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# Bayfest '99



## Marines open K-Bay for annual festival

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The Marine Corps opened their doors for the tenth annual Bayfest '99 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay last weekend to thousands of military and civilian visitors. It was billed as three days of fun, excitement and entertainment and provided a generous helping of each.

Thousands turned out to take in the live music - including a performance by former 'Bad Company' lead singer Brian Howe, carnival rides, a petting zoo, aerobics demonstrations, boxing, wrestling, water sports - including the Ocean Concepts on-site pool - air show, food, fireworks static military displays by the Navy and the Marines' hardware and more.

The three-day event offered something for everyone in attendance including the newly relocated Sailors to K-Bay.

"I'm just out here having a good time at Bayfest with my daughter Briana," said Aviations Electrician's Mate 1st Class (AW) Dexter Williams, of VP-9. "This is my first time at Bayfest since the squadron moved here."

"I'm really enjoying this," said Cmdr. William Perry, of TRICARE Pacific. "This is great family fun. I really enjoyed watching my son knock that guy in [the dunk tank]. It's awesome."

"I like heckling people," said Brian Nilsson, dunked in tank. "This is my first Bayfest. I'm really enjoying it."

A good time means different things to different people. For one Marine, a good time was setting a 'strong man' record.

"I saw that there were 120 bell rings and I thought I could do better," said Sgt. Brian Sarley, 3rd Marines. "I decided to go until my hands gave out. When I couldn't swing anymore, I got the record with 310 bell rings. I'm having a great time."

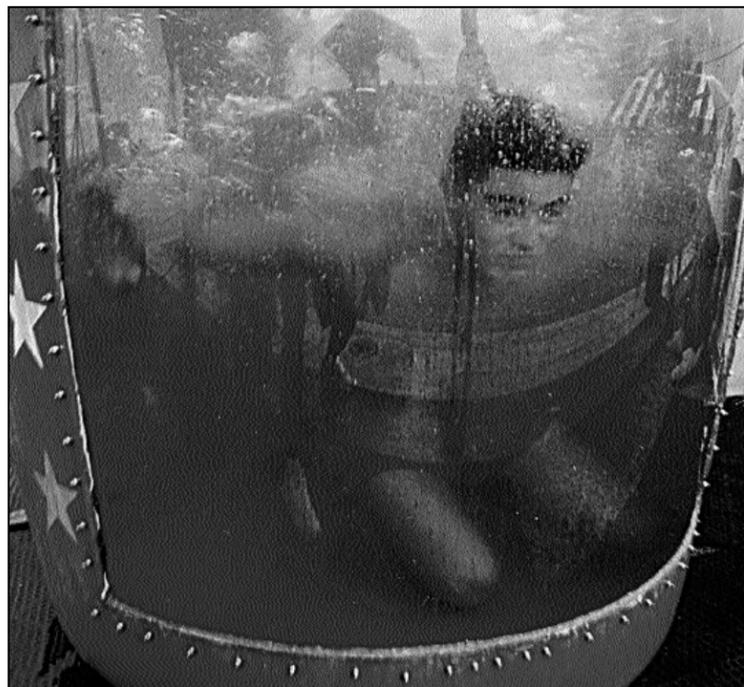
Larry Hayles, a Bayfest veteran and thrill seeker who just got off 'The Inverter', said, "It's fun, this is my third time at Bayfest. It gets better every year."

His companion Lauren Blenner, said, "I like the inverter. It's scary, but I liked it."

Bursts of fireworks closed Bayfest '99, leaving lasting memories and by the sounds of it, many were already awaiting, 'Bayfest 2000.'



(Very top left) "Strong Man" 3rd Marines' Sgt. Brian Sarley held the record with 310 bell rings. (Center) Larry Hayles and friend, Lauren Blenner flip over E.K. Fernandez' newest ride and crowd favorite, "The Inverter." (Top right) Bayfest was a 'swinging time' for many who rode another crowd favorite. (Above) Ticket concessionaire Lauren Lopez has the tickets for fun. (Above right) Parents checked to see if her children were big enough to ride. (Right) Brian Nilsson takes a welcome dip from the hot, Hawaiian sun, just for the fun of it. "I like heckling people," Nilsson said. "This is my first Bayfest. I'm really enjoying it."



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