



# SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT

## KEAWAKAPU BEACH

### “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

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## WINGED BOX JELLYFISH—”SEA WASP“



Box jellies look like a bell with four flattened sides and a long bundle of tentacles attached to each of the four corners. In Hawaii, they are colorless and transparent; tentacles can be up to 2' long. In the water, they resemble plastic bags and are very difficult to see. You can receive a sting from a tentacle, even if it has been detached from the animal. At night, they move towards the light and hundreds can wash up on shore during a single night. On Maui we see very few of them as compared to Oahu's southern beaches which are often plagued by swarms of them on a regular basis. Check out : [www.808jellyfish.com](http://www.808jellyfish.com), which gives detailed information about boxjellies. WATCH FOR THEM TO OCCUR IN SHALLOW WATER EACH MONTH 7-10 DAYS AFTER THE FULL MOON. For this year , be cautious Oct. 1-3, Nov. 6-8 & Dec. 7-9.

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WATER TEMP. 80 VIZ: 50'  
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