

Winds, Current Greet Swimmers

By Todd Iacovelli

High winds and strong currents met swimmers during the OCC Invitational Swim on May 9. This year's edition was one of the most challenging chapters in the history of this race. The 71 finishers braved the waves, wind, and currents to navigate the very technical course and returned to OCC Beach.

As a result of the conditions, the course ended up being significantly longer than the 1.2 miles swimmers expected. Every swimmer earned their brunch and race T-shirt!

Taking first overall was Keahi Parker, a former University of Hawaii athlete and new OCC member, who conquered the conditions for a finishing time of 44:38. Shortly on his heels was the first female finisher, Nicole Hagi who swam a stellar 45:02 to win the Women's crown.

The first six finishers of the race all came from different age groups with Jeff Dragsten, Ben Williams, Miki David, and James Yang joining Keahi and Nicole as age group winners. Fifth place Finisher Miki David not only won the 45-49 age group, but would have won every other age group except for 25-29.

The first Outrigger woman across the finish line was Juliana Brown, who along with Nica Nordyke ensured all three women in the 25-29 age group finished in the top 10 of the overall race. Congrats ladies on your fantastic swim!

Other age group winners on the women's side included Kim Burnett, Kelly Quin, Denise Webb, Jane Stites, Jada London, Linda Kaiser, and Jane Kirton.

On the men's side, age group winners not already mentioned were Chris Florscher, Kevin Cranston, Keith Peterson, Colin Chinn, Rhoads Stevens, and Victor Hemmy Jr.

A huge congrats to ALL swimmers who finished the very challenging course. The camaraderie and positivity in spite of the conditions was inspiring!

Outrigger Canoe Club Invitational Swim May 9, 2015 Results

Overall	Name	Time	Place/Div
1.	Keahi Parker*	44:38.3	1st, M 20-24
2.	Nicole Hagi	45:02.3	1st, W 25-29
3.	Jeff Dragsten	49:38.4	1st, M40-44
4.	Ben Williams	50:51.7	1st, M30-34
5.	Miki David	51:27.3	1st, W45-49
6.	James Yang	53:29.6	1st, M35-39
7.	Aaron Sundberg	53:36.4	2nd, M40-44
8.	Colin Chinn	53:38.3	1st, M55-59
9.	Juliana Brown*	53:39.0	2nd, W25-29
10.	Nica Nordyke*	53:54.1	3rd, W25-29
16.	Diane Corn*	58:56.2	2nd, W55-59
19.	Mary Quinn*	1:01:12.6	4th, W55-59
21.	Hugh Damon*	1:02:51.8	3rd, M50-54
34.	Anne Perry*	1:09:06.4	6th, W55-59
42.	Tahnee Allman*	1:09:37.9	5th, W25-29
47.	Kristen Biondi*	1:11:39.4	5th, W45-49
54.	Peter Biggs*	1:16:22.1	6th, M60-74
55.	Larissa Nordyke*	1:17:51.1	6th, W25-29
61.	Eric Crispin*	1:30:31.5	8th, M55-59
63.	Victor Hemmy Jr.*	1:32:49.1	1st, M70-74
66.	Don Eovino*	1:37:43.0	3rd, M65-69

* OCC Member

Keahi Parker and Nicole Hagi were the top two finishers.





Hugh Damon and Anne Perry competed in the 50s division.



Vic Hemmy Jr. and Eric Crispin were happy to be back on the beach.



Linda Jameson congratulates Don Eovino and Brad Myers on finishing the swim.



Kristin Biondi and daughter Makena.



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