

Rescue Tube Initiative

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It started on Kauai

More people have died on Kauai in the ocean than on the highways.

It's hard to imagine, but it's true.

Hawaii, "The Drowning Capital of the US"

We needed to do even more



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Why Us?



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Rescue Tubes are personal floatation devices
available to the public 24/7
to stabilize swimmers in distress
while they either wait for rescue by lifeguards
or find their way to shore



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If you
can't swim,
Do not use
this device
Do not go
in the water

Get help
Call and yell
911

Pull rescue tube
behind you



Use fins if possible

Stay calm



Kick across current
towards shore



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Graphic safety instructions
on every Rescue Tube

Spanish version

(Japanese and
Chinese coming)

If you
can't swim,
do not use
this device,
do not go
in the water

Si no sabe nadar,
No utilice este dispositivo,
No entre al agua

Get help
Yell and call
911

Grite pidiendo ayuda
y llame al 911

Pull rescue tube
behind you



Use fins if possible

Jale el tubo de rescate
atrás de usted
Use aletas si es posible

Stay calm



Mantenga la calma

Kick diagonally
towards shore



Patalee diagonalmente
hacia la costa,
No contra la corriente

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Over 230 installed Rescue Tube Stations



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He was off for a year, then back on Kaula Beach walking his dog. He saw 3 young women in midsize, grabbed one of her rescue tubes, got to them and gave them air. One had swallowed enough BZ that she had to get medical attention. Current was impressed as how the tube could hold 4 people.

2016

14139. Ran into Lifeguard Liane Cramack, sitting on the beach with his dog, when he noticed a dog and saw him from Hanna Vinnac, hitting on the beach with his dog, when he noticed a woman in distress. He was very happy to see a rescue tube and the girlfriend and went out on the lifeline and brought her to safety.

Lifeguard Spencer _____ had about a recent incident on a Queens Pond (in Pukuhia) where a rescue tube "wasn't in very handy.

2020. Removable rescue at Anini Beach Channel. Huge onshore-outlet - 2 women were snorkeling inside and got pulled out, caught up back in, saving for help. One woman grabbed a rescue tube, another a buoy, and all were stabilized - but still being sucked towards the huge waves. Melodie Janiszi and responded and launched from her boat to Anini and quickly got them out.

21515. Queens Beach tube rental and women were knocked off the ledge. Someone then threw a rescue tube, both held onto it and Lifeguards came around from Hanalei and rescued them. (This is caught on video too)

22416. One "12M Man" Jody McElroy (previously mentioned in 18914) used the Shipwreck's rescue tube to rescue 3 people who were in serious trouble. He got over the bar and he the rescue tube to rescue them at: at least one of them was going to drown. The other 2 very much appreciated his assistance.

22318. Rescue tube and a man came to the rescue of a woman swept out on a Hanaleiaki. This ended up being something on rocks down on coast, Hanalei Kanaka "climbed up the

*** Notes an event in which it's known to be highly likely that one or more of the people who had been lost were a rescue tube not present.

Report of the successful use of a rescue tube at Larsen's (Back in the pre-post days, tube

February – Hanalei Fire fighters reported the successful use of a rescue tube at Camp Na

the son hung onto the tube and he at least was saved by a Lifeguard jetski that came around.

2010: 17 (people affected by usage)

2010. March 27—A father uses the Hanakapia'i tube to maneuver himself, his 12 year old onto a ledge in a cave down the coast. Treacherous conditions. A lengthy, skillful, and dangerous rescue by Lifeguards and Firefighters resulted in all 3 being extracted from the cave and saved. (Rescue tube hanging on vegetation, post-set-up not yet in place. Lifeguards, at the end of the rescue, returned the Rescue Tube to its hang-out).

*** Early May -- Jim Ingham, Haena Beach Park Lifeguard, called to a rescue situation in the lagoon in front of Hanalei Colony Resort. Near-victim and lay rescuer were hanging onto the rescue tube, Jim pulled them safely to shore.

June 29: Larsen's tube used. A man was swept out. Another man grabbed the tube and went out after him. The would-be victim actually released from the rip, regained control of himself, and made it back in unaided over the reef. The rescuer made use of the tube to himself get back to safety, and we're counting him as a save.

