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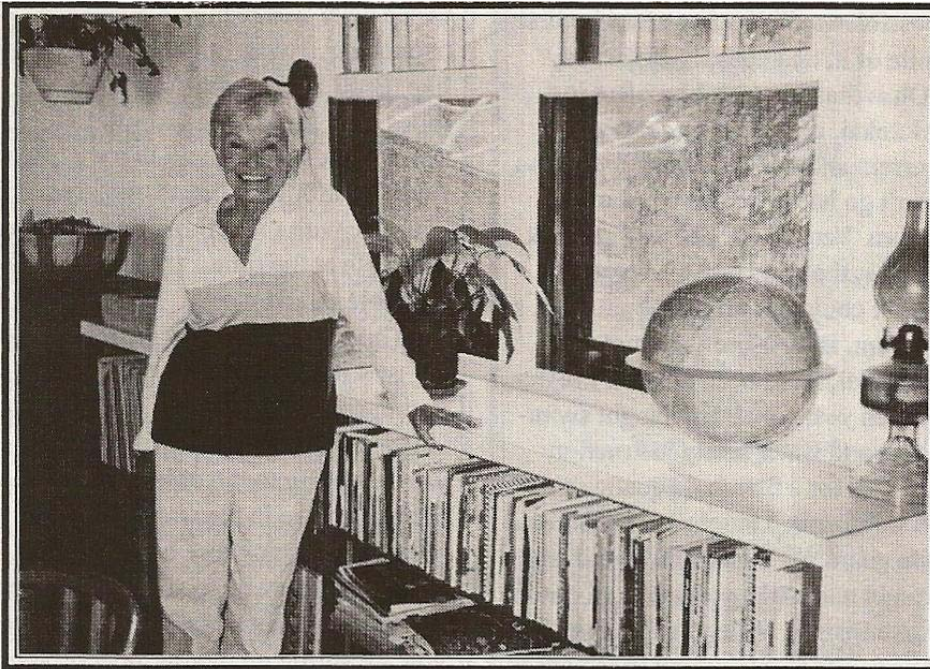
Message from the President

As this is my first correspondence with you for this year, I wanted to bring you up to date on recent actions by our Steerage Board.

1. First, we are taking action to amend the Hui Wa'a Kaukahi Bylaws so that the term of office for our entire leadership team will run from the annual Christmas Party to the next year's Christmas party. In this way, we can more properly usher in the new while thanking those that will be leaving.
2. We are also amending the By-laws to make all committee chairs, unless already serving, ad hoc voting members of the Steerage Board. This will allow all committee chairs to participate directly in Board actions.
3. As previously announced we are looking for a new location for this year's Christmas Party. All ideas are welcome. Doug and Margaret Peebles have been magnum hosts the past several years, but it's time we gave them a break and a big mahalo from all of us. Some ideas we have received include the party deck of a Waikiki high-rise where one of our members lives, the Hawaii Yacht Club, and the Hawaii Trail and Mountain Club clubhouse in Waimanalo. Let's hear your ideas and thoughts. Keep in mind that traditionally about 60 people attend the party.
4. We have a new nominating committee headed by Terry Shimabukuro. He is joined by longtime Board member Gary Budlong. Between them, they will be identifying a third member from the club at large. We hope to have a leadership slate identified by the first of September, with the slate to be introduced to the membership at the October meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting. All officers and Board members will begin their one-year term at the December Christmas party.

I hope to see all of you on the water in 2011. Your Steerage Board has put together a great schedule of paddles with great volunteer leaders.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY AUDREY SUTHERLAND



Like any kid growing up in Hawaii, I wanted to visit the small islands offshore, but only a few are close enough to swim. I ordered an inflatable raft through the Sears catalog, but with the little plastic oars it was really hard to go upwind. So when *Paddling My Own Canoe* by Audrey Sutherland came out in 1978, I read it with great interest, and when Audrey gave her first public lecture at the Waikiki Aquarium, I couldn't miss it. Afterwards, I asked Audrey where I could get one of these inflatable kayaks. J. C. Penny's used to carry them, she told me, but now you have to go to the mainland to get one.

