

Waikiki Water Cop Suggested To Direct Malihini Surf-riders

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malihinis have in most cases received not even the most rudimentary instruction on the use of the surfboard and where to go while learning to paddle and surf.

"I believe that those who rent surfboards should give each newcomer a few pointers," Mr. Kahanamoku said. "They should be told how to carry the board, how to lie on it, how to paddle, and most important of all where to go while learning.

"Kamaaina surfers should also give the newcomers a few tips. If a good surfer sees a malihini heading for the big breakers he should tell him to head for calmer waters and to keep out of the canoe lanes and the path of incoming boards. Lots of accidents could be avoided if the malihinis would stick to what we call malihini surf while learning."

Club Rules

Here are some of the rules followed by Outrigger Canoe club members on a voluntary basis:

1. Canoes going out to the surf must use the channel directly in front of the Outrigger Canoe club and are not permitted to go through the surf.

2. Two or more canoes may take the same wave providing they are at least two canoe lengths apart laterally.

3. The first canoe on the wave is considered to have the right of way.

4. Because of their size and limited maneuverability canoes have been assumed to have the right of way. However, steersmen are cautioned to be on the lookout to avoid collisions with surfboards as serious injury can

result to canoe passengers and surfboard riders from such accidents.

5. Persons riding tandem (two to a board) on a surfboard should be given special consideration by other surfers.

6. Surfboard riders are cautioned to take no unnecessary chances by "sliding left or right" into the path of other surfers, as many accidents have resulted from unnecessary "horseplay."

Safety First

"We have little to worry about if each person respects the rights of the other fellow," Mr. Kahanamoku said. "In the old days it was a pleasure to watch six or seven surfers coming in on the same wave, each one following his own course.

"Lately the waters off the beach have become infested with a bunch of smart Alecks who enjoy cutting in on less experienced surfers in order to force them off a wave.

"Recently a young girl was seriously injured when she was struck by a surfboard.

"Surfing is a thrilling sport and by the use of little common sense we can keep it a safe and sane sport. 'Safety First' should be the slogan of all who venture out into the waters at Waikiki whether they be swimmers, surfers or canoeists."

Botanical Society To Hear Photographer

Ray J. Baker, Honolulu photographer, will be the speaker at the Hawaiian Botanical Society's meet-