

## SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT KEAWAKAPU BEACH "CRITTER OF THE WEEK" (808) 870-2738

## WHALESHARK



Considered to be the largest 'fish" in the world, reaching up to 60' and living up to 100 years. To swim with one of these gentle giants is a once-in-a-lifetime-experience. They are plankton eaters, but they also eat squid, sardines and other small pelagics. Whale sharks most often appear on the leeward sides of the islands, with most Maui sightings in or around Molokini Crater. Although native to all warm seas, they are somewhat rare in Hawaii. The sightings we have known of are typically Spring and Fall and when the vizability is poor because of the presense of plankton. They are considered a threatened species.

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WATER TEMP. 76 VIZ: 50'

PICTURED ABOVE: CAPT. BILLY FINCH

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