

PRIVATE PROPERTY ON THE BEACH

Editor The Advertiser:

A few days ago I went to Waikiki Beach for the first time in three years. I was very much surprised to see a large part of the beach in front of the Outrigger Canoe Club roped off and marked "Private Property." While I was there three sailors were "bounced" out of this area by a husky looking 4-F (who I don't doubt could get a job in the Navy Yard).

My conception of the law is: any tide land, up to and including the high water mark, is public domain. Anyone who remembers the storm of 1931 knows the high water mark is much higher than the Outrigger's outer ropes.

At least 80 per cent of the bathers at Waikiki now days are servicemen. Is it that the members of the Outrigger Canoe Club want to be alone, or is it just that modern Honolulu saying, "He's just a sailor, to hell with him."

I am one of the few men in the service who knew Honolulu from 1922 to 1939. It's not hard to see why no one will believe me when I say it used to be a wonderful place to come to.

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