maui. He stated that closing at dusk is appropriate.

The current posted hours for Makena State Park are 5AM to 7:45 PM. The gates are open from 7AM to 7:45 PM. A check on the sunset times according to NOAA shows that the earliest sunset in Dec is about 5:45 PM and the latest sunset in June is about 7:10. It is unclear at this time whether the 7:45 PM closing is fixed for enforcement or is variable depending on the time of the year. It is fairly clear from local DLNR State Park folks that there will not be more discussion with input from the public on this unilateral DLNR decision. ✨

Makena Resort Development Update

Recently it was reported that Dowling Company Inc. is in the approval process for the development of a 15-acre parcel of land just South of the Maui Prince Hotel. The plan states that several buildings up to 5 stories tall will be built on the site. These will house approximately 70 top-end luxury condos, with prices starting at over \$3 million. The development will be a gated, hi-security condo complex. ✨

MAKENA STATE PARK FACTOID: *A 2004 Hawaii Tourism Authority Report gives the results of a Hawaii State Park Survey conducted by the Authority. It states that Makena State Park receives over 1200 visitors a day, on average, comprised of approximately 500 residents and over 700 visitors.*