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New Fueling Permit Brings Biodiesel back to Maalaea Harbor

Divers and crew aboard Aqua Adventures Maui are no longer breathing petroleum exhaust when they begin their diving experience from the swim step of the vessel. In a demonstration of its commitment to recycling and to the environment, the Maui “snuba” company has switched from fossil fuel to 100% locally produced biodiesel.

Pacific Biodiesel has been producing biodiesel in Hawaii since 1996 and had delivered fuel to boats in Maalaea Harbor many years ago, but greater on-road demand on the company’s limited production made it hard to keep up with boat companies’ needs. Aqua Adventures had been using biodiesel previously and is the first boat company to fuel with Pacific Biodiesel under the new permit.

“Now that we have the larger capacity, and advanced technology that produces the highest quality biodiesel in America, we are expanding into high-value tourism markets with customers who care about the environment and want to attract eco-conscious visitors to their activities,” said Bob King, President and Founder of Pacific Biodiesel. “The marine industry should be first and foremost about protecting the ocean and delivering a healthier experience for ocean-goers.”

Biodiesel is a cleaner-burning, renewable alternative fuel produced in Hawaii from recycled waste vegetable oil. Biodiesel is safe for all diesel engines and has been registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a fuel and a fuel additive. It can be used pure, as Aqua Adventures Maui is now doing, or blended at any percentage with petroleum diesel. Even in a 20% blend, as used by Maui Disposal and many large fleets in Hawaii, there are significant emission reductions.

According to the National Biodiesel Board, the 20% blend, or B-20, provides superior lubrication, equal performance and is biodegradable at twice the rate of #2 petroleum diesel, making it an all around better fuel that can even extend the life of diesel engines. Erik Stein, owner of Extended Horizons, has been using B-100 in his dive charter boats since 2006 and noted, “The benefits flow to our bottom line as biodiesel burns cleaner than petro diesel, reducing our engine maintenance costs.”

To educate other potential boat customers, Pacific Biodiesel will be holding a Biodiesel Tech Talk at the Maalaea Harbor Ferry Building October 22 from 1 – 3pm. Lunch will be provided and Bob King will present information on Pacific Biodiesel’s new fuel technology and how to integrate biodiesel into marine operations. For more information on the tech talk and to RSVP, contact Beth Mathias, bmathias@biodiesel.com.

In addition, Pacific Biodiesel is partnering with UH Maui College on a two-hour class on multi-industry use of biodiesel which will be free and open to the general public. The non-credit course, titled “The Truth About Using Biodiesel” will include information on how to switch various diesel-powered equipment to biodiesel or biodiesel blends, why warranty issues are no different from current petroleum-based concerns, and the benefits of biodiesel. For more information about the November UHMC class, contact Melanie Stephens, mvstephe@hawaii.edu.

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Photos attached, credit Pacific Biodiesel. Captions below. For more information, visit www.biodiesel.com

AquaAd_7714 –Pacific Biodiesel provides early morning fueling to Aqua Adventure at Maalaea Harbor

AquaAd_7729 –Aqua Adventure crew Anne Clark and Glyn McMillen with Captain Darryl Rosario

AquaAd_7733 –Passengers and crew aboard Aqua Adventure prepare to depart Maalaea Harbor fueled by 100% Biodiesel

ExtHor – Extended Horizons, operating out of Mala Wharf, is the only boat in West Maui to fuel with B100 biodiesel