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SURF'S UP ON OAHU'S SOUTH SHORE THIS WEEK

WAIKIKI, OAHU – June 15, 2009 – Hawaii residents, or *kamaaina*, know it's summertime on Oahu when the surf off famed Waikiki Beach reaches perfect surf riding conditions. For the past several days, the surf condition off Oahu's south shores has been anywhere from 4 to 6 feet – Heights are based on the National Weather Service's method of measuring the wave face from trough to crest. This week, surfers are packing up their boards and heading south (instead of Oahu's North Shore where surf is flat over the summer) because surf conditions are expected to reach 6 to 9 feet.



At **Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa**, guests interested in learning to board surf can learn from the hotel's in-house resident professional award-winning big wave surfer, Tony Moniz of Faith Riding Company Surf School. Moniz and his wife, Tammy, operate the school. Oftentimes in the office, you'll see their five teenaged children who are each home schooled and are accomplished surfers, representing major surf brands such as ***Roxy***, ***Billabong*** and ***Hawaiian Island Creations (HIC)***.

There is a ***Surfing Package*** available for beginners that take them from classroom instructions to "hanging ten" in waters off the stretch of Waikiki Beach, commonly known to locals as Kuhio Beach.

The Waikiki Beach Marriott's Surfing Package includes:

- Deluxe guestroom for two
- Group lessons for 2 and ½ hours (2 hours in the water with instructor)
- Surfboard, leash and jersey

Wave riders must know how to swim and be at least 12 years of age.



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Valid through December 25, 2009, rates begin at \$307 per night and are subject to availability and restrictions. Minimum three night stay required. Price includes all applicable taxes. Price and contents subject to change without notice. Additional people subject to charge. Faith Surf School will contact the guest to finalize date of lesson, where to meet, and answer any additional questions once the *Surfing Package* has been reserved with the hotel.

For more information or reservations, please visit waikikimarriott.com or call 1-808-922-6611.

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WAIKIKI BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA fronts the best stretch of Waikiki Beach. Conveniently located in the heart of Waikiki, the hotel offers 1,310 refurbished guest rooms and suites with private lanai providing spectacular views of world-famous Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach. Other amenities include Kuhio Beach Grill, featuring the best in Pacific Rim cuisine; Sansei Seafood Restaurant & Sushi Bar and d.k Steak House; Arancino di Mare Italian Restaurant; contemporary sushi bar; Moana Terrace, offering live Hawaiian entertainment nightly; Seattle's Best Coffee; Paul Brown's Spa Olakino * Salon; Faith Riding Company Surf School; two freshwater, heated swimming pools; 10-person whirlpool; 24-hour fitness facility; business center with 24-hour Internet access; high-speed and wireless Internet access throughout the resort's guest rooms and public spaces; shops and boutiques; and Hawaiian cultural activities. For more information, visit www.marriottwaikiki.com.

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