

= SpongeBob SquarePants vs. The Big One =

" SpongeBob SquarePants vs. The Big One " is the 5th episode of the sixth season and the 105th overall episode of the American animated television series SpongeBob SquarePants . The episode was written by Aaron Springer , Paul Tibbitt , and Steven Banks , and was directed by Andrew Overtoom and Alan Smart . The episode was part of the series ' tenth anniversary celebration in 2009 . It features guest appearances by Johnny Depp as the voice of Jack Kahuna Laguna , Bruce Brown as the narrator , and Davy Jones as himself . It originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on April 17 , 2009 .

The series follows the adventures and endeavors of the title character and his various friends in the underwater city of Bikini Bottom . In this episode , SpongeBob and his friends ? Patrick , Squidward , Mr. Krabs , and Sandy ? are swept away by a giant wave . They get separated from each other ; SpongeBob , Patrick , and Squidward find themselves stranded on a remote tropical island . To get back home to Bikini Bottom , they search for Jack Kahuna Laguna , a surf guru who can teach them the gnarly surf moves to hit the elusive wave , The Big One , in order to return home .

Upon premiere , the episode pulled an average of 5 @.@ 8 million viewers , and met positive reviews . On March 3 , 2009 , the DVD and the video game based on the episode was released simultaneously .

= = Plot summary = =

Mr. Krabs discovers a lot of people are visiting the beach , so he decides to go to sell them Krabby Patties . When SpongeBob , Squidward , and Mr. Krabs are on a surfboard , they meet up with Patrick and Sandy . Patrick tries to climb onto the board , but he causes it to tip , it collides into a large wave and sweeps the five friends up into separate places : SpongeBob , Patrick , and Squidward go to an island with young surfers , Mr. Krabs ends up stranded in the middle of the sea with his cash register " Cashie " , and Sandy is taken to a small island where she built a helicopter from the supplies .

SpongeBob , Patrick , and Squidward are told by the young surfers in the island that the only way to get back to Bikini Bottom is to surf there ; unfortunately they do not know how to . Twitch , one of the surfers , tells them that there is one person who can teach them how to surf , Jack Kahuna Laguna . After they find Jack Kahuna Laguna , he comes out of his hut and surfs on an enormous surfboard which astonishes the three . He later says that they have to ride a wave called " The Big One " , in order to get back home . They practice surfing for some time , then get ready to ride " The Big One " . Before they set off , Jack Kahuna Laguna announces that The Big One demands a sacrifice .

SpongeBob , Patrick , and Squidward ride the wave and they see Mr. Krabs . He jumps up onto the board and drops Cashie into the ocean , so Jack Kahuna Laguna goes to retrieve it and acts as the sacrifice . SpongeBob , Patrick , Mr. Krabs , and Squidward are seen flying on the surfboard and approach Goo Lagoon . Sandy 's helicopter crash @-@ lands in Goo Lagoon . A welcome home party has been thrown for SpongeBob , and Jack Kahuna Laguna returns with Cashie , which he returns to Mr. Krabs .

= = Production = =

The episode " SpongeBob SquarePants vs. The Big One " was written by Aaron Springer , Paul Tibbitt , and Steven Banks . Andrew Overtoom and Alan Smart served as animation directors , and Springer worked as storyboard director . The episode originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on April 17 , 2009 as part of the series ' tenth anniversary celebration . During its release , it was also simulcast on Nickelodeon Mobile . TurboNick , the online broadband player of Nickelodeon , also featured a sneak peek of the episode , short form video content , episodes of SpongeBob SquarePants and an instant replay following its on @-@ air premiere .

In addition to the regular cast , American actor and musician Johnny Depp guest starred in the episode as the voice of Jack Kahuna Laguna , a surf guru that taught SpongeBob how to surf .

According to Sarah Noonan , vice president of talent and casting for Nickelodeon , Depp accepted the role because he and his kids are fans of the show . Nickelodeon animation president Brown Johnson said " We 're excited to have Johnny Depp guest star on the SpongeBob TV special that kicks off the series 10th anniversary celebration [ ... ] This is a big year for our porous pal , and some of the biggest celebrities are helping us honor him in a special way throughout the year . " Other guests included British musician and The Monkees ' Davy Jones who starred in the episode as himself , appearing at the bottom of the sea with his locker , and Bruce Brown providing vocal cameo as the episode 's narrator .

On March 3 , 2009 , the episode became available on DVD as Paramount Home Entertainment and Nickelodeon announced its release . It was also included in the series ' season six DVD compilation ; alongside the 2009 television film Truth or Square .

= = Reception = =

The premiere of the episode on April 17 , 2009 drew an estimated 5 @. @ 8 million viewers , and was 1 @. @ 6 million higher than the highest @- @ rated SpongeBob of the previous week , which aired April 11 . The episode was Nickelodeon 's fifth highest @- @ rated telecast in total viewers so far that year and garnered significant ratings increases among all kid and tween demographics .

The episode received mostly positive reviews . Carey Bryson of the About.com said that " parents will also be pleased , as the episode contains no rude words or inappropriate jokes . " In his review for the Blogcritics , Maddy Pumilia wrote " Like most SpongeBob episodes , this episode was comic genius . I especially enjoyed Mr. Krabs ' love affair with his cash register , Cashy . It 's hilarious . Best part of the show , in my opinion . " Ian Jane of DVD Talk said " [ the episode ] is absolutely worth a watch thanks to the series high standard of quality , quirky animation , and multilayered humor . " Erich Asperschlager of DVD Verdict called the episode " a fun take on beach bunny surf fare , and is backed by a decent sextet of recent SpongeBob adventures . " David Hinckly of the New York Daily News gave the episode 4 / 5 stars and said " It 's all good when you never forget to have fun . " The Daily Mirror described the vocal appearance of Johnny Depp as " totally wavelicious ( or something ) . " LJ Perez of News Observer said that the character of Johnny Depp " looks more like Patrick Swayze 's surfing bank robber from the so @- @ bad @- @ it 's @- @ good movie ' Point Break ' than he does any character Depp has ever portrayed . "

In 2010 , the episode was nominated at the Golden Reel Awards for Best Sound Editing : Television Animation . It has also been nominated at the 37th Annie Awards for Best Home Entertainment Production for its DVD release .

Lesley Aeschliman of Yahoo ! Voices wrote " This year [ 2009 ] is SpongeBob SquarePants ' tenth anniversary , and I hate to say it , but SpongeBob has really been showing his age recently . This special was not worth being part of such a milestone year for a television series . "

The DVD received mostly positive reviews . In his review from TV Shows on DVD , Gord Lacey said that the video quality is " fairly good " and the audio was " decent , but the surround track from earlier releases is better . " Danny Cox of Inside Pulse said that the full screen format " look very good " and " Dolby Digital Stereo Sound and also come through sounding great . "

= = Merchandise = =

SpongeBob vs. The Big One : Beach Party Cook @- @ Off , a video game based on the episode , was released for Nintendo DS . The game was published by THQ , and was released on March 3 , 2009 . A book based on episode was also released in 2009 . The book titled Surf 's Up , SpongeBob ! was written by David Lewman , and was published by Simon Spotlight / Nickelodeon .