

Surfing Safety Rules Proposed By Old Timers at Waikiki Beach

Surfing at Waikiki is becoming increasingly dangerous with the advent of hundreds of malihini enthusiasts, according to David Kahanamoku, recreation director for the Outrigger Canoe club.

Should the board of harbor commissioners approve plans for the control of swimmers, canoeists and surfers, Waikiki may have a water patrol, its first water traffic cop.

In the old days, according to Mr. Kahanamoku, the kamaaina surfers had an unwritten set of rules involving right of way and all newcomers were taught to follow them before they even started.

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Now the waters swarm with untutored surf board riders and swimmers who not only endanger themselves but more experienced surfers as well.

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Mr. Kahanamoku, together with other kamaaina surfers, is conducting a survey at Waikiki. Until a set of safety rules and regulations has been adopted, they will attempt to have all surfers observe a common sense program for the protection of all concerned.

Members of the Outrigger Canoe club now follow these rules.

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 on a board 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."

Brief Bits

Jean Fung Char of Honolulu has been elected secretary of the Omega chapter of the Lambda Delta Sigma fraternity for the year 1946-47 at Brigham Young university.

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News Calendar

TODAY

May 2, 7:30 p. m.—Olive Branch Rebekah lodge No. 2 meet preceding a card party. Odd Fellows temple.

May 2, 7:30 p. m.—Kalihi-kai PTA annual meet. School auditorium.

May 2, 6 p. m.—Preview of God of Creation and dinner for Christian Businessmen's committee at Kawaihāo church.