



# Then and Now: *Hā'uki* (Sports)

In old Hawai'i, sports were played for leisure and to build speed and strength in warriors. During the annual makahiki festival, a four-month long New Year celebration that began in late autumn and continued through the winter months, Native Hawaiians engaged in a number of sporting activities, from the daring he'e holua (lava sledding) to the difficult 'ulu maika (rolling disks).

Today, ancient Hawaiian sports are perpetuated in Hawai'i and throughout the world, as a new generation practices beloved pastimes such as outrigger canoe paddling and surfing. Hawai'i's tropical weather also makes it the perfect destination for world-class sports events, including the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic, Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau, and the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

In this Winter edition of the Festivals of Hawai'i calendar, you will discover more than 40 festivals and events throughout the island chain that celebrate the best of Hawai'i's historical and contemporary culture in addition to sports, including dance, music, arts and crafts, agriculture, food and more.

These are the Festivals of Hawai'i, where culture and traditions are celebrated in our islands.



Alaia  
 (Thin wooden surfboard)

**Then:** Legendary Hawai'i surfer and Olympic swimming medalist Duke Kahanamoku introduced surfing to the world when he presented surf exhibitions to astonished crowds from Sydney, Australia to Southern California in the early 1900s.

Photo: Hawai'i State Archives

**Now:** Nineteen-year-old Hawai'i resident Carissa Moore is the youngest woman in history to earn the title of ASP Women's World Tour Champion.

Photo: Brian Nevins

*A Celebration of Cultures and Traditions in the Islands*

## KAUA‘I

### Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival - “Kaua‘i Island Style”

November 20, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Kaua‘i Beach Resort & Spa Convention Center, Līhu‘e

Hawai‘i’s trademark method of tuning and playing the guitar (called “slack key”) is showcased at this 19th annual free music festival on the Garden Isle. Dozens of the best slack key artists from Hawai‘i will perform. (808) 226-2697 or [www.slackkeyfestival.com](http://www.slackkeyfestival.com)



Festival of Lights.  
Photo: Ron Kosen/Photo Spectrum

### Festival of Lights

December 2 - 31

Historic Kaua‘i County Building, Līhu‘e

The Festival of Lights is a unique annual event at the Historic County Building running throughout the month of December, dedicated to preserving and presenting the beautiful handmade decorations created by Josie Chansky. Also featuring creations crafted by volunteer artisans, perpetuating the tradition of Holiday Aloha that visitors and locals experienced for decades at the Chansky “Christmas House” in Kapa‘a. The Historic County Building is open every weekend throughout December for viewing of the decorations. A parade will be featured on December 2. [www.kauaifestivaloflights.com](http://www.kauaifestivaloflights.com)

## O‘AHU

### First Friday Honolulu

November 4 and December 2

Various locations, Downtown Honolulu

Head to Downtown Honolulu and Chinatown every first Friday of the month and dive deep into O‘ahu’s vibrant art scene. Each month you can interact with local artists and artisans sharing their work during a festive night that draws a stylish crowd of visitors and locals. [www.firstfridayhawaii.com](http://www.firstfridayhawaii.com)



The Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau.  
Photo: Cestari

### Hawai‘i Spirit & Healing Garden Festival

November 4 - 6

Turtle Bay Resort, North Shore

This three-day celebration features yoga, dance, music, movement, live entertainment, food demonstrations and workshops ranging from Vinyasa and Huna, to Afro-Cuban dance and meditation. (808) 638-0888 or [www.hawaiihealthguide.com](http://www.hawaiihealthguide.com)

### Hō‘ike 2011

November 5, 6 p.m.

