



STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19

August 4, 2020

Aloha kākou! Needless to say, 2020 has been a challenging year for humanity. For BWRAG, we were so excited for this year's 18-summit schedule, including the launch of new Photographer and Wahine summits. However, the global COVID-19 pandemic has forced many businesses and operations to shut down in an effort to preserve the health and safety of our communities. Given the current surge of cases around the country and the deep level of uncertainty as to when it will be safe to resume social gatherings, BWRAG has decided to cancel the remainder of our 2020 summit schedule.

Like everyone else, we are pivoting and designing alternative ways to deliver the same training of the crucial life-saving, risk-management skills that are taught in our course. To that end, we're now building out an 8-Part Online "Surf Responder" Course. The modules will mirror most of BWRAG's in-person summit modules such as ORM, Emergency Medical Intervention, EAP, Spot Analysis, Mindful Breathing, Safety Equipment, etc. We will have more details in the upcoming weeks about the launch of the online course. We will also be working on building out our 2021 summit schedule, in hopes that community activities are deemed safe by that point.

Lastly, we understand that this is a tough time for everyone. Given the cancellation of our entire 2020 summit schedule, BWRAG is working tirelessly to find ways to keep its operations going so that you can continue to receive meaningful, useful content and ocean safety training. For those of you who are in a position to help out, we humbly ask you to consider purchasing a BWRAG "Surf Responder" Patagonia t-shirt on our website. The proceeds of the shirts will go directly towards keeping our lights on and pivoting our programming. Continue to be kind, patient, and compassionate to your fellow neighbor and stay positive. Mahalo nui for continued support and aloha.

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