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1/14/16. Ran into Lifeguard John Cammack. He told me that a couple of months ago he had a dry off and was near Haena YMCA camp, sitting on the beach with his parents, when he noticed

1/20. Remarkable rescue at Amni Black Channel. Huge outside-oar swell. 2 women were snorkeling inside and got pulled out, couldn't get back in, waving for help. One man grabbed a rescue tube, another a goosie board, and all were stabilized -- but still being sucked towards the rescue waves. Mobile Jodi unit responded and launched from right there at Amni and quickly

3/24/16. Our "12th Man" Tyler McGee (previously mentioned on 10/9/14) used the Shipwreck's rescue tube to rescue 3 people who were in serious trouble. He's quite sure that had he and the rescue tube not been there, at least one of them was going to drown. The other 2 were much

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Kilauea, Kauai



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Easy installation



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The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay
installed 23 Rescue Tube Stations
on Hanalei Bay, Kauai
in one morning



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Pacific Missile Range Facility
Barking Sands
Naval Base, Kauai



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Around the islands



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Even canoes need Rescue Tubes



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Sometimes there are questionable innovations



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Why do we do it?



Newlyweds saved
by Good Samaritan using a Rescue Tube
Kealia Beach, Kauai
Christmas Eve 2013



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Family of 5 rescued by
off-duty Firefighter, Jeff Maki
using two Rescue Tubes
Pololu Valley, Hawaii
2014



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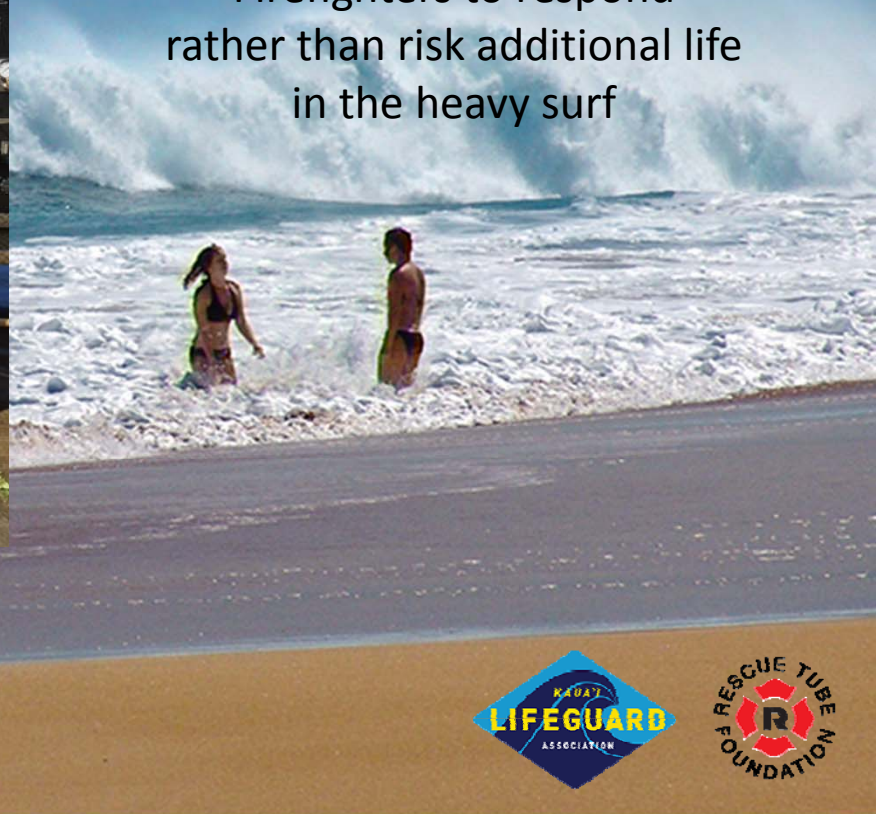
Sons saved by their father using a Rescue Tube
Hanakapiai Beach, Kauai
April 2010



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Not all remote situations
are appropriate for Rescue Tubes

In 2016 on Secret's Beach, Kauai
bystanders waited for
Firefighters to respond
rather than risk additional life
in the heavy surf



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TUESDAY
July 26, 2016

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THE GARDEN ISLAND

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Serving Kauai
and Niihau since 1902

Thankful to be alive

*Husband, wife
recount ordeal after
being swept out
at Larsen's Beach*

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THE GARDEN ISLAND

Harold Speranza and Melanie Lytle love adventures. Hiking, backpacking, kayaking, climbing, skydiving, you name it, they've probably tried it. But getting swept out to sea while snorkeling at Larsen's Beach, and nearly drowning, was an adventure they don't want to try again. "I never thought in a million years I could be caught out in the ocean like that," Lytle said.

