

SANCTUARY WHALE TALES

Maui 's Volunteer Newsletter



Fun at the Holiday Party

On Friday, December 12, a large group of volunteers enjoyed this year's holiday party in the Hale `Amui. We had turkey and ham and a nice punch drink supplied by the Foundation as well as a large variety of specialty plates and desserts brought by the volunteers. Each person brought a plate and cutlery from home as we are considering the environment and trying to eliminate "one use plastics" from our lives.



Several area merchants donated some wonderful gifts that were given as door prizes. We also exchanged some funny wrapped gifts brought by volunteers in the "Pick a Gift, Steal a Gift" game. That was really a hoot to see the expressions on faces when some gifts were opened and some were "stolen" by others. It was so much fun and laughter abounded.

Through the generosity of our staff and volunteers, we were able to donate boxes of food for the needy and a large number of toys to St. Theresa's Church to be given to children that may not otherwise have received toys this holiday season. Pictured below are some of the donated toys brought in for the children.



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Laura, Jeep and Larry helped serve Christmas dinner at St. Teresa's Hale Kau Kau on Christmas Day. This traditional Christmas offering serves between 150-200 people who enjoyed ham, mashed potatoes, salad, bread, and dessert as well as a visit from Santa. There were many delighted children who all received gifts. This is another way that Sanctuary volunteers can serve our community.



Above see Sanctuary volunteer Bill Chase with Santa (Rod Quigley) at the Maui Ocean Center. Outreach at the Maui Ocean Center will be every Monday until March 25, 2013. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Jeep Dunning by email at mauijeep@gmail.com.

Fun Activities For Volunteers

"Sunset at Kalepolepo"

We will have a get together at Kalepolepo Park (that is the park next to the Sanctuary in Kihei) on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 5 PM. No business, just talk story and get to know other volunteers and staff. Please bring your own chair, plate, cutlery, drink and some food to share. Sanctuary gate will be open for parking or park at the park.

Snorkeling: A group meets at Kanahena (Dumps) each Sunday at 8:30 AM to snorkel, just for fun. All are invited to join the group.

No reservations needed for either event.

Educational Talk

We have a talk scheduled next Wednesday, January 3 at 9:30 AM by Jim Berles from Alpena Community College (which is a partner with the Thunder Bay NMS), who is on sabbatical at Windward Community College on Oahu. He will present:

GIS Mapping of Waikalua Loko Fishpond Resources and Circulation for Planning and Education. The talk will be held in Hale `Amui (the Kihei conference room).

Hope to see you there!

Survey Monkey Results

Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their opinions through the Survey Monkey we sent out to all of you. Overall, the results were very positive, and the helpful comments and the few critiques are being taken under consideration. We hope to implement some of the suggestions in the coming year, and, as always, welcome your ideas any time. Although we may not be able to use to them all, we appreciate your concerns and input.

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Black-Crowned Night-Heron

Photo and Story by Serena Neff



Black-Crowned Night-Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli
Hawaiian: 'Auku'u

A crepuscular hunter, the black-crowned night-heron fishes near water sources that other birds may feed at during the day. The diet of these birds includes anything from aquatic invertebrates and fish to rodents, lizards, amphibians, small birds and eggs. Despite having a very sharp beak, black-crowned night-herons are known to grasp prey as opposed to stabbing it and if startled, young herons may regurgitate their stomach contents. They nest near salt marshes, areas of brackish water, ponds, river and streams and in colonies, often with more than a dozen nests in a single tree. Black-crowned night-herons are found on every continent except Australia with Hawaii's particular subspecies also found in North and South America. Adults have black on their backs and the tops of their heads (hence the black "crown" to their name), with gray on their sides and wings and white on their bellies. The Hawaiian population is considered to be stable with an under-estimation of about 400 black-crowned night-herons in the main Hawaiian islands. This one was seen at Kapalua on the hiking trails

Foundation Fodder...

By Lynette Poncin

As you may be aware, we are handling the booking for the Blue`aina ocean clean-up boat trips this year. It is working well. The January 6 Blue`aina is sold out!! We have a standby list for this trip.

The next sail date is February 3, 2013. The recipient of the funds collected on the February 3rd sailing is our HIHWNMS. The corporate sponsor will be Destination Maui Inc. and they will be writing a check for \$1K. We still need a food sponsor. We will start taking bookings the day after the Jan 6th event.

It is requested that if you have been on the boat more than 3 times, you can book early if you bring one new person with you, otherwise we ask that you wait until a couple of weeks before the event to book to give new people a chance to participate. The cost of the trip is \$25. To be paid at the time of booking.

We are also working with the Kahalui airport to set up a sanctuary display in the airport.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our numbers of guests at the visitor's center are up, up, up. We need more volunteers to take a shift or two to help fill the schedule. We are also open on Saturdays now from 10 AM until 1PM and Whale Talks are at 11 A.M. Please email Laura (lauragahr@hotmail.com) if you can cover a shift.

On January 20th we will be helping with the 5th Maui Oceanfront Marathon. We will host a water/aid station in Kihei and one in Lahaina area. The Marathon will start at 5:30 AM this year at Wailea and the Half Marathon and 10K will also start early in Lahaina. The earlier start will get us all home earlier and give the runners 15 more minutes of less late morning sun. If you are an early riser and can help at either station, please email Lynette (lynetteponcin@me.com).

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What are the names of these landmarks I see?

Picture and article by Ka`au Abraham

Many of us have taken a look out to the ocean fronting the sanctuary and have heard folks call the various landmarks different names. "Oh, there's Moloka'i just to the right of that point over there," says a person visiting Maui for the first time. Have you ever been somewhere that this has happened?