That summer, Audrey had planned a two-month expedition in Southeast Alaska, from Ketchikan to Skagway, and I took three weeks off from work to paddle part of that route. My new *Semperit Dolphin* barely arrived before I left – I paddled it for the first time visiting a friend in Santa Barbara on the way to Alaska – and then a few days later was pumping it up on the seaplane dock at the airport in Ketchikan.

Audrey gave me a copy of her itinerary before she left, and it looked like I could connect up with her at a place called Waterfall – formerly a fish cannery, but now a fishing resort. When I arrived, there was no sign of Audrey, and the folks at the resort hadn't seen her. The next spot on her itinerary was a Forest Service cabin on San Fernando Island – and when I paddled up the next day, there she was

I found my soul in Pelekunu. The sound of the river rolling over the rocks; experiencing the sharp cliff like hills of the canyon valley; the deep, deep greens of the vegetation. Mostly I remember the quiet dream like visitations of the spirits in the valley.

Only on Moloka'i, only in Pelekunu is my soul open to visitation by myself and the spirits of the past and present. It was your inspiration (guidance) that led others and me there. Thank you for that and much, much more.

OH! And by the way Happy Birthday. I hope the day is filled with the adventure and love you have enjoyed and shared with us.

Aloha, Gary Budlong

on the beach! She had been delayed by weather – not uncommon for SE Alaska – and had skipped Waterfall.

We split up so I could paddle out beyond Baker Island to look (unsuccessfully) for a hot spring, but agreed to meet up further along her route. I was paddling north in Tuxekan Passage, when I saw a float plane take off in the distance by Naukati Bay, a tiny logging camp. The plane began to climb, heading southeast, when it suddenly turned toward me and began to descend. It landed right in front of me, and motored alongside, where the pilot shouted out “Your friend is just ahead of you – paddle like hell and you can catch up!” I upped my pace and soon found Audrey waiting on the Naukati Bay pier. She had seen the plane land and take off again and wondered if it might be me that the pilot had seen. Together we visited the one-room camp store, and bought chocolate bars.

We paddled together for a few more days, until we arrived at Point Baker – there I would turn east to Wrangell Narrows and Petersburg, where I would catch the ferry back to Seattle, while Audrey continued north to Kake and beyond. She was missing a chart of the south part of Kupreanof Island, so we found a fisherman with the chart and I copied it with a pencil on the back of one of her other charts.

It was a great trip – at three weeks long, it is still the longest kayak trip I’ve made (so far!) – but if it hadn’t been for Audrey I wouldn’t have known so much about the area and what a fantastic place for paddling it is. One of these days I’ll retire too, and can start making some long paddles like you!

Audrey began to teach her class in the evenings at UH Manoa, and I would help out. I could bring a handful of different inflatable kayaks for students to try out on the days where we went to the beach at Eve Anderson’s house at Malaekahana. After the classes started, there were a number of students who wanted to keep on paddling, so it seemed like a good idea to start a kayaking club. Hui Wa`a Kaukahi was born.

One of the students in Audrey’s first class was Linda Olingy, and she was on the club’s first neighbor island trip down Na Pali on Kaua`i. In 1983 we went on a trip to Europe (with inflatable kayaks, of course) and 28 years later we are still together.

So, I have a lot to thank Audrey for. I always remember her mantra – “Go light, go cheap, go now.” It doesn’t seem possible that thirty years have gone by since that Alaska trip – many happy returns, Audrey!

Aloha, Mark Rognstad

Audrey Sutherland.... instructor, author, adventurer, and inspiration, for a group of paddlers who decided to form a HUI back in 1982 to share in the pure joy of kayaking!