The 41.51-year-old woman, treaded water, did whatever it took to stay afloat for nearly two hours.

"I kept thinking somebody was going to see me," she said. "I kept looking, somebody had to have called 911."

Her husband couldn't even see her, and thought she had drowned. He was within a minute of going under for good, himself.

"I was almost to the point, all right, just give up," the 58-year-old Speranza said. "Quite frankly I was drowning."

That's when Tommy Passarella, like an angel from the sky, came up with a yellow rescue tube.

"All of the sudden, out of nowhere, is this guy. He was just there," Speranza said. "The guy saved my life. I'm not melodramatic about these kinds of things. This guy absolutely saved my life."

The firefighters would soon arrive and save Lytle.

The couple treated Passarella to dinner Sunday night in Hanalei. Speranza believes, without a doubt, he wouldn't be here today if not for Passarella.

"I'm just glad to be alive to

SEE ALIVE, AT

SANDERS, SUPPORTERS KICK OFF CONVENTION

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Harold Speranza and Melanie Lytle share an evening in Hanalei with Tommy Passarella, center, who rescued Speranza on Thursday at Larsen's Beach.

Couple pulled out at Larsen's Beach, Kauai
Husband saved by Good Samaritan using a Rescue Tube
Wife saved by Firefighters

July 25, 2016



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Harold Sperazza

Larsen's Beach Rescue Tube save

July 25, 2016

"Quite frankly, I thought I was drowning. All of the sudden, out of nowhere, is this guy with a Rescue Tube. He was just there."

"This guy saved my life. I'm not melodramatic, but this guy absolutely saved my life."

