



Seaglider's first voyage

The new vessel begins manned trials

The world's first full-scale crewed seaglider was christened on March 3. The Viceroy seaglider made transportation history as the prototype was lowered onto the water of Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island, for a full day of tests, officially commencing sea trials and successfully showcasing the state-of-the-art vessel that may one day transport people around Hawai'i's coastal waters.

"Stepping off the dock and onto the Viceroy seaglider prototype for the first time was surreal," said Mike Klinker, co-founder and chief technology officer of REGENT. "I felt honored to be in the cockpit as she left the dock for the first time and started sea trials. This was the first voyage of a vessel that is destined to transform mobility – the era of seagliders has begun."

Seagliders are a new type of vessel that combine the high speed of an aircraft with the convenience of a boat. Building on real-world, proven technology, seagliders operate exclusively over water on their hull, hydrofoils, or wings.

A new approach to coastal travel, these 100% electric seagliders provide sustainable, zero-emission, fast and safe coastal transportation. The 12-passenger Viceroy seaglider prototype, at 55 feet long with a 65-foot wingspan, is the largest-ever all-electric fly-



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ing machine. Extensive and detailed sea trial testing will continue for several months, culminating in a passenger voyage mid-2025.

"Kewalo Basin Harbor could provide the ideal space to host seagliders," said Craig Nakamoto, HCDA executive director. "The harbor is just steps away from the Ala Moana pedestrian bridge, which will be complete very soon, connecting people from other islands to the Kaka'ako and Ala Moana neighborhoods. The central location offers easy access by many modes of transportation to various service providers, businesses and recreational activities. The HCDA has joined the Hawai'i Seaglider Initiative (HSI) to contribute to modernizing harbors with technology for the future, expanding economic opportunities, and most importantly, connecting people and our communities."

About HSI

The Hawai'i Seaglider Initiative (HSI) is a consortium of local government, private sector, and community stakeholders work-

ing to increase awareness, understanding and adoption of seagliders in Hawai'i with a focus on community, culture and environment.

Its mission is to understand and advocate for how seagliders can help Hawai'i modernize its maritime transportation network, enablement systems and supporting renewable energy infrastructure in ways that create a more convenient and reliable transportation network for passenger and freight. www.hawaiiseaglider.org.

About REGENT

REGENT is pioneering the future of sustainable maritime mobility through the development and manufacturing of all-electric seagliders. The seaglider is a new vehicle that drastically reduces the time and cost of transporting people and goods between coastal destinations.

REGENT is in all caps because it is an acronym that stands for "Regional Electric Ground Effect Nautical Transport."

To learn more visit www.regentcraft.com.

New Victoria Ward Park Makai Opened

"What makes Victoria Ward Park meaningful is its connection to its past and place," said Gayna Buranelli, Director of Planning and Development for Ward Village. "Every element at Victoria Ward Park has been carefully designed and curated to share the story of the park and its history."

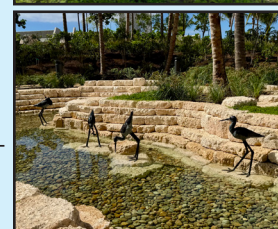
Victoria Ward, a descendant of royal Hawaiian lineage, had a vast estate of about 100 acres of land, that stretched from Thomas Square towards what is now Ala Moana Boulevard. Victoria Ward and her daughters created Victoria Ward, Limited, to steward the land for the generations. The park honors Victoria Ward's legacy of stewardship.

The Victoria Ward Park Makai is SITES Certified, designed and landscaped as a healthy natural ecosystem that is sustainable and resilient.

Native plants play a crucial role in the sustainability and management of the park grounds, creating a green and resilient urban oasis. Their use helps reduce irrigation needs because they have adapted to the local climate and soil conditions, requiring less water than non-native species.

These plants also promote biodiversity, supporting local birds and other wildlife and enhancing the park's ecological health. Native vegetation also helps cool the urban environment, lowering temperatures in the park and surrounding areas.

A water feature in the park was inspired by the historic 'auwai, fresh water springs, and showcases an art installation of sculptured Ae'o Birds, by Dan Ostermiller, which from a distance look like the silhouette of actual Hawaiian stilt.



As a condition of development, the HCDA requires the dedication of public facilities by the developer for public use. The Victoria Ward Park is one of the facilities dedicated for public use by Ward Village.

On the calendar

April 2

The next HCDA Board meetings will be held. For more information about HCDA or board meetings visit <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/>.

Dog Park Opened

“A lot goes into creating something like this Kolowalu Dog Park,” said HCDA Board Chair Sterling Higa. “I want to thank the contractors and everyone that worked on the dog park.”

Higa gave opening remarks at the blessing and opening of the Kolowalu dog park in February among a crowd including elected officials, community members and four-legged friends.

“As you walk into the dog park, pay special attention to the kind of detail that we have put into the dog park,” said Craig Nakamoto, HCDA executive director. “It is not just an ordinary fence and gate. It is meant to be a gathering place for community members and their dogs. It was created in consultation with several renowned native Hawaiian cultural practitioners and local landscape architects.”

The park is abundant with native Hawaiian plants like naupaka and lau'a'e fern.



The hau tree that greets you at the entrance is like one that would likely have been found in the Kolowalu area in the past. The tree shades place-making signage in Hawaiian with English translations.

Inspired by Hawaiian way finding, paw prints lead you to the gates of the small and large dog parks. The park is rich with special touches like stone benches with QR Codes for more information about the park, and amenities for dogs like play equipment and boulders, dog-safe mulch and a water fountain.

For more information about the Kolowalu Parks visit <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hcda/>.



Vandalism at the park

Sadly, the new dog park has already suffered a few instances of vandalism. In one case, the irrigation system was broken and the lush green lawn quickly turned brown.

If you witness acts of vandalism, immediately report it to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), at 808-529-3111, the number for non-emergency calls.

However, if it is an emergency, call 911.

Gather descriptions of any suspects involved, vehicle details and any other relevant information safely, including photos, if possible, as well as the date, time and location, to provide to HPD.

Thank you in advance for being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity to the authorities. Together we can improve safety in our neighborhoods.