Hui Waa Kaukahi was started by a small group of Audrey's' students, and has now evolved into a large statewide recreational kayak club celebrating its 29th anniversary this year! Audrey taught classes at the University of Hawaii for 16 years with 22 classes and 500 students! She taught kayak skills and safety for all types of enthusiasts, from competitors to adventure travelers.

She authored the popular “Paddling My Own Canoe”, and “Paddling Hawaii” with multiple revised and updated editions over the years. These “how to” books have shaped our club adventures with tips on technique, gear, safety, planning, packing, survival in the elements, as well as ideas on food and menus. She compares and describes the various types of kayaks we use here in Hawaii. HWK has utilized them all, starting out as an inflatable club, we now use hard shell sit on top kayaks for coastline cruising and camping, surfing, fishing, diving & snorkeling.

Audrey herself has always preferred the inflatable kayak as an adventure traveler; the inflatable rolls up into a duffle, and checks easily into airline baggage. Besides Hawaii, she has traveled all over the world, and paddled thousands of miles in her inflatable kayak; and she likes “going it alone”, at her own pace.

She has taught us that the key is in the practice and preparation, researching, and studying all the resources available about the destination; having a kayak that is in good condition and sea worthy; developing good paddling skills and safety measures to survive the unforgiving elements.

With this knowledge and guidance, we have explored and experienced the beauty of nature, up close and personal, by kayak. We have years of happy memories, pictures, and stories to tell. This year, we honor this amazing woman who has profoundly influenced our lives by teaching us the joy of kayaking!

Thank you Audrey! Happy 90th Birthday!
Maghna Zettle, Past President
Hui Waa Kaukahi

In about 1980 or so, out of sheer boredom, I started taking night classes at UH Manoa; mostly esoteric stuff like computer programming and Hawaiian.

The second year, while looking down the list of available classes, I spotted one labeled "Ocean Kayaking in Hawaii" or some such. I had never had the slightest interest in kayaking, and I don't believe I had even heard of Ocean Kayaking before, but something in the description about "outer-island camping" piqued my interest, so I put my \$25 on the counter and said I'll try anything once. A week later I walked through the door and met Audrey Sutherland.

To say that my life changed with that encounter would be a severe understatement. Audrey's unswerving message of self-reliance, illustrated with crazy stories about dragging a steel sink to a hidden valley on Molokai, encounters with Alaskan bears, and how to use an empty wine bladder for a pillow completely enthralled me. All recounted with the same quiet, almost droll voice of describing a bus trip downtown, she regaled us all with her vision of wilderness without barriers, the only fuel needed was

desire, optimism and focus. Oh, and a health dose of non-linear ingenuity didn't hurt: her success at creative problem solving is legendary.

Flush with new resolve, I ran out and bought my first inflatable kayak, and haven't looked back once with regret. Thirty years on, I know now that it wasn't just the introduction to a funny new sport that opened my eyes to a new world and made such a believer out of me.

Audrey's calm, quiet approach to solving life's little problems (and to her, they're all only little) with humor and creativity was the real take-home from that class, and continues to inspire me today, whether camping on Piilani Beach or walking down the street.

Happy Birthday, Audrey.
Rusty Lillico

Thoughts on Audrey Sutherland

Although I have never known Audrey personally, I can say that she has been a tremendous influence on Jeanie and me through her book, Paddling Hawaii.

On many of our early trips in the late 80's and early 90's, we didn't leave without closely reading and re-reading sections of her book dealing with the trip we were planning, whether it was an Oahu day trip or a more adventurous off-island camping and paddle expedition. Her tips on what to pack, how to pack and the campsites were very informative. We would also make photocopies of the relevant pages and take them with us enclosed in waterproof sleeves.

