

Waikiki Water Cop Suggested To Direct Malihini Surf-riders

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Waikiki may soon have its first water traffic cop if plans for the control of surfboard riders, canoeists and swimmers are approved by the board of harbor commissioners.

A survey of the situation at Waikiki is being made by a group of kamaaina surfing enthusiasts headed by David Kahanamoku, recreation director for the Outrigger Canoe Club, and pending the formal adoption of safety rules and regulations backed by the harbor board an effort will be made to have all surfers adhere to a common sense program designed for their own protection.

"Years ago all experienced surfers followed certain well known but unwritten rules covering surfing," Mr. Kahanamoku recalled. "These rules were passed on to the malihini surfers and rarely was there a serious accident.

"But as the sport became more popular hundreds of newcomers

swarmed to the beach to try their hand at it. Using rented boards these malihinis have dashed madly out to the first break only to come to grief by getting into the canoe lanes or tangling up in the heavy surf.

"The situation is becoming more serious as time goes by and not a day passes but some inexperienced surfer is rescued by the beach patrol. There have also been a number of tragic drowning cases."

Mr. Kahanamoku said that one principal fault has been that the

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