

Friends of Little Beach / Maui SunSeekers

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Beach Beat

The winter “storms” came early this year. While the weather has been very good, the beach erosion has started. Starting the second week of January, the north end of Big Beach had literally disappeared, making getting to the path over the lava outcrop very difficult, dangerous and treacherous. As of January 20, Big Beach had not returned. Unlike previous years, the sand on Little Beach has not washed out, leaving a nice generous beach for those who braved the rocks and water on BB side.



On January 12, a visitor from Portland, Oregon drowned after being caught in a rip-tide while swimming off Little Beach. Another man swimming with him was taken to Maui Memorial Medical Center after being brought ashore. He was listed in good condition. Observers stated that the rescue efforts were hampered by the big swell, shore break and generally bad ocean conditions.

On Sunday, January 17, signs were placed at the North end of Big Beach by DLNR officers stating that Little Beach was closed. The reasons were probably due to the dangerous conditions getting to the pathway over the lava as well as the big ocean swell. The signs did not deter many people from venturing over to LB for the usual Sunday afternoon festivities.

The first whales were spotted off the West side in October and have continued to arrive. They are active as usual and many sightings of whales and dolphins have been made

off LB. They are awesome, beautiful creatures.

Friends of Little Beach participated in the AANR World Record Skinny Dip last July to help establish this record. While we recorded only 5 participants this time, we hope more will join us next July to increase our numbers as well as set a new AANR record.



The parking lot situation that we notified you about last August was a one-day “misunderstanding.” A local DLNR officer apparently misinterpreted a recent letter on parking rules and for one day carried out the “park in lined spaces on pavement only” rule. When his supervisor returned to Maui the next day, the misunderstanding was resolved so that parking is now allowed on the sides of the driveway as has always been the case. To clarify the parking rules, new signs have been posted where parking is allowed and not allowed.★

Local Updates



In August, Makena Resort went into foreclosure as Maui developer Everett Dowling and Morgan Stanley Real Estate defaulted on \$575 million loans taken out to create a massive resort, spa and luxury housing on 1800 acres in Makena. Shortly after, the Maui Prince Hotel reopened under new management, Benchmark Hospitality International, as the Makena Beach and Golf Resort. Wells Fargo Bank, the mortgage lenders trustee, said it plans to sell the property at auction this year. Two major property improvements were immediately stopped when foreclosure was announced. Grading and infrastructure installation were underway to create an oceanfront luxury beach club just South of the Hotel. The 16th hole of Makena South Golf Course was sacrificed for this effort. Now, the beach club property has been divided into individual lots and attempts are being made to sell them. As a result of losing the 16th hole, the South Course had been closed for several months and was being redesigned. It was unclear if the signature 15th hole would remain or not. With the foreclosure announcement, all work on the South Course stopped. Currently, only the North Course is available for play.

In September and again in October, Hawaii and Maui County were placed under a tsunami watch. On 9/29 an 8.3 earthquake near Samoa generated the first watch. The second was due to a similar quake near Vanuatu, both in SouthEast Asia. Fortunately there was significant lead time for monitoring ocean activity before any wave fronts

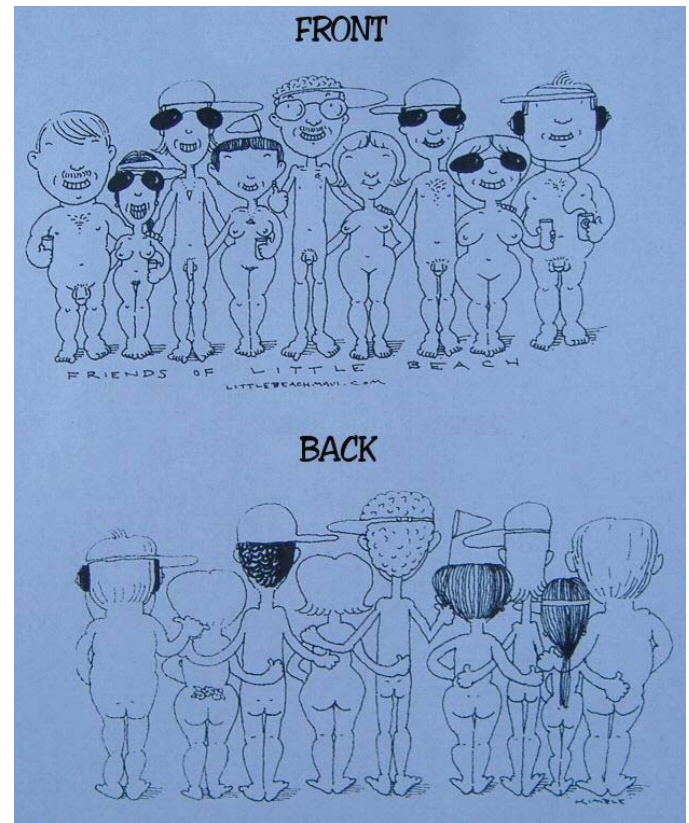
could reach Hawaii. Both watches were cancelled after about 2 hours.

In early November we sent an email to FOLB's mailing list explaining DLNR's effort to start Plan B of the Recreational Renaissance and gave an email address to which you could send comments, especially on the plan to charge non-residents for parking in Makena State Park. Since the closing of the comment period on Nov 19, we have heard nothing more about the plan. We will update you when more is known.★

Club Update

Tee Shirts and Tank Tops are still available for \$15 each plus \$5 for postage. Their color is Carolina Blue and sizes range from Sm to XXlg. We also have a very limited number of the Grey ones left.

Friends of Little Beach Dues are due. Remember, these dues are building a fund to be used in case we need professional help to keep Little Beach clothing optional. Please print and use the attached Application/Renewal form. You can also join or renew you AANR and/or TNS memberships at the same time. Thank you for supporting FOLB.★



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Friends of Little Beach/Maui Sunseekers (FOLB/MSS) Maui, HI (Annual Dues – Charter Membership)	\$15.00	\$25.00
American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) Kissimmee, FL (Annual Membership Dues)	\$38.00	\$68.50
The Naturist Society Oshkosh, WI (Annual Membership Dues)	\$55.00	\$55.00
Two Groups: FOLB/MSS and AANR	\$53.00	\$93.50
Two Groups: FOLB/MSS and TNS	\$70.00	\$80.00
All Three Groups	\$108.00	\$148.50

In addition to their other benefits, both of the national organizations include subscriptions to their periodic publications with their memberships:

- The AANR "Bulletin" is a tabloid style newspaper publication mailed monthly
- TNS mails "N" Magazine quarterly; usually 100+ pages

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