

Ho'omaluhia Fishing Fun

By Arnold Lum

Outrigger Canoe Club has obtained a private permit to fish for smallmouth bass at Waimaluhia Lake, which is located in the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe.

Our Club fishing days are on Sundays, January 28, March 25 and May 20 from 9 a.m. until Noon.

While fishing is open to the public on the first weekend of each month, fly fishing is prohibited on public fishing weekends and spin casting is restricted to a small portion of the shoreline open to fishing.

If you fish with the Club, you can throw wooly buggers and poppers without fear of being reprimanded. We can't guarantee that you'll catch a bass on a fly, but Club members Mike Cote and Bob Nemechek both enjoyed moderate success and had lots of fun fly fishing with us last year.

The larger bass were culled from the lake this past summer, in an attempt by the botanical garden's volunteering fishing monitors to maintain some balance between the bass and the small bait fish that primarily make up their diet.

We'll have to see if their experiment worked. You're welcome to join us, even if you're not a fly fisher; bait fishing is OK, but no treble hooks or live bait, please. Fishing is catch and release only.

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