Hawai‘i Theatre, Downtown Honolulu

Under the direction of Mandi Kaleilani Scott, Nā Maka Pu‘uwai O Aloha Hula & Performing Arts Studio presents its 2011 hō‘ike (show) themed ‘O Nā Kumumea ‘Ehā, meaning the four elements. (808) 528-0506 or [www.hawaiitheatre.com](http://www.hawaiitheatre.com)

### Reef Hawaiian Pro

November 12 - 23

Hale‘iwa Ali‘i Beach Park, Hale‘iwa

Each winter, thousands of surfers and spectators flock to O‘ahu’s North Shore to watch some of the largest and most spectacular waves of the season. As the first of three events in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing, the Reef Hawaiian Pro kicks off surfing’s most prestigious series. Visit the website for updates and announcements. [www.triplecrownofsurfing.com](http://www.triplecrownofsurfing.com)

### Shichi Go San: Keiki Kimono Dressing

November 13, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i, Honolulu

Shichi Go San, literally translated as “seven, five, three,” stems from ancient Japan days when parents brought their kimono-clad children (girls, aged three and seven; and boys, aged three and five) to Shinto shrines and prayed for their children to have long prosperous lives. At this one-day festival, children dress in elegant kimono and zori (sandals), have a traditional Shinto blessing, and capture the day with a professional photograph. (808) 945-7633 or [www.jcch.com](http://www.jcch.com)

### Vans World Cup of Surfing

November 24 - December 6

Sunset Beach, Pūpūkea

Watch the world’s top professional surfers as they attempt to master one of the North Shore’s most fickle and unpredictable waves. The second event in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing, the Vans World Cup is an Association of Surfing Professionals Prime Event and carries a \$250,000 prize purse. Visit the website for announcements. [www.triplecrownofsurfing.com](http://www.triplecrownofsurfing.com)

### The Quiksilver in Memory of

Eddie Aikau

December (Date TBD)

Waimea Bay, Waimea

Held in honor of the legendary Hawai‘ian waterman and first lifeguard at Waimea Bay, Eddie Aikau, The Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau is the most prestigious and longest-standing big-wave surfing contest in the world. It is the only big-wave specialty event sanctioned by the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP), and happens only when “the bay calls the day.” If the waves hit 20 feet or higher, then an elite group of invited surfers will take to the death-defying walls of water. Visit the website for updates on dates. [www.quiksilver.com/eddie](http://www.quiksilver.com/eddie)

### XTERRA Trail Run World Championships

December 4, 9 a.m.

Kualoa Ranch, Ka‘a‘awa

Some of the world’s fastest trail runners will take to the majestic slopes of Kualoa Ranch on O‘ahu’s beautiful North Shore for a grueling half-marathon. 5K- and 10K-trail runs will also be offered, in addition to a kids race and adventure walk. (808) 521-4322 or [www.xterraplanet.com](http://www.xterraplanet.com)

Hawai'i's FIRST LEGO League Championship

December 3

Neal Blaisdell Center, Honolulu

This fun robotics competition encourages student interest in science, technology, engineering and math. See the winning district teams challenge each other in this year's theme "Food Factor."

www.hawaiifll.org

Billabong Pipe Masters

December 8 - 20

The Banzai Pipeline, Pūpūkea

Feel the explosive energy of one of the world's most powerful and dangerous waves as 45 elite surfers compete for a \$425,000 prize purse. The Billabong Pipe Masters is the final event in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing and the last stop on the Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour. Visit the website for announcements.

www.triplecrownofsurfing.com

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic

December 22-23, 25

Stan Sheriff Center at UH Mānoa, Honolulu

Eight college teams from across the country will vie for supremacy in this exciting three-day invitational basketball tournament. The first four games on the opening day will be televised live on ESPNU and will be a part of 11 tournament games broadcast on ESPN networks. The third-place and championship games will be televised on ESPN2 on Christmas Day.

www.diamondheadclassic.com

Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl

December 24, 3 p.m.

Aloha Stadium, Honolulu

Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl is part of ESPN and ESPN2's extensive bowl lineup and continues as the first non-all-star post-season game in Hawai'i since 2000. This year's game marks the 10th edition and will be televised nationally on ESPN, featuring a team from Conference USA against a team from the Western Athletic Conference.

(808) 523-3688 or

www.sheratonhawaiibowl.com

MAUI

Wailuku First Friday

November 4 and December 2

Market Street, Wailuku

Discover Maui's electric nightlife each first Friday of the month in historic Wailuku with live entertainment, local foods, art, shopping, a beer garden and so much more.

(808) 878-1888 or

www.facebook.com/WailukuFirstFriday

Hawaiian Music Series

November 10 and December 8,

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Baldwin Home Museum, Lahaina

Bring your lunch, beach mat, and friends and family to enjoy live Hawaiian music and hula dancing under the Baldwin Home Museum's shady trees. Free admission.

