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1. Purpose. To transmit a new page insert to the basic Order.
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3. Summary of Change. This change clarifies information on water safety aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii facilities.
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## BASE REGULATIONS

### 11003. WATER SPORTS

1. Applicability. These regulations apply to all persons participating in beach or water activities at Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), including Marine Corps Training Area Bellows (MCTAB) and Pu'uloa beach.

a. Kaneohe Bay Beaches (see Figures 11-3 and 11-4)

(1) Pyramid Rock Beach. Located 300 feet west of runway 4-22 west along the shoreline to the fence surrounding the Pyramid Rock security area. Lifeguards are assigned to Pyramid Rock Beach.

(2) Hilltop Beach. Located 300 feet east of runway 4-22 east to 200 feet west of North Beach lifeguard station. No lifeguards are assigned to Hilltop beach.

(3) North Beach. Located 200 feet west of North Beach lifeguard station to 300 feet beyond the stairs to the Pond road parking area. Lifeguards are assigned to North Beach.

(4) Fort Hase Beach. Located from the posted sign along Kailua Beach to the intersection of Daly Road and Middaugh Road. Hazardous reefs exist in this area. No lifeguards are assigned to Fort Hase Beach.

(5) Hale Koa Beach. Located from the fence at the southwest edge east and north until the line of sight boundary west of the Hale Koa beach entrance. The water north of the entrance is restricted. No lifeguards are assigned to Hale Koa Beach.

(6) Beach Cottage Lagoons. Located at areas directly in front of beach cottages at Pyramid Rock. No lifeguards are assigned to Beach Cottage Lagoons.

b. Marine Corps Training Area Bellows Beach. Defined as the area from Ina'ole stream extending North to the Waimanalo Stream by Bellows Gate. All other MCTAB beach areas are off-limits. No lifeguards are assigned to MCTAB Beach except as outlined in this order.

c. Pu'uloa Beach. Located from the far east side of the range and extending 200 yards westward. Users must provide certified lifeguards as outlined in this order.

2. Authorized Persons. Only persons in the following categories are authorized to use MCBH's beaches and waters:

a. Military Personnel and their families. All members of U.S. Armed Forces (whether active-duty, retired, reserve, or National Guard) and their families are authorized to use all MCBH controlled beaches and waters as outlined in this order. They may also sponsor two guests each (this may be exceeded if the guests are authorized houseguests) to any MCBH controlled beach with the exception of family members less than 18 years of age. Family members under 18 years of age may not sponsor people to the MCBH controlled beaches.

b. DOD Civilian Employees. DOD civilian employees are authorized to use all MCBH beaches and waters as outlined in this order, except for North Beach. They are authorized to sponsor two guests and must accompany them while aboard MCBH beaches.

c. Houseguests. Houseguests, as defined in chapter 9, are authorized to use any MCBH beach. Houseguests are not permitted to sponsor guests aboard MCBH to use the beaches.

d. Pets: Dogs are only allowed on North Beach from sunrise to 1000 and 1500 to sunset. If a pet is in the water and founders or is in danger of drowning, no lifeguard support is authorized. Refer to Chapter 4 for additional requirements.

### 3. Buffer Zone

a. Kaneohe Bay is an established Naval Defensive Sea Area (NDSA) by Executive Order; however, the Chief of Naval Operations has suspended control, except for a 500-yard buffer zone extending seaward from the shoreline of MCBH Kaneohe Bay, subject to reinstatement of control over the entire area by the CNO or his representative without prior notice. Unauthorized entry into the NDSA/500 yard buffer zone is prohibited.

b. Enforcement. The military police and base waterfront operations will monitor buffer zone entry and enforce all regulations and state and federal laws in the buffer zone.

### 4. Restricted Areas

a. Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area, (NPWMA). All watercraft are prohibited from the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area without written permission from the Commanding General. Individual runners are allowed to run the established trails in the NPWMA. Also, unit PT formations can use this area after coordination with MCBH G-3. This area includes from west to east, eight interconnected ponds: Heleloa, Halekou, Nu'upia 'Ekahi, Nu'upia 'Elua, Nu'upia 'Ekolu, Nu'upia 'Eha, Kaluapuhi, and Pa'akai Ponds.

b. Pu'u'loa. Beach and water activities are prohibited at Pu'u'loa except as outlined in paragraphs 11003.8 and .9

c. Other Areas. All persons and watercraft are prohibited from the following areas, except persons and watercraft involved in military training, permitted by the Commanding General, and watercraft under government control:

(1) Within 500 yards of the shoreline in the approach areas at both ends of runway 4-22. A buoy marks the bay end.

(2) Within 500 yards of the shoreline in Sag Harbor north of runway 5-23 to the pier just north of building 5006.

