

## Best Sea Activity Trilogy Excursions

After being voted Maui's Best Sea Activity for the third year in a row, some people might say there's something in the water when it comes to Trilogy Excursions.

Indeed. There are ample creatures to observe, whales to watch and adventures to have when sailing with Trilogy's six-cata-maran fleet, in a range of cruise options out of Lahaina, Maalaea and Kaanapali. New additions include O Pa'ani Kai, a half-day of activities including kayaking, stand-up paddling, ocean scooters, snorkeling and sailing. And while Trilogy sails in blue waters, it's always been green at heart, receiving the coveted 2008 Living Reef Award for its commitment to conservation.

But LiAnne Coon has a different explanation for its success. The sales and public relations representative is a third-generation daughter of the Coon family that began Trilogy 38 years ago and has been happily running it ever since.

She thinks it's about what goes on above the surface, on deck.

While Mom Coon's sticky buns go a

long way to bringing guests to come back for repeat voyages, she ventures, "The true reason behind our success is our staff. Our dedicated captains and crew make it a priority to ensure each guest has the best day of their vacation while spending it with us ... and the cool thing is, they do so unconsciously. Each member of the Trilogy ohana has a heart for the Hawaiian culture, our environment and getting people to smile!"

**Contact Info:** Trilogy Excursions is located at 180 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina. Call 874-5649.



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## Best Golf Course Kapalua Plantation

For millions of TV viewers across the U.S. watching what used to be the Mercedes Championship but will become the SBS Championships next January, the Kapalua Plantation Course brings a little sunshine, and a little Maui into the dreary days of winter.

But closer to home, for those who know it more intimately, the Plantation Course is our readers' choice for the best golf course on the island.

"We appreciate very much that the readers of The Maui News have voted The Plantation Course as Maui's best golf course," says Gary Planos, senior vice president for Resort Operations — Kapalua Land Company, Ltd. He has his own explanation of its popularity.

"The natural beauty of The Plantation Course with its elevation changes and great views of Molokai make it unique on the is-

land of Maui," he says. "And when you add the hundreds of hours of coverage that ABC Sports, ESPN and the Golf Channel have shown this Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw-designed layout to the world ... it has become very popular with our guests."

While it can't improve your swing, the world-class facility does everything else with an ease and style reflecting the dedication behind the scenes.

"The staff at The Plantation Course, both in the clubhouse and on the maintenance crew, are very proud of the course and its position within the world of golf," Planos continues. "They continue to try to make the experience here the best."

**Contact Info:** Kapalua Plantation is located at 2000 Plantation Club Drive, Kapalua. Call 665-9198.

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