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HAWAII TRIBUNE HERALD

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Waikiki's Man With The Cat Dead At 74

HONOLULU (AP)—Waikiki's "man with the cat"—John Sheppard—died Sunday at Kaiser Hospital after a brief illness.

Sheppard was a long-time colorful figure about Waikiki with his Siamese cat, Buddy, who was usually found draped around Sheppard's shoulders.

Sheppard, who was 74, arrived here in 1955 as a retired New York businessman.

A memorial service is to be held at 2:30 p.m. today on the beach at the Outrigger Club in Waikiki. His ashes will be scattered at sea.

Sheppard has no known survivors except Buddy who will be cared by a friend.

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WAIKIKI BEACH PRESS

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Last Rites Held For J. Sheppard

Another legendary personality of modern day Hawaii, especially in the Waikiki area died on Sunday, January 5.

John Sheppard, the beloved "man with the cat" died at Kaiser Hospital following a brief illness.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, John Sheppard had a life-long dream to come to Hawaii following his retirement from Dean Witter Company in New York, where he had served as a trust officer for a number of years.

Arriving in Honolulu, just 13 years ago, December 31, he had fulfilled his hope to be a part of Waikiki where he loved to stroll with "Buddy" who had shared the last 10 years of his life as a constant companion. John often commented that Buddy, who rode on his shoulder, had been stroked by perhaps more people

from throughout the world than any other Siamese cat.

Active until the last hours of his life, he served as an accountant for radio station KNDI in Waikiki. Buddy was always at his side, and the friendship they shared was evident to everyone who would stop to speak to both John and Buddy.

A sentimental aloha is in keeping for this man who was humble, alone and yet happy with his chosen lot of spending his last years in the millstream of booming Waikiki, a place he loved so much. Those who knew him personally will deeply miss "John and Buddy."

On Thursday, January 8, a memorial service for John Sheppard was held on the beach at the Outrigger Club in Waikiki, after which his ashes were scattered at sea.

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HONOLULU ADVERTISER

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Strauch Tops Makaha Surf

Paul Strauch won the men's division title and George Downing won the senior men's trophy in the Makaha Open Surfing Championships yesterday.

The two events completed the much postponed second annual contest, which began in December.

Strauch, of Outrigger Canoe Club, was followed by Ben Aipa of Iokai, and Clyde Aikau of Diamond Head.

It was a one-two sweep in the age 35-and-over senior di-

vision for the Waikiki Surfing Club. Downing won, with Tom Schroeder second. Happy Marciel, Makaha Surfing Association, was third.

Ben Aipa won the individual high point trophy, for semifinal and final surfing. The team trophy went to Makaha Surfing Association, with one first, one second, three third places and two fourth places.

Waves were five-to-seven feet and weather conditions were perfect yesterday.

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HAWAII TIMES

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SPORTS SHORTS

Downing, Strauch Win
Surfing Championships

George Downing and Paul Strauch were the division winners in the concluding events of the Makaha Open Surfing Championships yesterday.

Downing won the senior men's division and Strauch won the men's division.

The senior men's division is for surfers over 35.

Strauch is of the Outrigger Canoe Club and Downing is with the Waikiki Surfing Club.

2 Main Events In

Boxing Card At Arena

Two ten-round main events will

highlight tomorrow's boxing card at the Honolulu International Center Arena.

Rocky Miyashita will meet Robert Alvarez and Yoshio Ando takes on Humberto Reyes.

In an eight-round match on the program, Gerardo Ferrat fights Leroy Sayas.

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Foodmen Meet at Canoe Club

The Food Brokers Club of Hawaii meets on the first Thursday of each month for a luncheon at the Outrigger Canoe Club in Waikiki.

All members of the club are members of National Food Brokers Association.

President of the local club is Edward Quok. Call 870-255 for more information.

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HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

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Honolulu dentist plans marathon swim

By Alf Pratte
Star-Bulletin Writer

The Honolulu dentist who in 1967 became the second person ever to swim the Molokai Channel is going to tackle the 32-mile Alenuihaha Channel between the Big Island and Maui.

"I'm waiting for the right conditions," Dr. Harry W. Huffaker said. "I've finished training and am ready to go."

"This means that we may start the swim today, tomorrow or next week depending on the currents, wind and a number of other factors."

If Huffaker is successful, it will be the first time anyone has swum the rugged channel.

