

Outriggers and Surfboards To Thrill Visitors

Outrigger canoeing and surfboard-riding are water sports that are readily available to the visitor.

The surf at Waikiki is ideal for these unique and thrilling sports and the Outrigger Canoe club Waikiki Surfers are expert guides and instructors. A telephone call, 91113, will contact Louis (Sally) Hale, director of the club's beach services, who will arrange a ride to fit the time table of the visitor.

A SURFBOARD is best described as an overgrown ironing board that has gone native. Mastering the art of surfboard riding is a big task, one that requires long hours of practice. However, the malihini (newcomer) can enjoy the sport without the work through doubledecker surfing such as that achieved by riding tandem on one board and letting the surfwise teacher do all the work. The instructor gauges the wave, gives the command to paddle, balances the board as it speeds on the wave, lifts the novice to a standing position on the board.

The most popular wave line is directly in front of the Moana hotel. This is called the Canoe Surf. In front of this toward the beach is the Wahine (woman's) Surf. Next to these is the Cornucopia Surf off the beach in front of the Royal Hawaiian. This is a choppy surf but an excellent surfing speedway.

FASTEST OF THE surfing areas (but also short) is the famous Queen's Surf in front of Waikiki Tavern. Farther down the beach toward Diamond Head, opposite the Elk's club, is the Castle Surf reserved only for experts.

Outrigger canoeing is less strenuous on the participant but is as thrilling as surfing. The design of the present outrigger canoes has changed very little from the early Polynesian model, but are constructed a little lighter for speed with the waves. Swimming togs are in order for outrigger canoeing. For those sensitive to the sun, it is suggested they take a towel to toss over the shoulders as protection against sunburn.