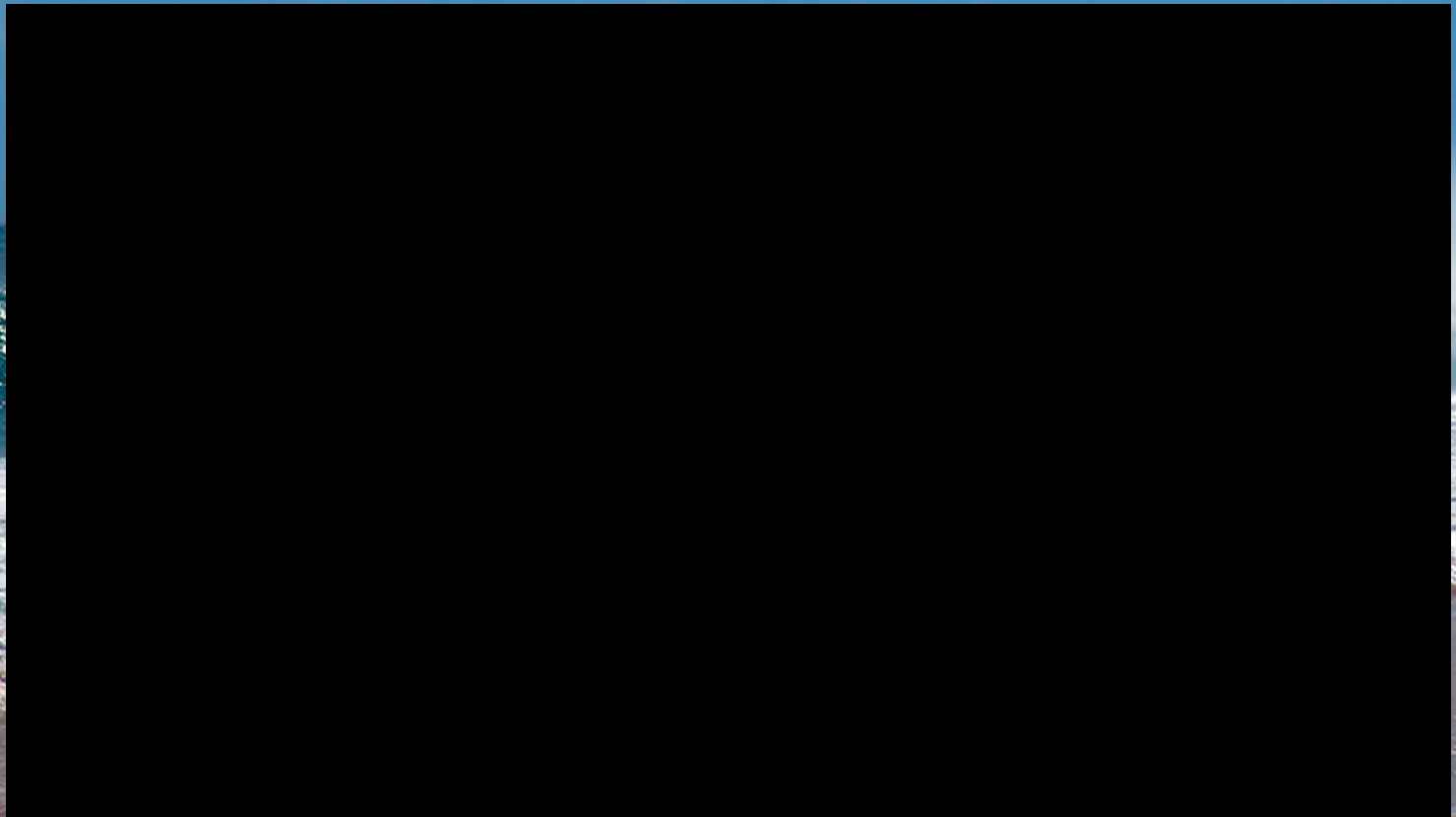
the Garden island Newspaper

"Once I got ahold of that thing, I was able to calm down"



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A Rescue Tube can keep swimmers alive until lifeguards arrive
especially on unguarded beaches



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Where are they today?

Kauai

Hawaii



Maui



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Where else are they?



Navarre, FL



Cape Fear, NC
and
Emerald Isle, NC



Custer Lake, SD

In planning

- Monterey, CA
- Panama City, FL
- Coos Bay, OR
- Kyoto, Japan
- Taipei, China
- and many more



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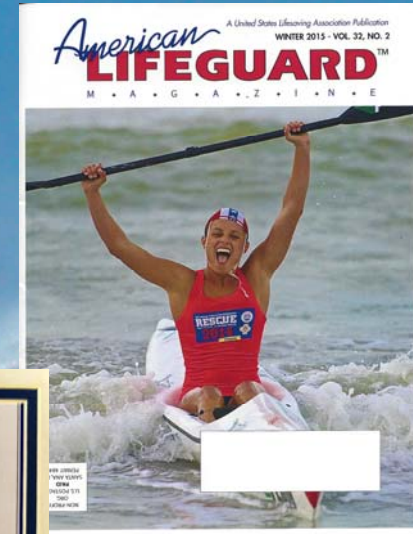
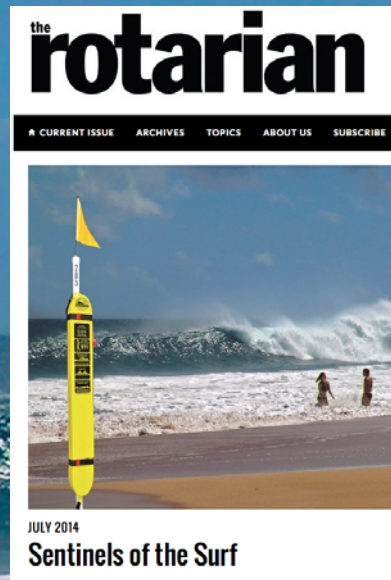
What does it take to start a Rescue Tube Program?

- Understand the needs, remote beaches first
 - Consult with local lifeguard departments
 - Coordinate with local authorities and colleagues
 - Resolve liability issues, County and DLNR
 - Seek community support
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- Acquire initial funding and plan for the long term
 - Create a Rescue Tube placement and priority strategy
 - Plan installation schedule
 - **Implement a regular maintenance program**
 - Spread the word, get press



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Press and Recognition



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Started on Kauai, there are now over
20 communities Worldwide using Rescue Tube Stations
or in the planning stages

Hawaii is looked to as a world leader in water safety
and this is just another example of
how we made our waters safer



Rescue Tube Initiatives

It's simple

Rescue Tubes Save Lives!

