



Cleaning a beach in Hanalei brings the team together. Photo: Heff







Lt. Governor Duke Aiona and Senate Minority Leader Fred Hemmings send the team on their way to Ecuador. Photo: Rock

Ambassadors of Aloha









Albee Layer prefers to air things out.



Coach Rainos Hayes. Photo: Latronic



Dylan sets his sites on a big finish. Photo: Latronic



The **Verizon Wireless Hawai'i Junior Surf Team** began training in mid January to compete against a globe of surfers at the Quiksilver ISA World Junior Championships in Ecuador. In late March the world watched continuous internet feeds in what was to be the closest world championship in the history of the event. Our islands of just more than a million people continued to shine among much larger nations from around the world. After 8 long days of intense competition, five of the twenty-eight teams had a shot at the world championship title. They included Australia, Hawai'i, Brazil, The United States, and South Africa. Hawai'i took home a second place silver medal with just a fraction of a point separating them from Australia's first place gold medal.

Hawai'i left a lasting impression on all. At the parade, at private functions, on the beach, at the ceremonies, on the podium and in the water! This team reflected true **Hawaiian Pride**, while also proving to be true **Ambassadors of Aloha**.



Kaimana Jaquias. Photo: Latro



Albee Layer creates fans. Photo: Latronic





Training pays off when you change directions midstream. Keanu Asing.





In transit from one culture to the next. Photo: Latonic





Nage never looks back! Photo: Lat

Everybody wants a photo wit









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Hawaii's silver surfers shine in the sun. Photo: Latronic