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Maya: Good morning, and welcome to Tides and Fishing: Hawaii, your daily tides and fishing report for the islands. It is Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six. I am Maya.

Devon: And I am Devon. We have four stations of tide times to run through today, plus an above-normal flag at two of them, a Small Craft Advisory for Maui and the Big Island, a fresh swell picture, and a completely moonless night sky for the night anglers. Let us get into it.

Maya: Starting with tides for today, Monday, from Noah predictions. In Honolulu, on Oahu, you had a small high tide of zero point eight nine feet just after midnight, then a low at five seventeen A M of zero point four one feet. The big high comes at twelve twenty-nine P M, two point one five feet, and the low drops to zero point two feet at seven thirty-nine P M. Normal range today in Honolulu.

Devon: Over on Maui, Kahului is flagged above normal. Low tide at four o two A M, zero point four four feet, then the high at eleven forty-two A M hits two point five two feet, which is above normal. Low again at six forty-five P M, zero point seven two feet, and a smaller high of one point three five feet at eleven forty-two P M.

Maya: Hilo, on the Big Island, is flagged too. Low at four thirty-five A M, zero point four five feet. The high at eleven fifty-six A M reaches two point six feet, above normal. Then low at six fifty-four P M, zero point five nine feet.

Devon: And Nawiliwili, on Kauai, stays in the normal range. Low at four fifty A M, zero point four one feet, high at twelve twenty-one P M, two point zero nine feet, and the low at seven thirty-two P M, zero point three nine feet.

Maya: A quick look at tomorrow, Tuesday. Honolulu's high tops out at two point zero nine feet and Nawiliwili at two point zero three feet, both normal. But Kahului hits two point five four feet and Hilo reaches two point six two feet, so both stay above normal tomorrow.

Devon: Now the fishing. Fresh charter reports are still thin this week, so we are leaning on the seasonal fall picture. Off Kona, blue marlin are moving in a steady flow in the two hundred to four hundred pound class, with the occasional bigger female. Resident yellowfin tuna, ahi, are hunting the ledge, and the first striped marlin of the season are starting to show.

Maya: October opens the fall mahi mahi run, and it lasts through December. Troll weed lines and floating debris, or run and gun with live bait on the bigger patches. Ono, wahoo, are the wildcard, with stray packs patrolling the forty fathom ledge. If you prefer to slow-troll, live opelu caught on sabiki rigs near the harbor mouth is the undisputed champion bait right now.

Devon: And on the Hilo side, shore anglers are casting the Hamakua Coast cliffs and the

thinking about crossing the Alenuihaha, wait it out.

Devon: Outside the advisory zones, it is fresh trade winds everywhere. East northeast winds fifteen to twenty knots, seas four to six feet around Kauai and Oahu. Maui windward waters look similar, and the Big Island windward side runs east northeast fifteen to twenty knots with seas four to five feet. The Kona coast stays calm in the morning behind the volcanoes, but remember this is advisory water near South Point. Winds ease Tuesday and turn out of the southeast by midweek.

Maya: Surf report, every episode, because this is Hawaii. For today, north-facing shores run one to three feet, west-facing one to three feet, south-facing two to four feet, and east-facing shores two to four feet, choppy from the trades. Tomorrow, north shores bump to two to four feet, west-facing two to four, south-facing three to five, and east-facing hold two to four.

Devon: The swell story: a small long-period south swell fills in tonight and peaks a little above average Tuesday into Wednesday. A small northwest swell arrives tonight and peaks Monday, then a larger northwest swell peaks Wednesday, trending north shores up through the week. And one to watch: a west swell from Typhoon Choi-wan reaches the islands Thursday into the weekend and could bring moderate surf to the west-facing shores of the Big Island.

Maya: And the night sky, for the night anglers. Tonight the moon is a twenty-six percent waning crescent, and it sets around three twelve P M, which means from sunset until about two forty-five A M, the sky is completely moonless. Dark skies, perfect for the night bite and the stars.

Devon: Look up and you will find Vega and the Summer Triangle dropping in the west, the Milky Way arching overhead, and Pegasus rising in the east. After midnight, the Pleiades climb in the east and Orion follows around one A M. Just be honest about the clouds: trade-wind showers will block the stars at times, especially on the windward sides. Get offshore, off the lee of Oahu or the Kona coast, and you will have the best view.

Maya: That is it for Monday. Above-normal tides at Kahului and Hilo, a Small Craft Advisory for Maui and Big Island waters, and a moonless night full of stars. Tight lines, and we will be back tomorrow morning.

Devon: See you at the dock.