

= Extreme Spots =

" Extreme Spots " is the first episode of the ninth season and the 179th overall episode of the American animated television series *SpongeBob SquarePants* . The episode originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on July 21 , 2012 . 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 Patrick try to do their best to join extreme sports team the Drasticals , no matter how extreme , dangerous , or ludicrous it gets . It will see the duo try their hand at sand motor biking , hang gliding , seashell surfing and even extreme bubble blowing .

The episode was written by Luke Brookshier , Marc Ceccarelli , and Derek Iversen , and was directed by Tom Yasumi . The episode features the guest appearance of Johnny Knoxville as the voice of Johnny Krill . Upon release , the episode drew 3 @. @ 7 million viewers , and was met with positive reviews .

= = Plot summary = =

SpongeBob and Patrick are at the Sand Mountain where they see the Drasticals , doing extreme sports . A British fancy fish tells them about the Drasticals , and because he spoke in lisp , they have mistaken for " extreme spots " . Covered with jellyfish sting " spots " , SpongeBob and Patrick stand in front of the team , wanting the Drasticals to join them because of their " extreme spots " . Johnny Krill , the leader of the Drasticals , corrects them for " sports " and lets them try to be Drasticals . Johnny gives SpongeBob and Patrick tasks to do to pass , including motorbiking and surfing , but they ended up to be terrible at it . Johnny decides that his team 's activities are too " extreme " for SpongeBob and Patrick . Eventually , SpongeBob tells Johnny various activities they can do that are " extreme " .

SpongeBob and Patrick do ordinary activities , then the Drasticals make it " extreme " because Johnny was unimpressed . Johnny asks if SpongeBob and Patrick can do other activities and SpongeBob says there is one sport ? jellyfishing . And while they are doing it , the Drasticals catch jellyfish extremely . Later , the team got injured and are covered in jellyfish stings saying that the " spots " are way " extreme " .

= = Production = =

" Extreme Spots " was written by Luke Brookshier , Marc Ceccarelli , and Derek Iversen , and was directed by Tom Yasumi . Brookshier and Ceccarelli also functioned as storyboard directors . The episode was the first regular @-@ length episode to be produced in high @-@ definition . It originally aired on Nickelodeon in the United States on July 21 , 2013 , with a TV @-@ Y7 parental rating . It was a part of the network 's " The Super Spongy Square Games " marathon which debuted sports @-@ themed episodes of the series .

In addition to the regular cast , American stunt performer and Jackass actor Johnny Knoxville guest starred in the episode as the voice of Johnny Krill , the leader of an extreme sports team called the Drasticals and a champion of undersea extreme sports . The writing staff wrote the episode specifically for Knoxville . Executive producer Paul Tibbitt said " [ Nickelodeon ] wanted to do a show about extreme sports and the first thing that came to mind was Johnny Knoxville , because there are few humans living that are as extreme as him . " Knoxville accepted the role because he is a fan of the show . Knoxville said " I got a lot of street cred in the office for doing *SpongeBob* . Everyone is psyched [ ... ] As soon as I was done recording this episode , I started begging them to let me come back and record another one . " Knoxville asked if he needed to come up with a funny voice for his character . However , the producers said " No , we want [ your voice ] . " Knoxville claimed that " it 's not easy " providing a vocal cameo . He added " It 's a different kind of work . "

Aside from providing vocal cameo , Knoxville also did a photo shoot with a *SpongeBob* plush toy for the episode . Knoxville said " They loaded me up with a bunch of schwag ! Every toy they ever made ? skateboards , wristbands , all kinds of great stuff . They just don 't quit with the perks . " He

added " They [ the crews ] let me do my own stunts for this episode . It was amazing . "

On January 15 , 2013 , " Extreme Spots " became available on the DVD compilation SpongeBob SquarePants : Extreme Kah @-@ Rah @-@ Tay along with fellow eighth and ninth season episodes " Squid Defense " , " The Way of the Sponge " , " House Sittin ' For Sandy " , " The Krabby Patty That Ate Bikini Bottom " , " Squirrel Record " , " Face Freeze " , and " Demolition Doofus " .

= = Reception = =

The premiere of " Extreme Spots " on July 21 , 2012 as part of " The Super Spongy Square Games " marathon scored 3 @. @ 7 million total viewers , ranking as the most watched kids program among total viewers for the entire week . The episode , alongside " Squirrel Record " , " Demolition Doofus " , and " Face Freeze ! " , posted a double @-@ digit increase with kid demographic , averaging 5 @. @ 57 million Kids 2 @-@ 11 ( + 50 % ) from 2011 .

" Extreme Spots " received positive reviews from critics . Paul Mavis of DVD Talk enjoyed the episode and said " ' Extreme Spots ' gets big laughs from some very funny bits . " He added that the " stereotypical Britisher fish , complete with monocle and bad teeth , is a scream . " In his review for the Inside Pulse , Joe Corey said that the episode is " equally dangerous " with the remaining episodes of the Extreme Kah @-@ Rah @-@ Tay DVD .