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*Channels West of Maine
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Descriptive Report of
Auau and Alalakeiki Channels

Auau Channel separating West Maui Island from Lanai Island is about seven and one half miles wide, opening into Alalakeiki Channel to the Eastward and Kealahihiki Channel to the Southward. This channel is used by the Inter-Island Steamers as the main channel to all ports on the Island of Hawaii. There are no known dangers excepting close inshore.

Alalakeiki Channel, separating East Maui Island from Kahoolawe Island is six miles wide, opening into the sea at the Eastern end.

Molokini Island at the Western entrance to this channel and midway between East Maui and Kahoolawe Islands is a small crescent shaped Island opening to the Northward and Westward. This Island is one half of an extinct volcano about five hundred fifty yards in diameter. The highest point of the Island is about one hundred sixty feet above sea level. There are no known dangers excepting close inshore. This channel is used by the Inter-Island Steamers in making the ports on the Island of Hawaii.

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