Thank you Audrey, and Happy Birthday

Chuck Ehrhorn, President, Hui Wa'a Kaukahi, 2011



Hui Waa Kaukahi Annual Easter Campout

Kualoa Beach Park, Campground A

April 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 2011

We have the Small **Group campsite** (see the map on the club website – www.huiwaa.org).
You can arrive anytime Friday, after noon to set up camp.

(Be aware that the park gates are closed and locked at 8:00 pm!!!) They will be open again at 7:00 am.

Friday night: Kualoa Full Moon Night Paddle.

Saturday morning: Kualoa to Kahana. Carpool at 8:00, launch at 9:00

Saturday afternoon: **ACA Kayaking Skills Clinic.**

Saturday night: After dinner, the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE BURNING and bonfire

Sunday morning: **Malibu Two Races** at 9:30 AM (team and relay races!)

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday noon: Potluck BBQ. Club will provide plates, utensils, condiments, charcoal for the grill and hot dogs/buns. Lunch will be followed by the **Easter Bonnet Contest** and Easter egg prize drawings, hosted by Gary Budlong.

The annual **Auction donation** of used kayak or camping equipment (or other items of interest) will be held to benefit the club treasury.

4:00 pm: Official breakdown of club camp and clean up. Assistance welcome!!!

HUI WA`A KAUKAHI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS April-June 2011

Check the website at www.huiwaa.org (maintained by Webmaster Rusty Lillico) for details and updates, or contact the trip leaders listed below. The calendar on the website also contains tide information and links to aerial photos of some of the paddling sites.

Unless stated otherwise, all groups should be assembled at the start point by 9:00 a.m. and launched by 9:15 at the latest. Depending on the length of the ride, car-poolers should have their boats set up and ready to leave the launch area **a half-hour to a full hour before the launch time**. Call the Trip Leader for the precise time. When given, **map references** (e.g. [22/D3]) are the page number and grid coordinates of the **launch** point in "Bryan's Sectional Maps of O'ahu," any recent edition

Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
APRIL			
Sun 3	Hui Buoy and Breakfast Bonanza. Kaimana Beach Hotel (Sans Souci) out to the Diamond Head Buoy and back for a hearty (no host) breakfast. Meet at Sans Souci at 8:30 am for a 9:00 launch. Bring a change of clothes. <i>Make breakfast reservations with Gary or Chuck by April 1.</i> 3 mi. RT [13/E1].	2	Gary Budlong 737-8893 Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 9	Heeia Kea to Kualoa. Meet at the Heeia Kea canoe hale at 8:30 am for the carpool; launch at 9:30. Optional stop at the sand bar and return to Heeia Kea. For those who do the full paddle, possible stops at three islands along the way. 5 mi. [37/E2].	2	Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i>
Sun 17	Kahana Bay to Malaekahana State Park – Outside the reef. Because conditions are normally rough, paddlers must prequalify with Steve. Optional early takeout at Hauula Beach Park (6 mi. point). Carpool leaves Kahana (the ocean-side parking lot) at 8:30 am. 10 mi. [46/F1].	3	Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i>
Tue 19	Meeting. Aiea Public Library, 7 pm. Program: Chuck and Jeanie Ehrhorn on paddline in Belize, with a little Mayan architecture thrown in.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Fri 22- Sun 24	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Easter Campout</p> <p>At press time we have the small group campsite from Friday night till Monday morning. Check the website for a map and for the latest information.</p> <p>Friday night: Kualoa Full Moon Night Paddle. Launch from the Kualoa campsite at 7:00 pm (Paul Tibbetts 734-5518 <i>tibbetts@hawaii.rr.com</i>). Rating: 2.</p> <p>Saturday morning: Kualoa to Kahana. Carpool at 8:00, launch at 9:00 (Tim Sawyer 330-1108 <i>sawyer@hawaii.rr.com</i>). Rating: 2.</p> <p>Saturday afternoon: ACA Kayaking Skills Clinic. Meet at the Kualoa Group Campsite Pavillion at 1:30. (Plan to stay till 4:30.) Basic kayaking skills will be taught including kayak safety checklists, kayak survival skills, paddling techniques, and capsiz recovery. Kayakers of all skill levels invited to learn or sharpen their kayaking skills. Share your techniques with others. Bring your own kayak, paddle, shoes or tabis, and life vest. On land session will be followed by on the water session to Chinaman's Hat (Joe Hu 528-3600 <i>advisor@aloha.net</i> and Steve Enomoto 737-9514). Rating: 1-2.</p> <p>Saturday evening: Easter Bonfire and Marshmallow Roast, as soon as it's dark.</p> <p>Sunday morning: Triple Trouble Races at 9:30 am (team and relay races). Easter Egg Chase starts at 10:45 am.</p> <p>Sunday noon: Potluck Barbeque, Easter Bonnet Contest, and the Kayak Stuff Auction in the Large Group Pavilion.</p> <p>More details to be announced closer to the event.</p>		Gary Budlong 737-8893 Joe Hu 528-3600 <i>advisor@aloha.net</i>
MAY			
Sun 1	EZ Glider: Lake Wilson. Meet at the Walker Ave. boat ramp at 9:30 for 10:00 am launch (no carpool). You'll need a PFD, a "Freshwater Game Fishing License" (\$5.00 at any sporting-goods or fishing store) and an "Entry Permit for Wahiawa Public Fishing Area, Oahu" (available at no cost at the same stores), plus fishing gear (a bamboo pole will do). The club website has more details on license and permit requirements. About 6-10 mi RT, depending on route and water level [79/D1].	1	Kate Schalk 235-8654 <i>kschalk@hotmail.com</i>