(3) Within 100 yards of any pier in the Waterfront Operations Complex. This includes the entire area defined as south of building 1372; north of building 1681, and west of Perimeter Road.

(4) Within 500 yards of the area known as Westfield and the surrounding perimeter road.

(5) Within 500 yards of the shoreline seaward of Ulupau Crater on the range complex side from Ulupau Point southeast to Monument Point, Monday thru Friday or on weekends when the range is in use.

(6) In any area where military training or operations are occurring after notification, the area is closed.

5. Safety. Conduct all activities in the water with special care for safety. Beaches and waters surrounding MCBH can be dangerous - especially to persons unfamiliar with them. The MCBH waters are used for many types of water sports and for military training. All persons entering the water for recreation must be especially watchful for swimmers, divers, and surfers, and must stop or relocate any activity that may endanger them.

a. Alcoholic Beverages. Consumption of alcohol beverages is allowed only at MCTAB Camp Sites, Pyramid Rock Beach, Hale Koa Beach, and Fort Hase Beach pavilions. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at all other MCBH controlled beaches is prohibited. Persons under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances will not enter the water.

b. Glass Containers. Glass containers are prohibited on all MCBH controlled beaches.

c. Buddy System. The buddy system, employing an "in the water" buddy, is a safety tool that will be used by all persons engaged in water activities; this includes not only those water activities at MCBH controlled beaches, but also water activities at all Hawaiian beaches. Although, a "buddy" is not required when swimming or surfing at beaches where a lifeguard is on duty, it is recommended. It is required, however, when involved in any underwater activity (e.g. skin-diving, SCUBA diving, and snorkeling.)

6. Kaneohe Bay Beaches. All beaches are open 24 hours, except during times when hazardous condition exists and the beach has been closed as outlined in this order. Water activities are allowed only from sunrise to sunset, except for SCUBA divers engaged in those activities outlined in paragraph 11003.09(b).

a. MCBH Beach Access and Parking

(1) Prohibited Routes. Use only those parking areas and routes to the beach specifically authorized by this manual. Access to MCBH beaches through yards of government quarters is prohibited. The following routes and parking areas are prohibited:

(a) Moffet Road Extension. The Moffet Road extension through the golf course past the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Club House parking lot.

(b) Battery French Bunker Access Road. The road leading from Moffet Road extension to Battery French, just below hilltop family housing area is a restricted area.

(c) Hilltop. Access to MCBH beaches through the hilltop family housing area is restricted to residents and guests of the housing area and bachelor officer's quarters. Parking throughout hilltop housing is restricted to residents and their guests and patrons of the Officers' Club.

(d) Golf Course. Access to North Beach via the golf course is strictly prohibited.

(2) Authorized Routes. The following are the only authorized beach access routes and parking areas:

(a) Bancroft Drive. Parking is available at the Bancroft Drive entrance to North Beach, and is on a first come first serve basis. This area is limited to those areas marked by signs directly in front of the park. Parking elsewhere in the vicinity for beach access is prohibited.

(b) Pond Road. Parking is available at the Pond Road entrance to North Beach, and is on a first come first serve basis. Parking is limited to active duty MCBH officer and enlisted personnel with five non-MCBH permit holders. Parking elsewhere in the vicinity for beach access is prohibited.

(c) Pyramid Rock. Parking and beach access at Pyramid Rock beach is limited to the unpaved lot off Palikilo Road where normal traffic will not be impeded. Also, parking or driving on grassy areas or dunes is prohibited.

(d) Fort Hase Beach. Follow the traffic plan designated by the boulders and park only in predetermined areas.

b. Beach Control

(1) Lifeguards. Marine Corps Community Service (MCCS) lifeguards are normally on duty at North Beach and Pyramid Rock Beach, Monday through Friday 1130 to 1800 and on weekends, holidays, and liberty periods from 0800 to 1800. Lifeguards have authority to enforce regulations pertaining to beach safety. Failure to comply with the lifeguards' instructions will be reported to the Provost Marshal's Office (PMO).

(2) Flag System. A flag system is used at Pyramid Rock Beach and North Beach. Lifeguards are on duty will fly the appropriate flag(s). Flags reflect conditions as follows:

<u>RED &amp; RED</u>	Unsafe conditions. Do not enter beach area or water.
<u>RED</u>	Unsafe conditions. Do not enter water. Water areas are unsafe and beach areas are safe.
<u>RED &amp; YELLOW</u>	Only swimmers using fins, body board, or surfboard with leash. Beach areas are safe.
<u>YELLOW</u>	Use caution.
<u>WHITE</u>	No lifeguard on duty. Swim at own risk.

