

Surf Spray



By Ron Haworth

Surfers' Santa

It's Christmas Eve and surfers everywhere have hung out their Christmas stockings in hopes of a visit from the bearded gentleman.

The pros have visions of more pro contests and bigger purses, and maybe someday earning \$25,000 for a season's work. The amateurs would like to see fewer competitors in well-run contests and a chance to move up into the pro ranks.

Each would be more than grateful for a solid week of his own surf at his favorite break and all would believe in the existence of the bearded gentleman if it were granted.

Oahu's canoe clubs have good reason to rejoice. The 1971 summer regatta season proved successful, as evidenced by some close team battles and fine turnouts. Two crews, Outrigger's boys 12 and under (A) and Hui Nalu's senior six went the five-regatta season without a defeat.

Healani provided the power, winning the State title and a clear-cut victory in the Molokai-to-Oahu race.

Jeff Hakman's stocking could produce a one-way ticket to the Sea of Storms on the moon. The gift would bear the signatures of every pro surfer who ate Hakman's rooster tails this winter. Only Gavin Rudolph of South Africa can still think of Hakman without misgivings. Rudolph's present came in November at Sunset Beach when he won the Smirnoff "pot of gold."

Dr. Harry Huffaker's stocking is waterproof and very large. In it he'll find the final two miles of the Molokai Channel, a favorable current and a channel swimmers' retirement fund.

Best for Suzanne

The best present in Santa's sack will go to courageous Suzanne Kashiwaeda, a young woman who walks on crutches and swims so beautifully. Her third-place finish in the Waikiki rough-water swim brought Christmas to many a heart in September.

Surf Spray has been Christmas shopping, too.

Sol Aikau: A new recipe for his homebrew SWIPE. One that won't melt plastic.

Clyde Aikau: A home permanent wave kit.

Eddie Aikau: A pro contest at Waimea Bay.

Jim Blears: A heat without Clyde Aikau.

Laura Blears: 1971's HSA top woman surfer award.

Rudy Choi: Good sailing.

George Downing: A life membership in the International Professional Surfers Association.

Rick Grigg: An invitation to the '72 Duke Classic.

Jeff Hakman: A tax shelter.

Bill Hamilton: Sportsman of the Year.

Fred Hemmings: A 10-minute run around Diamond Head.

Ken Kobayashi: Facts.

Moroni Medeiros: Special glasses to read between the lines.

Al Minn: The people's thanks for chairing the Mayor's Water Safety Advisory Committee.

Kimo McVay: A matching outfit.

Chuck Shipman: THE day to run the 1972 Makapuu body surfing championships.

Ron Sorrell: Six more like Smirnoff.

Felipe Pomar: An English accent.

Highlights of 1971 were led by Huffaker's 21 hours in the Molokai Channel and the unbelievable close finish for second place between Hui Nalu and Outrigger in the Molokai race.

Merry Christmas watermen. You are the best.