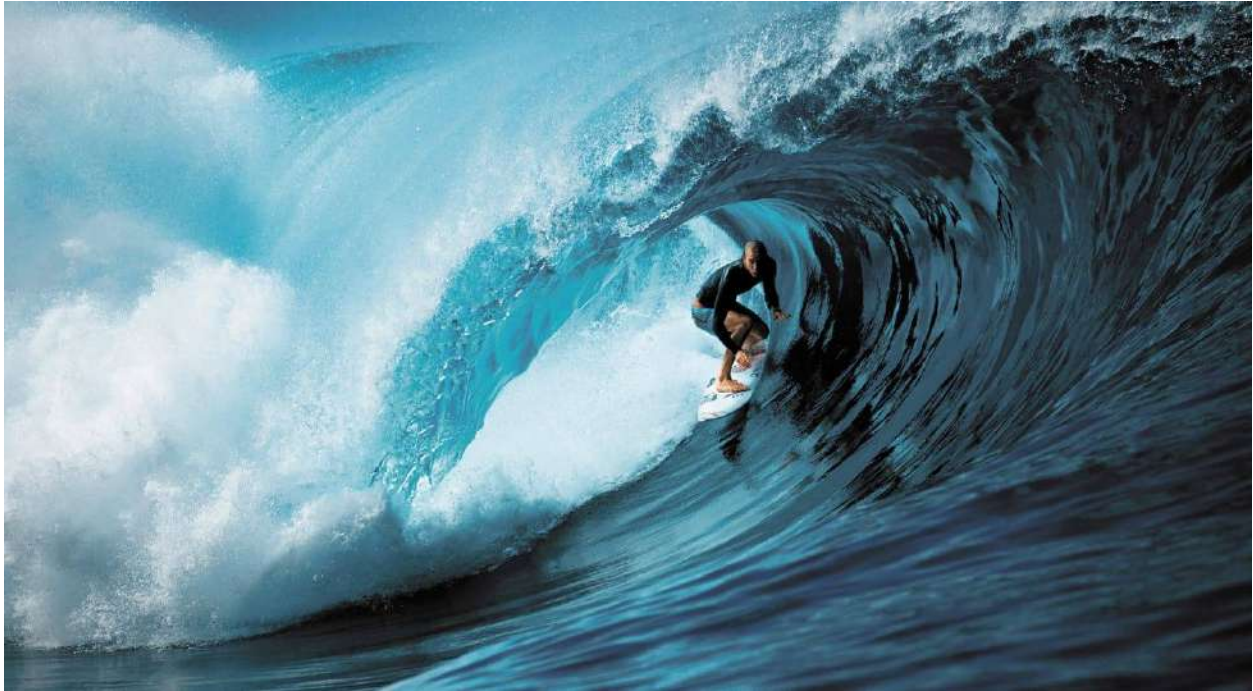


Local lifeguard Wins Big-wave Surf



Event

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

route

NOUN

a particular way or direction between places

We came by a longer **route** than usual.

We took a straightforward **route** to the beach.

hoist

VERB

to lift something heavy

The crew hurried to **hoist** the flag.

The cargo was **hoisted** aboard by crane.

shoreline

NOUN

the place where a large body of water meets the land

The waves battered against the **shoreline**.

enormous

ADJECTIVE

extremely large or great

The problems confronting the new government were **enormous**.

Exercise 2

Article

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The event is held in memory of big-wave surfer Eddie Aikau, the first official lifeguard on the North Shore who died after volunteering to seek help when a canoe trip recreating an ancient Polynesian migration route hit bad weather.

It seemed fitting, then, that this year's champion was also a local lifeguard.

When he was announced as the winner, Shepardson was hoisted onto the shoulders of his fellow competitors, doused in beer, and mobbed by spectators eager to get a photo.

He won \$10,000 for taking first place with scores of 30.0, 30.0, and 29.1 across his three best waves, just shy of a perfect score of 90 points.

Florence finished with 84.2 points ahead of Mark Healey in third and Billy Kemper in fourth.

This year also saw women – six in total – take part in the competition for the first time, and it was Andrea Moller who made history as the first woman to catch a wave at the Eddie.

In 2016, Keala Kennelly became the first woman to be invited to the competition when she was named as an alternate.

The enormous waves at Waimea Bay produced a series of breath-taking, nerveless performances from those invited to take part in the Eddie this year.

The competition drew huge crowds, who were instructed to stay behind a yellow tape close to the shoreline to avoid being swept up in the dangerous swell.

“I want to thank everyone for being here today,” Clyde Aikau, the competition director and brother of Eddie, said during the awards ceremony.

“I want to praise every single contestant who paddled out because just paddling out today was a feat in itself, and congratulations to all the contestants.”

Exercise 3

Question

1. Who is Eddie Aikau? What is his occupation and role in the event?
2. Which surfer got a place after Luke Shepardson?
3. How many women participated in the same contest?
4. Who was the first woman invited in a surfing competition?

Exercise 4

Discussion

1. Is surfing a sport? Defend your answer.
2. What does it take to consider a person surfer?
3. Which one is better surfer, girls or boys?

Exercise 5

Further Discussion

1. Have you tried surfing before?
2. What symbolizes surfing in your own perspectives?
3. What are the skills needed in surfing?
4. What skills surfers have that can be used in daily life?