



SCUBA LUV MAUI DIVE REPORT “CRITTER OF THE WEEK”

MANTA RAY “ hahalua”



Feeding on plankton and lacking a sting, they are considered harmless to humans. Mantas are among the largest of all fishes, some weighing up to 3,000# with a wing span of 20'. Their most distinctive characteristic is the strange pair of arm-like cephalic flaps which funnel water into the mouth as they feed. When furled they look like a pair of forward pointing horns, undoubtedly why some refer to them as “devil rays”. They are generally solitary, gathering at specific “cleaning stations”. They are extremely intelligent, majestic and a thrill to see underwater.

DATE OF REPORT: MARCH 8, 2015

DEPTH: 65' TEMP.: 75 DEGREES

PHOTO BY: STEVE MADARAS

(808) 870-2738

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF REPORTS, GO TO:

www.scubaluvmaui.com

