

OUTRIGGER CANOEING, SURFING

Hawaii is noted for year 'round outrigger canoe and surfboard riding at Waikiki where there are complete facilities for these thrilling sports.

Expert guides and instructors also make it possible for the visitor to enjoy these typical island water sports with ease despite lack of experience.

Surfriding played an important part in recreation for the royal court of the islands.

Today, it is little different from that of more than a century ago when the royal youths of Hawaii matched their skill in riding the surf along island seacoasts.

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Today, center of surfing and outrigger canoeing activities is the Outrigger Canoe club, headquarters for the Waikiki Surfers, Hawaii's famed "beach boys."

The Outrigger Beach services under the direction of Louis R. (Sally) Hale includes outrigger

canoes and surfboards to suit all individual needs and surfers to instruct or ride with visitors. Details may be obtained by calling 91113.

The legends of surfriding in the ancient days are plentiful.

One of the most fascinating is told in Tom Blake's book, "Hawaiian Surfing."

It concerns the great chief Umi. Umi was living at Waipunalei in the Hilo district.

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One day he and a friend attended a surfriding contest at Laupahoehoe, where they were unknown.

Paiea, petty chief of that district, invited Umi to a surfriding match and offered a small bet which Umi

refused. Paiea then offered to bet four double canoes.

This Umi could not resist. He won the bet easily.

However, by accident or design, Paiea's board struck Umi on the shoulder and scratched off his skin.

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Umi said nothing then, but when he had attained power and was making his first tour around the Island of Hawaii, he had Paiea killed and taken up to a heiau (temple) to be sacrificed to the gods.

FAST AIR TRAVEL

The old clipper sailing ships took six months to come to Honolulu from Boston via Cape Horn in the early 1800's. Today it takes 20 hours by air to come to the islands from the east coast.

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