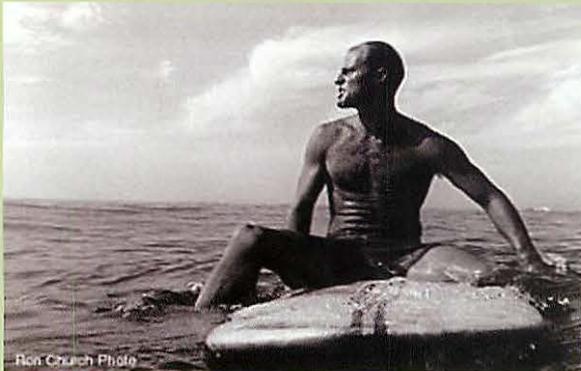


Ricky Grigg Inducted into the Waterman Hall of Fame



Ricky Grigg awaits a wave in a classic photo from the 60s. Photo by Ron Church.

Outrigger's Ricky Grigg was one of four watermen inducted into the Hawaii Waterman Hall of Fame on August 23 in the Koa Lanai by the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku. Grigg, a big wave surfer in the 1950s and 1960s, joined the class of 2012 with watermen Archie Kalepa, Brian Keaulana and the late Michael Tongg.

"I'm truly honored by this award," Grigg said, "and I hope it encourages our younger generation of surfers to follow professional careers in marine related sciences or other ocean activities."

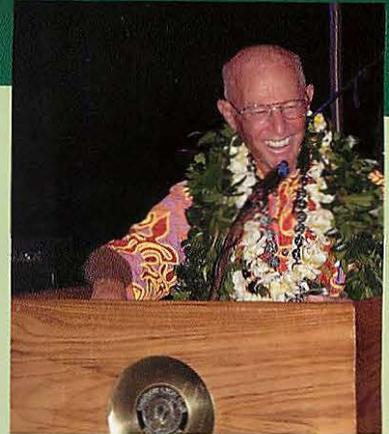
Grigg was a pioneer of big wave surfing in Hawaii and has published several popular books on surfing including *Big Surf*, *Deep Dives and the Islands*, *Surf Science and Surfer in Hawaii*. In 1967, Rick won the International Duke Kahanamoku Invitational Surfing Contest at Sunset Beach in 18 foot surf. At the time, the Duke contest was considered the World Championship for big surf.

In his professional life, Grigg is an Emeritus Professor of Oceanography at the University of Hawaii where he is internationally known for his research on the ecology and paleoceanography of reef building corals in Hawaii and the Pacific at large.

His research on the history of the Hawaiian Archipelago and the Darwin Point, which explains why islands drown at the northwestern end of the Hawaiian Islands, is considered a milestone in the field. A full description of this work can be found in his latest book, *In the Beginning, Archipelago, the Origin and Description of the Hawaiian Islands*, published in 2012.

He is also known as the leading authority in the world on precious coral ecology. He has published more than 50 scientific papers on this subject and has been active in this field of research for more than 40 years.

Early in his career, Dr. Grigg was an aquanaut in the U.S. Navy Project Sealab II and spent 15 days living under the sea at a depth of 205 feet. Dr. Grigg was recently awarded the National Academy of Underwater Arts and Science's Lifetime Achievement Award for Underwater Research.



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FAR LEFT: Attending the Waterman event were Nainoa Thompson, Archie Kalepa, Kathy Muneno and Nora Gentry.

LEFT: Brian Keaulana