(3) MCBH Front Gate and Back Gate Signage. Upon notification of beach or water closure from MCCA Aquatics, PMO shall post appropriate status sign. These signs may not reflect the conditions at Hale Koa Beach or Beach Cottage Lagoons.

(4) Closing of Beaches

(a) Military police and lifeguards may close beaches, portions of beaches, or suspend water activities in the event of unusual conditions, dangerous currents, sea life, or other hazards. At the end of lifeguard on-duty hours, the appropriate flag(s) will be raised and will remain in effect until a new assessment of the conditions is made by MCCA Aquatics at 0800 the next morning. When red and yellow flag condition exists at life-guarded beaches, all other beaches will be closed, except at Hale Koa Beach and Beach Cottage Lagoons.

(b) Hale Koa Beach and Beach Cottage Lagoons conditions will be on a case-by-case basis.

(5) Beach Status Information. MCCA Aquatics section will post current beach status on its telephone information line (254-7655).

(6) Violations. Any person entering the water under unsafe flag conditions or entering a closed beach is subject to administrative and/or disciplinary action.

7. Marine Corps Training Area Bellows (MCTAB) Beach. MCTAB Beach, due to its location and agreements requires special considerations. During the weekends, State and National holidays the Honolulu Police Department will maintain primary enforcement of the public accessible beach recreation area and will strictly enforce Hawaii Revised Statutes, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, and the License of use. The Marine Corps and Air Force will not in any way relinquish concurrent jurisdiction over the aforementioned areas.

a. MCTAB beach is open 24 hours except during times when hazardous condition exists and the beach has been closed. Water activities are allowed only from sunrise to sunset.

b. Beach and water activities may be suspended at any time due to military training or operations.

c. From Monday through Friday (except for holidays), all persons engaged in beach or water activities will comply with this order.

8. Pu'uloa Beach. Pu'uloa Beach is a restricted area controlled by G-3 Ranges. No beach or water activities allowed except for unit function approved by the Range Officer. The Range Officer will ensure that no known water hazards exist by calling MCCA Aquatics and that each approved unit provides a lifeguard with proper equipment at a ratio of 1 to 50 participants.

9. Water Activities

a. Swimming, Body Boarding, and Surfing

(1) MCBH Kaneohe Bay Authorized Areas. The MCBH areas shown in figure 11-3 are open to surfers, body boarders, and swimmers. However, surfers and body boarders will exercise special caution when swimmers are in the area, and all persons will obey all instructions from lifeguards. Swimming, body boarding, and surfing are authorized at all Kaneohe Bay Beaches. However, at Fort Hase Beach, surfing and body boarding are permitted from the posted sign along Kailua Beach to the intersection of Daly Road and Middaugh Road while swimming is only permitted from the pavilion to the grove of ironwood trees.

(2) MCTAB. Swimming, body boarding, and surfing are permitted only at MCTAB beach area defined in this order.

(3) Pu'uloa Beach. In general swimming, body boarding, and surfing are prohibited at Pu'uloa Beach since it is a restricted area controlled by G-3 Ranges. No beach or water activities allowed except for unit functions approved by the Range Officer. The Range Officer will ensure that no known water hazards exist by calling MCCA Aquatics and that each approved unit provides a lifeguard with proper equipment at a ratio of 1 to 50 participants.

b. SCUBA Diving and Skin Diving

(1) Authorized Areas. See figure 11-2 for authorized diving areas and entry/exit points. Diving is authorized 24 hours a day, however, night dives require special consideration and night divers must ensure that they comply with the night dive section of this order. At no time is any diving authorized during times when water entry is prohibited. Diving is authorized at the following beaches:

(a) Fort Hase Beach. From the posted sign adjacent to Pa'akai Pond (at the "Pine trees" area) north through the Fort Hase bathing area and then northeast to the road gate and off limits signs about 500 yards south of Monument Point. Diving below the FBI range is prohibited.

(b) North Beach. From 300 feet east of runway 4-22 (main runway) east along the shoreline to the fence along Building 1630 about 100 yards east of Pond Road on the side of Ulupau Crater.

(c) Pyramid Rock Beach. From 300 feet west of runway 4-22 west around the point for 100 feet from the northernmost portion. Access to the southwestern part of this area is not permitted through the Pyramid Rock security area.

(d) West Field. From a line-of-sight line boundary that begins at the beach junction of the fence located along the southern border of Hale Koa Beach park. The line-of-sight boundary extends from the beach junction of the fence towards Mokoli'i Island (Chinaman's Hat island). Daytime SCUBA diving and skin diving are allowed in the area that extends from the line-of-sight boundary, northeast past Hale Koa Beach until the line of sight boundary west of the Hale Koa beach entrance. The area north of the entrance is restricted to divers. Parking of vehicles is prohibited north of the Hale Koa Beach entrance. Boats are not allowed into this area because of the proximity of swimmers, threatened turtle populations, and very shallow waters that surround the deeper areas.

