

**Suspect Dumpers**

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Aloha,

We are a large exercise group that meets 4 days/wk in the ocean at Keawakapu Beach, just down from the Mana Kai, South Kihei, Maui. We are in 10-15' water between 9A - 10:15A, and about halfway through we are surrounded in a 30-40' pool of human feces, brown bubbles and putrid odor, occurring within 5-10 minutes of one of the large snorkel boats going past us from Molokini to Kihei Boat Ramp. They are fairly close but going at high speeds as they near the ramp, while their wake brings it toward shore. This sewage consisting of brown slime (resembling diarrhea), particles and shredded toilet paper has been rampant over the past year and a half that we've been in there. It seems to occur more frequently during the summer months and last year I reported to Nick, the District Mgr of Div of Boating & Ocean Rec at Maalaea Harbor.

This past Wed. 7/28 it was so bad we all got out of the water along with many others as it spread along the shoreline. As a result, 2 of our group later reported skin irritation over entire body and acute diarrhea after ingesting a mouthful. Over the past 3 days I reported dumping to the following agencies:

Div of Boating & Ocean Rec, Dist. Mgr.
Dept of Conservation Resource Enforcement, Officer Rivera
Dept of Aquatic Resources, Skippy Hau
USCG Marine Safety Ofc, Petty Officer Bateman
Dept of Health - Clean Water Branch, Roland Asakura

USCG Petty Officer Bateman agreed to come out Fri am and watched through binoculars from the Mana Kai as the following snorkel boats came past us toward the ramp:

"Double Scoop" - Scuba Shack
"Pilikai" - Mike Severns Diving
"Kai Anela" - Maui Dive Shop

I spoke with P.O. Bateman afterward and faxed him the USCG Citizen Report Form detailing the occurrence, which he will share with Commander Stellflug upon his return this week. He suggested I contact EPA, along with others listed in the PumpDontDump website, that I just learned existed.

I hope you will utilize this information to investigate and prosecute the offender/s for the health and welfare of our residents and visitors alike.

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