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BIG WAVE RISK ASSESSMENT GROUP (BWRAG) BRINGS SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM TO PUERTO RICO FOR FIRST TIME, HOSTED BY OTTO FLORES AND LED BY GREG LONG

Collaboration with Positive Vibe Warriors will enable selected young surfers to attend free of charge

[Haleiwa, Oahu, Nov 6, 2018] On November 12 and 13, the Big Wave Risk Assessment Group (BWRAG) will bring its big-wave safety training program to Puerto Rico for the first time. The 2018 Puerto Rico Safety Summit will be held at Dorado Beach Resort, and will be led by BWRAG ambassador/big-wave legend Greg Long and hosted by local professional freesurfer Otto Flores.

The two-day course, which is open to all surfers interested in gaining experience in waves of consequence, will include both classroom and in-water training.

Classroom training will take place at Dorado Resort's Plantation Pavillion and will include instruction on apnea theory, breathing technique, surf break analysis, CPR/AED and medical intervention training as well as high-surf risk management theory. Patagonia, who is a supporter of the event, will send Andrew Reinhart from their product development team to lead a demonstration of Patagonia's Personal Surf Inflation (PSI) vest. Participation in the summit qualifies surfers to purchase the [PSI vest](#).

In-water instruction will include dynamic apnea training held at Dorado Resort's Plantation Pool, as well as jet ski rescue of conscious and unconscious victims and surfboard rescue training of unconscious victims, held at Goodwinds Dorado Beach with equipment donated by Goodwinds.

Greg Long will act as lead instructor with the support of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources officer, water-safety expert and BWRAG team member Pat Chong-Tim.

Long, who is from San Clemente, CA, has won multiple XXL awards including Biggest Wave, Ride of the Year and Performance of the Year. He is the only surfer to win all three of the sport's premier big-wave competitions, including "The Eddie," and was 2013 Big Wave World Tour Champion.

In an effort to ensure the safety of the next generation of big-wave surfers, BWRAG is also partnering with Gudauskas brothers nonprofit [Positive Vibe Warriors](#) to invite selected young surfers to the summit as a scholarship free of charge.

BWRAG was founded in 2011 in honor of the late Sion Milosky who lost his life surfing Mavericks. After Milosky's death, big-wave surfers Danilo Couto, Kohl Christensen and Mark Healey sought ways to better train and unite the big-wave surfing community to prevent future tragedies.

The first BWRAG summit was held in a barn on Christensen's property on the North Shore of Oahu. Since then, BWRAG summits have evolved into multi-day seminars held on the North Shore every December, where male and female big-wave surfers from around the world convene to refine their safety knowledge, learn CPR and basic life saving, conduct in-water training and discuss issues affecting safety in the big-wave arena.

Today, BWRAG is expanding this training around the globe, partnering with local organizations and safety experts in countries like Ireland, Portugal, Chile and Peru.

BWRAG courses are a prerequisite for purchasing the Patagonia PSI Vest. A certificate of completion is given to each participant and can be presented to purchase the vest.

Registration for the 2018 Puerto Rico Safety Summit (\$400) is open until Nov 12 and can be done by visiting the [BWRAG website \(www.bwrag.com\)](#) and clicking REGISTER.

Dorado Beach Resort is located at [500 Plantation Dr., Dorado, P.R. 00646](#).