(2) Prohibited Areas. Skin or SCUBA diving within the 500-yard buffer zone is restricted to authorized areas listed below. Only persons authorized as outlined in 11003.7 may skin or SCUBA dive.

(3) Requirements

(a) When SCUBA diving on MCBH, the buddy system must be used at all times.

(b) A dive flag must be utilized at all times except at the cove area at North Beach. If the dive flag is tied off, no diver shall knowingly surface more than 50 feet from such flag, except in cases of emergency.

(4) Qualifications

(a) Self Contained Under Water Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) Diving. All persons participating in recreational SCUBA diving must have in their possession a nationally recognized SCUBA certification card issued by the National Association of Underwater Instructors, Professional Association of Diving Instructors, Young Men's Christian Association/Young Women's Christian Association, or similar organization. MCCA diving equipment will be issued only to those persons with an approved SCUBA certification card.

(b) Skin divers require no certification, but must be strong swimmers and familiar with their equipment and diving area.

(5) Night Diving. Only night SCUBA diving is authorized. Due to the increased risk, persons participating in night SCUBA dives must comply with the following:

(a) All portions of the dive are completed in an authorized area.

(b) Current beach status is obtained from MCCA, Aquatics and all participating divers are aware of such conditions.

(c) Upon reaching a dive site, an evaluation is made of current conditions to ensure that beach and/or water conditions will facilitate a safe dive experience.

(d) A dive plan shall be submitted for all persons participating in the dive to the MCBH Command Duty Officer (CDO). Upon completion of the dive, the CDO shall be notified that the dive is complete within 30 minutes of the estimated completion time stated on the dive plan. A sample dive plan is contained in Figure 11-5

(f) MCBH Command Duty Officer will ensure the following:

(1) Validate that beach and water conditions are safe/open.

(2) All divers are certified. Sample authorized dive cards are shown in Figure 11-6.

(3) Log divers' dive plan in duty logbook, make a closing entry when notified that such dive is complete

(4) Notify PMO

(5) Initiate search and rescue procedures if contact has not been made after 30 minutes of the expected dive completion time.

c. Water Skiing

(1) Authorized Areas:

(a) Marina/Outdoor Recreational Program Area. West of the 101 helipad flight corridor (boundaries designated by buoys). This area is designated for priority use by MCCA programs. This area is limited to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday use only.

(b) General Use Area. Located east/south-east of the marina boat mooring area and the H-3 freeway embankment. Boater traffic is an oval pattern, which should be traveled in a counter-clockwise direction. Primary users of this area are authorized persons using personally owned boats.

(2) In General

(a) All regulations associated with the boating in section of this order apply.

(b) All activity participants must be familiar with local rules, regulations, and guidelines that can be obtained from MCCA Marine operators.

(c) Boaters must yield to wind surfers, kayaks, and other non-motorized craft.

d. Boating

(1) Boats within the NDSA/500 yard buffer zone are subject to inspection by military police, MCBH game wardens, U.S. Coast Guard or Waterfront Operations harbor patrol at any time without notice. Commercial fishing in the NDSA is unauthorized unless approved by the Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Only active duty military personnel and MCBH civilian employees may boat in the 500-yard buffer zone. All others must receive approval from the commanding general. This includes visitors at the MCBH Marina. Any requests for entrance into the NDSA exceeding 30 days will be forwarded to the Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for approval.

(2) Do not secure boats to buoys, other navigational aids, vessels, or piers except at assigned berthing spaces. Personnel will not trespass on barges, watercraft, or other floating objects moored in the harbor or secured to the shore. Tampering with utility lines or supporting structures is forbidden.

(3) Launch privately owned boats and small craft only from the small boat ramps near the marina and boat basin areas. Use of the landing vehicle, landing ship, or a seaplane ramp for such purposes is prohibited.

(4) All boats must comply with the registration and safety requirements of the State of Hawaii.

e. Other Water Sports

(1) Windsurfing, kite surfing, and kayaking are water activities limited to inside Kaneohe Bay. In exception, and ocean conditions permitting, persons engaged in kayaking may enter the ocean from MCBH Kaneohe Bay beaches but are not authorized to kayak the surf zones.

10. Penalties. Violation of the regulations may result in denial of the privilege to use MCBH beaches and waters as well as other administrative or disciplinary action under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and state/county law. MCBH will prosecute civilians violating the NDSA, who are trespassing, to the fullest extent of the law.