It will also be the longest swim ever made in Hawaiian waters.

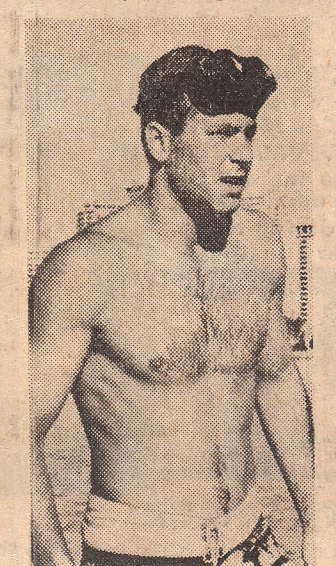
Huffaker, who completed the 27-mile swim from Molokai to Oahu in September, 1967, says he will begin his new marathon from Upolu Point on the Big Island "to the nearest reachable point on Maui."

"WE'LL START at midnight," he said. "We're doing

that so we won't have to finish in the dark. The first seven hours will be in total darkness."

He estimated that the Alenuihaha swim will take 18 hours to complete compared to the 13 hours and 30 minutes he took to conquer the Molokai Channel.

Keo Nakama, now a member of the State Legislature, is the only other person be-



Dr. Harry W. Huffaker

side Huffaker to swim the Molokai Channel.

Nakama did it in 1961 in 15½ hours when he was 40 years old.

Huffaker, who is now 29, is a native of Michigan who has been swimming since he was nine.

HE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL in two tries to swim the English Channel. On his last attempt in 1964, he made it to within two miles of shore before being pulled from the water unconscious.

For the past month, Huffaker and associates from the Outrigger Canoe Club have been studying current and wind conditions with Dr. Klaus Wyrski from the University of Hawaii oceanography department.

"We're lucky," Huffaker said.

"UNTIL THIS YEAR very little was known about the (Alenuihaha) channel. But now someone is doing his doctoral dissertation on it."

"We've learned a lot about it."

Huffaker explained that

plans are to leave Oahu for the Big Island "as soon as conditions are right."

He said that canoe club members John Marshall and Paul McLaughlin have made arrangements to charter the "Bobby K", a 40-foot fishing boat.

"We also plan to have an auxiliary Boston whaler and a surfboard with someone paddling it beside me," Huffaker said.

He said that special precautions are being taken against sharks in the 32-mile swim.

"Someone in the whaler will have a harpoon."

HUFFAKER WILL also carry a 12-gauge shotgun shell primed to go off when rammed into anything he may encounter on his swim.

Huffaker sees his newest swim from the Big Island to Maui as "the next logical step after swimming the Molokai Channel."

"I like to keep active in the sport," he says.

"And trying something more difficult is the only way to find out what your real limitations are."

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HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN

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Surf Spray

by Ron Haworth



TV waves

Larry Lindberg, back in New York after nearly a month filming the Duke and Makaha Surf meets, came out of the darkroom long enough to send encouraging news back to the Islands.

Armchair surfers will be glad to hear that they have in store 140 minutes of network surfing during the coming year.

Highlighting the action will be the Puerto Rican world contest, Duke Classic, and Makaha. The Duke will be shown Feb. 1 at 3:30 p.m. on KHVH.

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Duke winner Mike Doyle took the cash \$1,000 first-prize money and his California buddy Rusty Miller to Kauai for a weekend of surf searching.

What the trio found at the end of a six-mile hike was a wave that, to quote Doyle, "Makes Pipeline look like a playpen."

But their solitude was interrupted by that sudden hurricane wind that hit the Island and they had to find refuge in a cave.

On to Peru

A vote of confidence for Hawaii's surfers has been cast. Tentatively invited to compete in next month's Peruvian international championships are seven local boys, and Russ Takaki is mentioned as a judge.

Heading the seven are three-time Makaha winners Joey Cabell and George Downing and world meet champion Fred Hemmings.

Also set to be invited are Clyde Aikau, Ben Aipa, Butch Van Artsdalen and Reno Abellira.

Adding substance to the power shift away from California is the fact that only two from that region were invited.

This is a bitter pill for those who govern the Western Surfing Association, especially since their only showing in Puerto Rico was turned in by Mike Doyle, who made the list as a big-wave rider.

But it should be mentioned that Doyle reached fifth place in the finals by first surviving small waves—a feat that the small-wave riders couldn't duplicate.