

KAHALU'U BAY CORAL REEF



HELP PROTECT THE LIVING REEF:

DO NOT STAND ON OR TOUCH THE CORAL.

Touching or standing on coral damages and kills coral polyps. Stand only on sandy or rocky bottom if you must. Be careful not to accidentally kick corals with swimming fins.

DO NOT FEED THE FISH.

Fish play an important role in keeping the reef clean through what they eat. Feeding the fish disrupts their natural behavior, causing some fish to become aggressive and others to get sick.

DO NOT DISTURB THE TURTLES.

The green sea turtles that feed and rest at Kahalu'u Bay are endangered species. Do not approach them. Under both Federal and Hawai'i State laws it is illegal to harass or harm sea turtles.

APPLY WATERPROOF SUNSCREEN 15 MINUTES BEFORE SWIMMING.

Give the sunscreen time to absorb before entering the water. This helps protect your skin as well as reef life from the oily residues sunscreen leaves in the water.

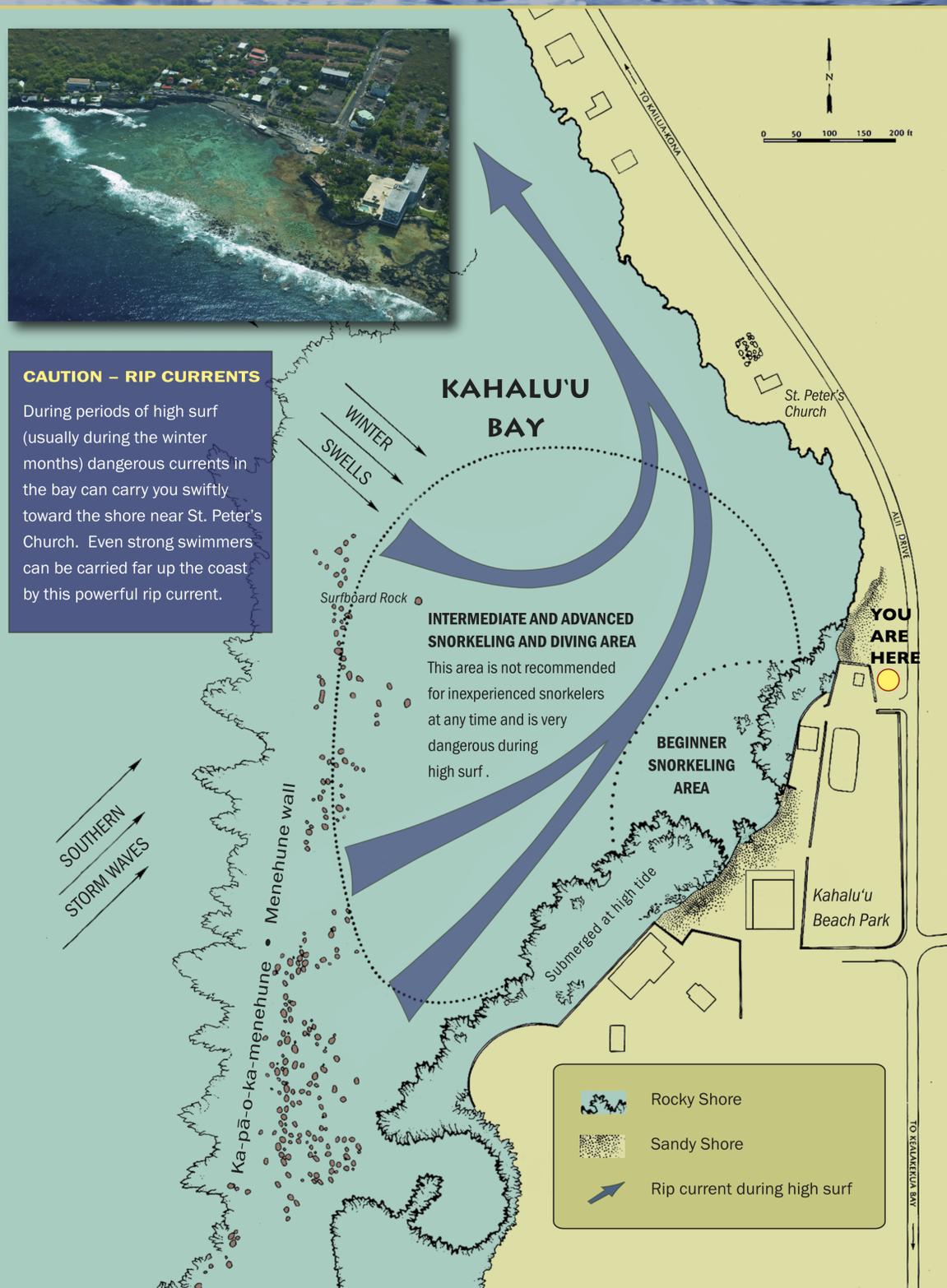
THROW AWAY YOUR TRASH.

Trash left on the beach ends up in the ocean and harms sea life.



CAUTION - RIP CURRENTS

During periods of high surf (usually during the winter months) dangerous currents in the bay can carry you swiftly toward the shore near St. Peter's Church. Even strong swimmers can be carried far up the coast by this powerful rip current.



WATER SAFETY TIPS

- If in doubt don't go out.
- Do NOT touch any marine life.
- Respect others.
- Swim only in designated lifeguard areas.
- Read all posted signs before entering the water.
- Never leave children unattended.