(808) 661-3262 or www.lahainarestitution.org



Kēia Manawa at Schaefer Gallery

November 13 - December 23

Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Kahului

Kēia Manawa (of our time) explores social issues of Hawaiian culture, the environment and politics by four Native Hawaiian women artists: Ivy Hali'imaile Andrade, Ka'ili Chun, Kapulani Landgraf and April Dregas.

(808) 242-7469 or www.mauiarts.org

Maui OnStage ONO Series

November 14 and December 12, 6:30 p.m.

'Īao Theater, Wailuku

Maui OnStage is proud to continue its monthly free theater series every second Monday of the month at the Historic 'Īao Theater.

(808) 244-8680 or www.maui onstage.com

Celebrating Native Plants with Songs by Cody Pueo Pata

November 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Kahului

Join Kumu Hula and Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner, Cody Pueo Pata, for a morning of nahenahe (serene) Hawaiian music as he serenades you with mele (songs) about the always-inspiring native plants of Hawai'i.

(808) 249-2798 or www.mnbg.org

Kulanihāko'i: Living Waters

November 20, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Lodge at Koele, Lāna'i

Maui Arts & Cultural Center presents excerpts from the new hula drama Kulanihāko'i: Living Waters about water and its relationship to ocean, land and sky based on Hawaiian myths. The program will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

(808) 242-2787 x263

Kulanihāko'i. Photo: Maui Arts & Cultural Center



**MAUI** continued

**EA SPORTS Maui Invitational**

November 21 - 23

Lahaina Civic Center, Lahaina

*The EA SPORTS Maui Invitational is the longest running early-season college hoops tournament in the nation. Watch young basketball stars from Georgetown, UCLA, Duke, Chaminade and four other schools compete on the court in the Championship Round.*

[www.mauiiinvitational.com](http://www.mauiiinvitational.com)

**A Christmas Carol**

November 25 - December 11

Īao Theater, Wailuku

*Maui OnStage presents "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens' classic holiday story with music, adapted by Tom Frey. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays.*

(808) 244-8680 or [www.mauionstage.com](http://www.mauionstage.com)

**Maui Pops Orchestra "Holiday Pops" with Amy Hānaiali'i Gilliom**

December 4, 3:30 p.m.

Maui Arts and Cultural Center, Kahului

*The orchestra will perform its "Holiday Pops" with 15-time Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner and three-time GRAMMY® nominated Amy Hānaiali'i Gilliom.*

[www.mauipops.com](http://www.mauipops.com)

**HAWAII**

**Hilo Hula Days of Aloha by the Bay**

Daily, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mo'ohau Park & Bandstand, Hilo

*Every day when a cruise ship calls at the Port of Hilo, the kama'aina (residents) and malihini (visitors) celebrate with live Hawai'ian music and hula dancing to greet cruise ship visitors into Hilo's scenic bay front. Residents and tourists welcome.*

(808) 935-8850 or [www.downtownhilo.com](http://www.downtownhilo.com)

**NELHA Presentations & Tours**

Ongoing

NELHA, Kailua-Kona

*The Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority (NELHA) operates a unique and innovative ocean science and technology park in Kailua-Kona and offers presentations, tours and tastings of its deep seawater abalone farm.*

(808) 329-8073 or [www.nelha.org](http://www.nelha.org)

**Palace Theater's Hawaiiana Live**

Ongoing

Palace Theater, Hilo

*Now in its fifth year, the historic Palace Theater hosts a 45-minute cultural tourism program that revolves around the Hawai'ian lunar calendar. The show features live on-stage presentations that share the history and traditions of the Hawai'ian culture through storytelling, film, music, chanting and hula.*

(808) 934-7010 or [www.hilopalace.com](http://www.hilopalace.com)

**Moku O Keawe International Hula Festival**

November 3 - 5

Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort, Waikoloa

*A multi-day event celebrating the hula and the hula arts, this festival features hula hālau (troupes) from Hawai'i, Japan and elsewhere competing in kūpuna (senior), kahiko (ancient) and 'auana (modern) hula divisions. Master instructors teach workshops and cultural classes throughout the event.*

