

## 2010 HAWAII WATERMAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



### DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU – SWIMMING, SURFING, CANOE PADDLING

*Simply the greatest athlete ever from Hawaii.*

*A pure blooded Native Hawaiian, Duke Kahanamoku first made his mark as the world's fastest swimmer and Olympic champion, earning six medals, including three gold medals, in a career spanning 1912-1932.*

*Recognized as "the Father of International Surfing," Duke spread the gospel to surfers worldwide.*

*A trusted mentor to countless swimmers, surfers and paddlers, he was the first person inducted in both the International Swimming Hall of Fame and International Surfing Hall of Fame.*

*Duke's popularity, charisma and warmth served him well later in life as Hawaii's official Ambassador of Aloha.*

*His legacy lives on with the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation, awarding scholarships and grants to Hawaii residents competing in ocean sports and volleyball.*

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*Aloha  
Waterman*



### WALLACE "WALLY" FROISETH – SURFING, CANOE PADDLING

*Wally Froiseth came to Hawaii at age six in 1925 and soon gained a love for surfing in Waikiki that would lead to one of the sport's most important innovations.*

*Fearless and adventurous, Froiseth helped develop the "Hot Curl" surfboard in the mid-1930s by experimenting with different board shapes and sizes. The result was a board with more speed and greater control for handling the big waves that Froiseth loved to attack. Froiseth and other surfers used the new board to conquer Makaha and the North Shore and help inspire the global migration to these famed surfing sites.*

*A true waterman, Froiseth also excelled at canoe paddling often leading his team to victory in the annual regattas.*

### FRED HEMMINGS – SURFING, PADDLING



*A world champion surfer, Fred Hemmings' greatest gift to the sport may have been how he raised its public awareness through promotions and television exposure.*

*Hemmings was one of the world's best surfers by age 18 winning both the Makaha International Surfing Championships and Peruvian International Championships in 1964. Four years later, he won the World Surfing Championships in Puerto Rico.*

*Hemmings founded and produced several of Hawaii's premier surfing competitions, including the Pipeline Masters Surfing Classic, World Cup of Surfing, and Triple Crown of Surfing. Because of his promotional efforts, many of these competitions were televised nationally.*

*He was inducted into the International Surfing Hall of Fame in 1991. An accomplished paddler and steersman, Hemmings' teams won four Molokai-to-Oahu canoe races, three in the open division and once in the master's division. He has also won the most career races as a steersman – 61 – in the annual Fourth of July Walter Macfarlane Canoe Regatta in Waikiki.*