Date	Event	Rating	Leader or Contact
Tue 3	Steering Board meeting. Chez Passamaneck. Email for directions. 6:30 pm.		Nora Passamaneck 908-346-4668 <i>norapass@hotmail.com</i>
Sat 7	Mokulua Madness: Bellows Beach to Kailua Boat Ramp. Ocean and land tour of the club's favorite islands. What happens at the Mokes, stays at the Mokes. Launch at 8:30. 4 mi RT. See the map on the webpage for the launch site.	2	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sun 15	Keehi Surfing and Island Cleanup. Launch from "Alan's Ramp," by the Marine Education & Training Center. Take Sand Island Access Road, cross the bridge, turn right at the 2nd traffic light. Surfers launch at 8:00 am; volunteers for the clean-up launch at 10:00. (Someone will be there to lead the way to Blue Pool Island.) A grill will be provided for a barbeque potluck lunch. Bring food to share. Also bring shoes/tabis, gloves, and plenty heavy-duty trash bags for the cleanup.. 1 mi. RT [5/D4].	1	Ed Rhineland 497-3981 <i>loikake@hawaii.rr.com</i> Norm Chun 247-7610 <i>bluec239@msn.com</i>
Tue 17	Meeting. 7:00 PM. Aiea Public Library. Program TBD: check the website.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 21	Kailua Bay Play Day. Unscheduled activities. Meet at Cosette's for a potluck breakfast and planning meeting (to choose what to do) at 8:00 am. Launch from Kailua Boat Ramp at 9:30 am or so. RSVP to Cosette (and get directions, if you need them) by Thursday May 19.		Cosette Harms 292-7007 <i>cosetteemt@gmail.com</i>
Sun 29	Portlock Point: Maunalua Bay to Koko Head Cave and back. Meet at the dumpster in Maunalua Bay Beach Park at 8:00 am for an 8:30 am launch. We'll paddle past China Walls and Spitting Cave to the sea cave to the west of Hanauma Bay. May stop briefly at the Kaiser Estate boat harbor on the way back. Possible headwinds and rough seas.		Hunter Johnson 223-1855 <i>hunter808@earthlink.net</i>
JUNE			
Sun 5	Bragger's Rights Fishing Contest. Camp out the night before. Location to be determined. Contest rules, entry form, and details on the entry fee will be available on the club website.		Steve Harris 226-2006 <i>sharris@lava.net</i>
Sat 11	Camp Erdman to Yokohama, around Kaena Point. Register first with Debbie or plan your own ground transportation. We are doing a reverse carpool and will load as many boats on the fewest vehicles we can. Meet at 8:30 at Yokohama for the carpool; launch at Camp Erdman at 9:30.	3	Debbie Wheeler 391-9820 <i>wheelerd003@hawaii.rr.com</i>
Sun 19	Makai Range Pier to Pinky's, with a stop at the Mokulus for snacks and surfing. Carpool at 8:00 am; launch at 8:30. 7.5 mi. [22/E1]	2	Stan McCrea 306-6578 <i>sb.mccrea@earthlink.net</i>
Tue 21	Meeting. 7:00 pm. Aiea Public Library. Program TBD.		Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>
Sat 25	Follow the Leader: Maunalua Bay to Kahala, in and out of the surf. Training in paddling through white water, plus three stops for snorkeling. Meet by the dumpster in Maunalua Bay Beach Park for an 8:00 am carpool, 9:00 am launch. Life vest and tabis recommended. 5 mi. [18/D2].	2-3	Chuck Ehrhorn 395-6180 <i>ehrhorn@lava.net</i>

