

WATER SAFETY AT OUR VARIOUS BEACHES

I am sharing this information with you because I believe it is my job to educate you and equip you for not only enjoying the ocean on Maui but also to protect you from possible danger that most tourists are not aware of and most of the time don't think about. Some of this info you've already read about in previous emails but I am going to reiterate certain things that I believe are worth repeating. Thank you for taking the time to read this very important information!

During the summer and winter time and hurricane season,(June-November) on the south shores of Maui (Kamaole 1, Kamaole 2 and Kamaole 3 beach parks, all the beaches in Wailea and all the way south to Makena beaches also known as Little Beach and Big Beach) and all of the beaches on the west side of the island (Lahaina, Kaanapali, D.T. Flemings, Black Rock) larger swells come in. These swells bring very unpredictable water conditions, larger than usual sets of waves as well and extremely strong shore breakers. When there are red caution flags up at the beaches it means that the conditions are unfavorable and it is not advisable to swim, body surf, boogie board or enter the ocean as you could get seriously injured by the violent shore breakers.

There is no life guard at Little Beach (Makena Beach, the nude beach). There are lifeguards at all of the beaches across the street south of us but none at Charley Young and all the beaches north of there. There are no lifeguards on many of the beaches on the west side and none at all beaches on far south except for Big Beach, so take heed to the conditions and when in doubt, don't go out! Lifeguards here, are for the most part great at rescues but I always advise people to enter the water with the attitude that you are on your own out there. If you feel confident in your swimming abilities and you're healthy enough to handle strong currents, I would still advise you to introduce yourselves to the lifeguards on duty and let them know that you're going for a swim/snorkel and

ask them to keep an eye on you while you're out there. They are more than happy to.

Please take heed to the above conditions and stay out of the water.

In the months of (June/July 2014) we have had 3 visitors break their necks in the strong summer swell/shore breakers at Makena Beach. One was a teenager (broken neck)who is recovering thankfully. One is a mom who broke her vertebrae and suffered brain injuries after being slammed by a wave (passed away 2 weeks later at Maui Memorial) and the other visitor was staying at my condo in July, 2014 and suffered a spinal cord injury and remains a quadriplegic.

I am not sharing this with you to scare you at all but to educate you and equip you for the realities of the ocean.

My goal is for you to enjoy your vacation on Maui and to return again for more fun and memories. Maui is paradise, it is beautiful and the ocean and beaches are relaxing, fun and a great place to spend the day. Just remember that the ocean can be unpredictable and it is better to be overly cautious when enjoying the ocean than to have an accident that was preventable.

I watch the weather, wind and ocean conditions almost daily.

Because I am an avid paddle boarder, I am aware of the conditions and always take heed to the safety and possible dangers of the ocean. I will usually send a text or email to my guests to alert them of possible situations so that they will have an amazing and super fun time on Maui. When in doubt, don't go in during a swell (anytime of year)

Thank you for taking heed to this information and please feel free to ask any questions if you need clarification.

I know without a doubt that you will have a blast snorkeling, swimming,paddle boarding and kayaking on Maui. I also feel better knowing that you have read this and will take careful precautions to have a safe time too.

Mahalo, Kimberly