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Aloha Buffalo Keaulana



RICHARD "BUFFALO" KEAULANA - SURFING

A modest man from very humble beginnings, Buffalo Keaulana has built an enduring legacy of aloha that continues to touch generations of ocean lovers and radiate within the surfing community worldwide.

Buffalo's list of accomplishments include being a champion surfer and bodysurfer, saving lives as a longtime lifeguard for the City and County of Honolulu, founding the annual Buffalo's Big Board Surfing Classic, being a leader in perpetuating Hawaiian culture, and showing countless others how to cherish the ocean way of life. And he has done it all inspired by his beloved Makaha.

Today, surfers everywhere know the Keaulanas as the first family of Makaha, but their gift to people and places around the world has been an undying dedication to living, sharing, and caring for the wonders of the ocean.



ALBERT "RABBIT" KEKAI - SURFING, CANOE PADDLING

A Waikiki beach boy legend, Rabbit Kekai caught his first wave in 1925 and ever since then has shared his love and stories about the ocean with kama'aina and tourists alike.

Growing up on Waikiki Beach, a protégé of Duke Kahanamoku, Rabbit is revered by surfers worldwide as one of the sport's groundbreaking pioneers. Among his lasting accomplishments was promoting Oahu's North Shore as a surfing hot spot and popularizing hot-dogging on short boards.

A master paddler as well, Rabbit has won hundreds of surfing and paddling competitions worldwide, including the Makaha International Surfing Championships, the Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race, and paddleboard races in Peru.

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KEO NAKAMA - SWIMMING



A native of Puunene, Maui, Keo Nakama was one of Hawaii's greatest and hardest-working swimmers.

He attended Ohio State University in the early 1940s where the "Hawaiian Flying Fish" earned eight Big Ten titles, 27 national championships, 13 NCAA and AAU national titles, five Pan American Games titles, and set a world record of 20:29 in the mile swim. Only World War II kept Nakama from swimming in the Olympics.

Back home in Hawaii, he became the first person to swim the channel between Molokai and Oahu, completing the 27 miles in 15-and-a-half hours in 1961 at the age of 40. Nakama was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1975.

Aloha Nappy Napoleon



JOSEPH "NAPPY" NAPOLEAN - CANOE PADDLING

Nappy Napoleon developed a lifelong passion for canoe paddling as a youngster that has carried him to amazing exploits and distinction as one of sport's most inspiring legends.

As the founder and head coach of the 'Anuenue Canoe Club, teams steered by "Uncle Nappy" have raced all over the world. His most remarkable achievement came in 2007, when he completed his 50th consecutive Molokai Hoe.

The grueling 41-mile race from Molokai's Hale O Lono Harbor to Duke Kahanamoku Beach in Waikiki is annually considered the "world championship" of long distance canoe paddling.

As the first family of canoe paddling, Nappy's crew was comprised of his five sons and three grandsons.