

High Tide, High Waves Team To Create Big Waikiki Surf

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High tide and high waves have teamed up with the forces of Nature to create a record surf at Waikiki these past three days.

For the first time since 1936 surfers have made the non-stop slide in from Castle Surf off the Elks Club to the beach, according to Waikiki observers.

Yesterday three riders and possibly more equaled the record of Tom Blake, noted authority on Hawaii surfing and introducer of the hollow "cigar" board, who made two trips from Castle into the Beach in June of 1936.

They are John Toomey of the Waikiki Surf Club, and Baldwin "Blue" Makua and Gene "Tarzan" Smith of the Outrigger Canoe Club.

DUKE'S ADVENTURE

No one has ever come near the unbelievable adventure of Sheriff Duke P. Kahanamoku, king of the surfers.

It was in June of 1936 that Duke latched onto a 25 or 30 footer at Castle Surf, rode across through Public Baths and Cunha Surfs and then coasted into Queen's Surf.

From Queen's Surf he went sliding into the old Makee Stream channel, crouching down to go through the culvert and under Kalaakaua Ave. He ended in the stream itself adjacent to Kapiolani Park.

For the languid sunbathers who venture no nearer than a toe's dip, the high surf is bothersome because they've had to move back five or six feet.

IT'S A SIGNAL

But for the surfing enthusiast it's a signal to get out the old board and paddle out to the crashing waves.

One fan at the Waikiki Surf Club summed it up this way, "There'll be a lot of people away from work with surf like this. You can't afford to miss it."

Sally Hale, Outrigger beach manager, says the good surf usually occurs about 12 times a year at intervals anytime from now through August. He witnessed the record rides yesterday.

The phenomenon is basically caused by the united gravitational pull of the sun and moon and some planets plus favorable wind conditions and subterranean disturbances.

NO EVIDENCE

Some believe the high tide and surf are prevalent when the moon is full, but the weather bureau says

there is no scientific evidence to this relation.

For centuries surfing has been a favorite sport of the Hawaiians.

When the surf was good everyone from the chiefs to the youngsters would drop everything to enjoy the sport.

Thrum's annual of 1896 tells how precious possessions, even life itself, were wagered in surfing competition.

"Property changed hands and personal liberty or even life itself was sacrificed to the outcome of the match," the entry explains.

In the old days whole villages would make hard poi loaves, grab a bunch of bananas and head for the surf.

Commoners were not allowed in the best surf which was reserved for the chiefs and their families.

According to legend and the Hawaiian calendar, this current record surf is expected to wane tonight when the moon begins to diminish.

Ex-Coastguardsman Will Stand Trial; Manslaughter Charged

An 18 year old youth whose demonstration of the workings of a .22 caliber gun ended in death for the intended buyer, will be tried in Circuit Court on a manslaughter charge.

Gaston John Faria, a former coast guardsman who lives at 1704 Maliu St., waived preliminary hearing on the charge in District Court yesterday. His case was committed to Circuit Court.

However, he pleaded guilty to another charge of possession of an unregistered firearm. Judge Ernest S. Ing set May 19 for sentencing.

Faria is being held in the County jail, unable to put up \$1,500 bail.

The shooting of Ciriaco O. Alonzo, which the youth claims was accidental, occurred in the men's room in Thomas Square Thursday.

Mr. Alonzo, shot through the neck, died in the Queen's hospital at 4:50 p. m. Sunday.

Detective Donald Ho then went to Faria's home and brought him down to the police station where the youth was charged that night.

The detective charged him with the lesser offense of possession of an unregistered firearm Sunday morning after finding a .30 caliber rifle in Faria's room Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Alonzo was 42. He worked and lived at the Leonard Hotel.