



Hawaii's own is an eighteen-year-old Nina Cherry, an outstanding body surfer who learned to swim before she walked.

Nina has three favorite body surfing breaks — Sandy Beach, Pipeline, and Makapuu, but prefers not to single out one above the others. It's a question of mood.

"Sandy is best," she explains, "when I have some inhibitions to shake — a few whopping Sandy drops can clear the cobwebs and put a fresh perspective into life." The same is true for Pipeline's winter surf. "After a hectic week of exams I can really loosen up and get rid of the 'brain kinks.' However I don't like the Pipeline any bigger than six-to-eight feet. I've lost too many fins there and seen what a bad wipe out can do to a body surfer." Nina

leans toward the far walls of Makapuu when the world is rosy.

Besides body surfing, Nina rides boards and paipos, and is also a member of the wahines' paddling team at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

A June graduate of Punahou High School, Nina will be attending the College of the Pacific next fall, majoring in philosophy and art. "I won't find any surf around Stockton and my gills will dry up," Nina ruefully admits, "but first opportunity I hope to go south and surf The Wedge."

The Wedge will certainly never have a prettier surfer tackle its murderous waves than Nina, and we expect quite a few fins to remain dry when she challenges it. Nina's the kind of a gal who makes watching more fun than surfing. Book early — there might be standing room only on the breakwater. ★

Surfing Girl of The Month **NINA CHERRY**

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Above center - Nina Cherry has been body surfing for many years, and Sandy Beach's pounding surf is one of her favorite spots. Below Right - Nina is a very versatile surfer and has surfed all of Hawaii's well known spots. Here she goes right at Sandy Beach.