Here are a few Hawaiian names for some places that you may have dived, swam, snorkeled or visited:

Kanahena, referred by others as Dumps, a great surf and snorkeling spot. It is said that Kanahena was used in old Hawai'i for agricultural purposes.

Pu'u 'Ōla'i, meaning earthquake hill, separates **One'uli** (black sand beach) and **Oneloa** (big beach). It is said that a shark god's shrine or ko'a was built there and offerings made to honor it.

Maluaka, another great snorkeling area where the Sanctuary began reef surveys a few years ago.

Kō'ie'ie, the name of the ancient Hawaiian fishpond fronting the Sanctuary in Kihei.

Papawai, a scenic lookout point just past **Mā'alaea** Harbor on the way to **Lahaina** offers a great view of **Mā'alaea Bay**.

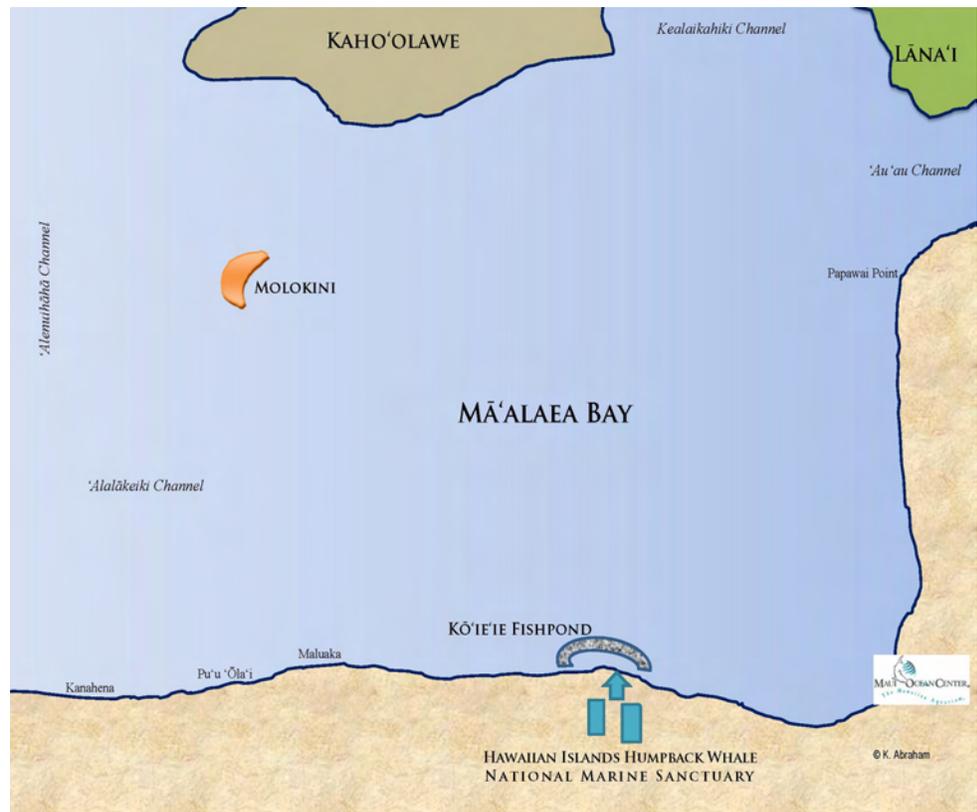
Then we have a few land formations that can be seen from the visitor center deck:

Molokini islet, one legend has it that the lover of the goddess Pele took a *mo'o* (lizard) for a wife. Being upset, Pele bisected her and the tail became **Pu'u 'Ōla'i** and her head became Molokini. Today Molokini is designated a marine life conservation district which protects marine life. Swimming, snorkeling and diving are permitted uses at Molokini.

The next island over to the right of Molokini is the island of **Kaho'olawe**. The island that is to the right of that is **Lāna'i**.

There are a few ocean channels between these land masses:

the **'Alalākeiki** Channel is located between the islands of Maui and Kaho'olawe; the **'Alenuihāhā** Channel is located between the islands of Hawai'i and Maui; the **Kealaikahiki** Channel is located between the islands of Kaho'olawe and Lāna'i; the **'Au'au** Channel is located between Maui and Lāna'i.



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South Maui

*Hawaiian Islands Humpback
Whale National Marine Sanctuary
726 South Kihei Road,
Kihei, HI 96753 (808) 879-2818*

West Maui

*Whaler Village Shopping Center
Whalers Museum
2435 Ka'anapali Parkway
Lahaina, HI 96761 (808) 661-4567*

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Sold Out		1 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei	2 Jim Berles Talk 9:30 AM Kihei	3 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	4 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina	5 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei
6 *Trilogy's Blue `Aina Campaign 8:30 AM Ma`alea	7 Outreach at Maui Ocean Center	8 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei	9	10 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	11 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina	12 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei
13	14 Outreach at Maui Ocean Center	15 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei	16 Annual Volunteer Meeting 6-8 PM Kihei	17 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	18 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina	19 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei
20	21 Outreach at Maui Ocean Center Pupu Party Kalepolepo Park 5 PM	22 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei	23	24 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei	25 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina	26 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei
27	28 Outreach at Maui Ocean Center	29 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM Kihei	30 Turtle Response Training 2:00PM Kihei	31 45 Ton Whale Talk 11 AM and 2 PM Lahaina 11AM Kihei		