Ocean activity keeps her spry

BY CHANCE GUSUKUMA
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When Cosette Harms picks up her paddle, she's good to go. Harms, 67, is an avid waterwoman at home with a kayak, outrigger canoe or stand-up paddleboard. "Anything in the water, on the water, underwater," she said. Last summer she paddled the Na Pali Coast in a kayak. Two years ago it was white-water rafting on the Colorado River.

Finding the fun in life has always been a big part of her family heritage. "(My family) liked to play and play hard on the water, so it just became part of who I was," she said, recalling a childhood day trip sailing from Kailua to the Ala Wai Yacht Harbor with her uncle Peter Powlison.

Harms competed in the backstroke at Punahou School, then turned to synchronized swimming at Western Washington University, which didn't have a women's swim team in the early '60s. "Shame on them," she said with a tsk.

Harms taught elementary school in Seattle for 20 years, playing the ukulele to start off the day and during rainy-day recess periods. Eventually she led an extracurricular band of strumming second- through fifth-graders.

Family field trips often meant sailing to the San Juan Islands, Puget Sound and up into Canada aboard their 30-foot boat, Wanderlust. "It wasn't about the destination; it was the process of sailing," she said.

Harms joined a rowing crew when she was 46 years old. She relished the camaraderie of rowing with a group who dubbed themselves Martha's Moms, a nod to their coach. The women competed all over the mainland, but her favorite event was the 3-mile Head of the Lake Regatta that finishes at the University of Washington's crew house. "It had the feeling of Seattle," Harms said. "It was such a (Pacific) Northwest experience."

Four years ago, Harms moved back to the Hilltop House, a landmark structure built atop a rock perch in 1931 by her grandfather and grandmother Arthur and Anne Powlison at Alala Point in Lanikai. Arthur Powlison headed the Department of Parks and Recreation, but "my grandfather never grew up," said Harms. "(The house) was built by children for children." Now Harms lives there with her mother, Peggy, who recently turned 89, while renovating the weathered single-wall playhouse, adorned with glass balls, nautical paraphernalia, even a trapdoor leading outside.

Earlier this month, Hilltop House was the gathering place for a four-generation family reunion, including Harms' two sons: Jason, visiting with his wife and two boys from Australia, and Jerrett, who flew in from Seattle.

Harms smiled as her grandsons Dylan and Daniel showed her the shells they discovered near the Kailua boat ramp and then began planning a marble hunt. "With my grandsons I see that thread (of adventure) has woven itself into the fifth generation," she said.