(808) 886-8822 or [www.mokuokeawe.org](http://www.mokuokeawe.org)

**Black & White Night**

November 4, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Downtown, Hilo

*Everyone dresses in black and white, from shorts and T-shirts, to gowns and suits, at Downtown Hilo's biggest annual strolling party with numerous live music venues, fashion shows, a treasure hunt through town, free food, and author/artist receptions.*

(808) 935-8850 or [www.downtownhilo.com](http://www.downtownhilo.com)

**Kona Coffee Cultural Festival**

November 4 - 13

Kailua-Kona, Keauhou, Hōlualoa

*Since its inception in 1970, the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival's mission has been to preserve, perpetuate and promote Kona's 180-year coffee heritage. This year's celebration will have nearly 50 events including tastings, art exhibits, cupping competition, farm tours, contests, parades, sporting events and special events.*

(808) 326-7820 or [www.konacoffeefest.com](http://www.konacoffeefest.com)



Photo: Kona Coffee Cultural Festival

**Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea**

November 19 and 29;

December 6 and 27

Volcano Art Center, Volcano

*The Volcano Art Center at the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park features monthly hula kahiko (ancient) performances and cultural demonstrations. In November, Kumu Maile Yamanaka presents hands-on educational lessons featuring basic hula, lei making and 'ukulele.*

(808) 967-7565 or [www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org)

**Aloha Saturdays**

November 19 and December 17

Kalākaua Park, Hilo

*The East Hawai'i Cultural Center presents a special program every third Saturday promoting Hawai'i's people, traditions and heritage. Elements include Hawai'ian music, hula, arts and crafts, and food to provide visitors and locals with a unique and authentic experience.*

(808) 961-5711 or [www.ehcc.org](http://www.ehcc.org)

**Hawai'i Healing Garden - Makahiki Festival**

November 19, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort, Kailua-Kona**

*This "Celebration of Life" as a part of the ancient Hawaiian Makahiki Festival, features hula, cultural healing arts, Hawaiian games, live music, an outdoor expo, arts and crafts, healthy food and tasty cuisine, children's activities and more.*

[www.hawaiihealthguide.com](http://www.hawaiihealthguide.com)

**UPCOMING 2012 EVENTS**

**Hyundai Tournament of Champions**

January 4 - 9

**Kapalua Resort, Kapalua, Maui**

*Hyundai Tournament of Champions is the season-opening event of the PGA TOUR held on the Magic Isle of Maui featuring a winners-only format. Only champions from the 2011 PGA TOUR season are eligible to compete. Visit the website to check for updates and announcements.*

[www.pgatour.com](http://www.pgatour.com)

**Sony Open in Hawai'i**

January 9 - 15

**Wai'alae Country Club, Honolulu, O'ahu**

*Every year, the Sony Open in Hawai'i attracts 144 of the world's greatest golf professionals to the island of O'ahu. The event is the largest charity event in Hawai'i and has raised more than \$10 million for local not-for-profits since 1999. The Sony Open showcases international golf talent and camaraderie against the backdrop of Hawai'i's natural beauty to the world. Visit the website to check for updates and announcements.*

[www.sonyopeninhawaii.com](http://www.sonyopeninhawaii.com)

**Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai**

January 16 - 22

**Four Seasons Hualalai Resort, Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawai'i**

*The Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai is a PGA TOUR Champions Tour tournament competition set along Hawai'i Island's beautiful Kona coast. The tournament features winners of past major tournaments along with eight invited professionals with 15 or more career victories. Visit the website to check for updates and announcements.*

[www.pgatour.com](http://www.pgatour.com)

**Pro Bowl**

January 29

**Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, O'ahu**

*The all-star football game returns to the Hawaiian Islands in 2012 matching the top players in the American Football Conference (AFC) against the top players of the National Football Conference (NFC). Visit the website to check for updates and announcements.*

[www.nfl.com/probowl](http://www.nfl.com/probowl)

Sony Open in Hawai'i.  
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Sony Open in Hawai'i Defending Champion Mark Wilson.  
Photo: Ross Hamamura





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