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**DESPERATE RACE FOR SURVIVAL / RIDING FOR THEIR LIVES: Two patrollers on Jet Skis at Maverick's reef turned around to see dead waves crashing toward them. They had just seconds to figure out alive.**

The Biggest Big Bad Wave. Chronicle graphic by John Blanchard

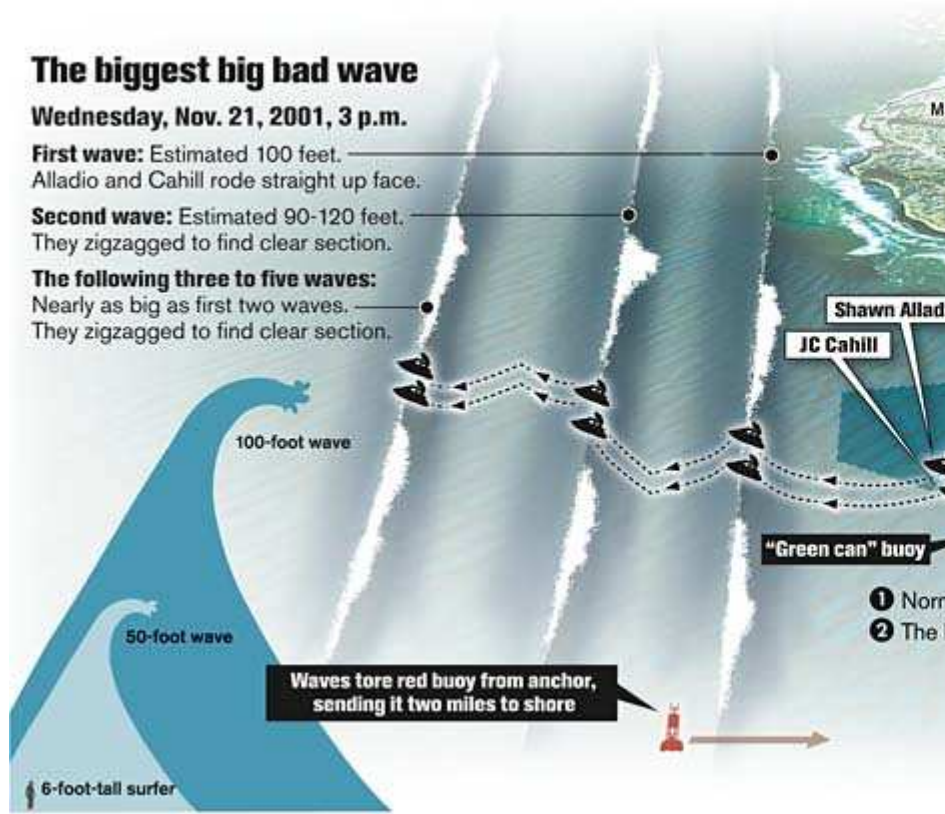
**The biggest big bad wave**

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001, 3 p.m.

**First wave:** Estimated 100 feet. Alladio and Cahill rode straight up face.

**Second wave:** Estimated 90-120 feet. They zigzagged to find clear section.

**The following three to five waves:** Nearly as big as first two waves. They zigzagged to find clear section.



Sources: Shawn Alladio, Google Earth

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