Even when her family isn't visiting, Harms is hardly at rest. She goes on recreational jaunts with the Hui Wa'a Kaukahi kayak club, takes off on solo paddles or enjoys placid Kona conditions on her stand-up paddleboard.

"You have to keep moving, otherwise you get creaky," she said.

Surf by Braille

By Robert Murphy

The requirements for our adventure's participants would be access to a surf kayak and a slight touch of insanity. Glow sticks would also be useful, preventing at least one collision. One guy flaked on account of a fear of darkness, and more had other varying excuses. This was, as most are, a pretty impromptu session, loosely organized hours before sunset, or we would have had more time to invite more people to join us. Matthew, Steve, The Swede, and I were the only ones that turned out, and that was fine. Not all people share the same sense of fun, and that's ok, because fellow human beings deserve respect, especially when it means there more waves for us.

The first Surf by Braille session ran into one snag: while Matthew and I were looking for parking, Steve was already out on the water, both if us unaware of where on earth, or ocean, the other was. Tired of the wait for nearby parking, MI & I unloaded the witches and I drove off in search for parking.

Upon return, however, we discovered that the fireworks show we wanted to surf under was also an impedance: we could not launch from that side unless we did so immediately, yet we still had to wait for The Swede, who earned an extension to his nickname out on the break; "Check out The Swede! Go, Swede, go! Go Swede Racer, go!" We moved the witches over to the beach by the breakwater. We geared up and continued to wait. Finally, Swede Racer arrived and we hit the water. The fireworks began before we even got to the channel. Matthew spotted a kayak (Steve wrapping up his session) a hundred yards away working the inside and heading in as we were almost to Threes.

Once we got to Threes, we were catching waves, and tasty ones at that, but had some time to wait between sets. We were patient, but not for long. A short time later, feeling we had done enough waiting, we started to work our way toward the Sheridan channel, riding what targets of opportunity we could. This decision took a good session to an epic level.

The tide was on its way out, and the waves began to show it, shaping up nicely as the swells approached the reef. Many swells formed the perfect wave, and we weren't letting any go to waste. A catamaran filled with tourists had passed us earlier and was entering the channel as we surfed beside them, the rumble of the waves now joined by the cheers of our fan club: a drunken boat of astonished tourists cheering "whoohoo!" and "look at them surfing in the moonlight!"

I think at that point, we may have been able to finagle some beer from the booze cruise for the entertainment we provided, but there were more important matters: the waves were still calling.



Matthew. The smile is indicative of a freshly electrocuted pleasure center.

And we answered the call. Repeatedly. We caught wave after wave for epic-long rides. We overdosed on waves until someone uttered the words that often end great adventures: "I'm getting hungry."

It was a lucky thing we had all gotten more than enough waves, if such a thing is possible. We powered ourselves back to the beach, and had 10 minutes before the parking closed (10:30 FYI).

Since that night, we have had many excursions, prompting me to buy reusable lights, as the general rule is if you're not lit, you're going to get hit. Or at least common sense tells us it's a lot more likely, so there's no real right to complain. We also have become familiar with the route between the old heliport and Taiyo Ramen, and discovered chicken katsu curry provides the motivation one needs to lift one's fork or chop sticks when their arms are just about ready to fall off.

It's been hard to top the night I described. It's also hard to top Matthew, who consistently catches the most waves and works the break to it's full potential, but that just gives the rest of us a chance to catch a few while he paddles back out. It's been hard to top that session, but I know it will happen this next year, and continue to, as kayak surfing is just one of those things that gets better the more you do it, and nighttime only accentuates it. Plus, surfing during sunlight hours requires sunscreen, which I'm far too cheap to be blowing all that money on.

As much as we like hogging all the waves, it would be nice to see more kayaks out there. If you're wondering when we'll be heading out next, the best, and only place to check is club online forum at HawaiiTalks at <http://www.hawaiitalks.net/hui-waa-kaukahi-kayaking-club/>.