

Big Turnout for Summer Surfing Activities

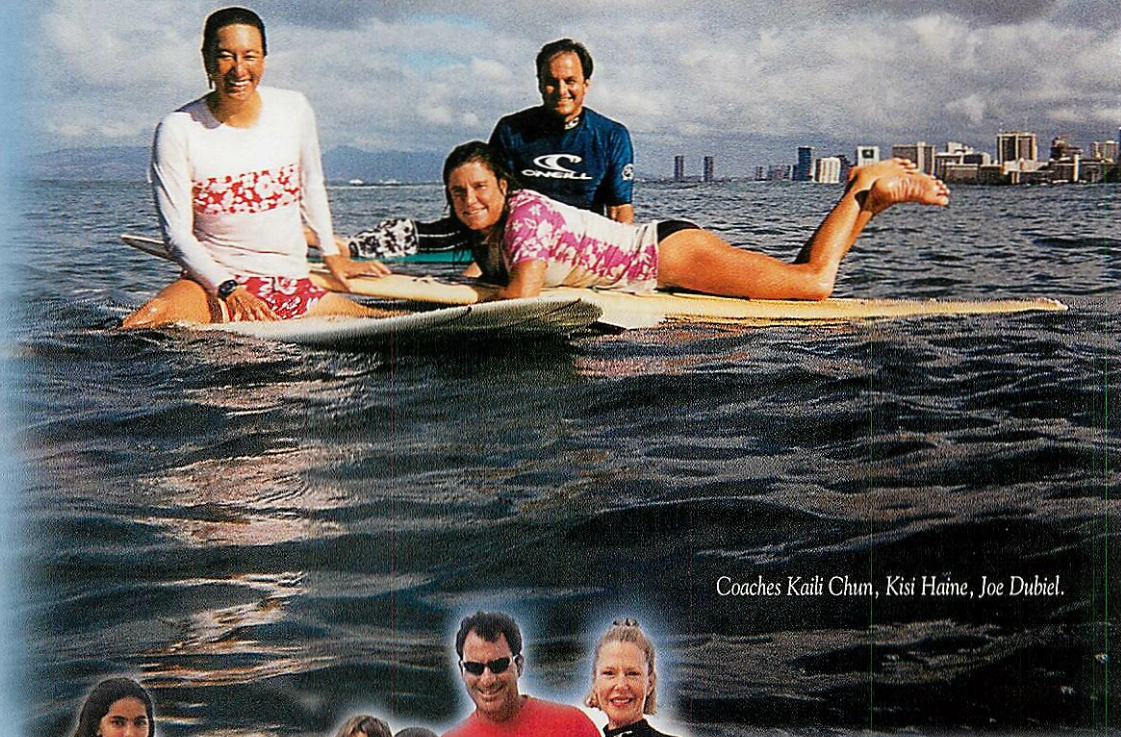
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Novice surfers had many opportunities to develop their surfing skills this summer. Throughout the summer, novice surfers met with Surf Committee members/coaches Kisi Haine, Joe "Flash" Dubiel, Terri Needels, and Kaili Chun for a Saturday Summer Surf Session.

Surfers of all levels from complete novice to beginning intermediate were shown the basics about ocean safety, paddling, turning the board, reading waves, and catching and riding waves. They were taken out in groups to the local surf spots known as Silver Stairs and Tonggs. By the end of the summer, most of the group had progressed to the outside break of Tonggs.

Novice surfers wishing to develop their skills also had the opportunity to participate in the week-long OCC/Hans Hedemann Surf Camp offered in August.

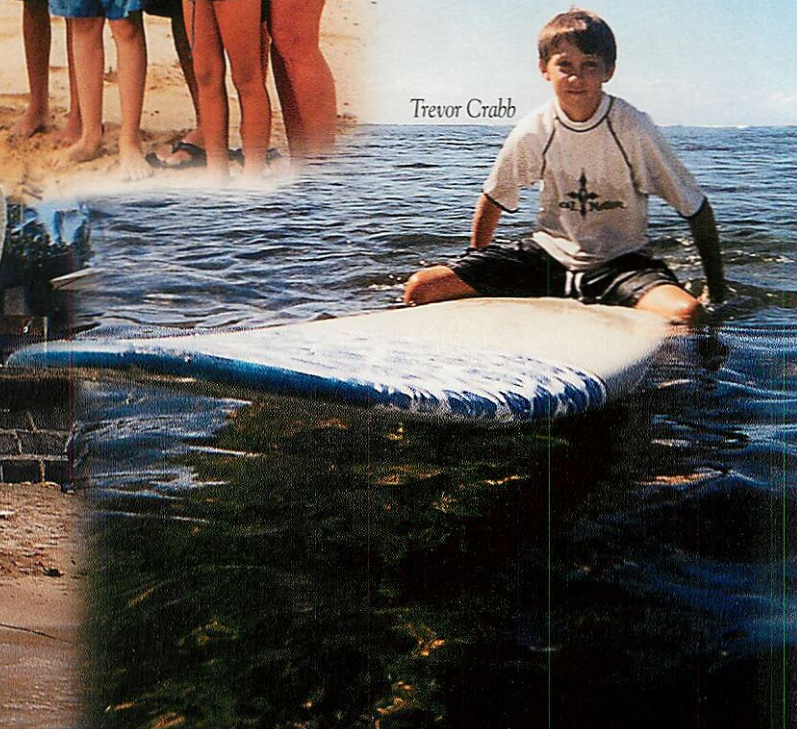
Hedemann, an Outrigger member and former world champion surfer and his team of professional surf instructors, took a group of OCC novices through their intensive 5-day clinic. Participants were provided boards, were taught all the basic skills and ocean safety knowledge. Everyone was quickly catching waves and by the end of the week they were well on their way to being able to go surfing independently.



Coaches Kaili Chun, Kisi Haine, Joe Dubiel.



Hans Hedeman with surf camp participants.



Trevor Crabb



Junior surfers and coaches had fun at summer surf sessions.