

# OCC Invitational Swim Filmed by BBC

By Ray Robinson

A shock was experienced by 73 of Oahu's top swimmers (from most of Oahu's swim clubs) on May 2, when they gathered on the San Souci beach to compete in the OCC Annual Invitational 1-mile and 2-mile Swim. Right before the starting signal, meet director Dennis Blake announced that the film crew in their midst was the British Broadcasting Corp's crew filming the event for a program on sharks!

There was lots of nervous laughter, and bang, the swimmers hit the water.

Only after the event was over did contestants learn that the BBC's Natural History Division was filming the OCC event for the Discovery Channel's week-long series on sharks which aired in June. The OCC segment was filmed to illustrate there is safe, successful recreational use of the oceans of the world, in spite of the fact that sharks are known to be in the water.

The BBC crew wasn't hoping for a shark attack to occur. The pre-race announcement may have helped the swimmers come in faster.

The winners in the 1-mile swim were Roger Cundall (26:29) and Betty Ann Sallee (28:21). The fastest in the 2-mile swim were Ben Komer (55:24) and Nicole Hagi (1:00:45).

Surveying the ocean from the beach 30 minutes prior to race start, Blake judged the water to be "great, a great day for swimming." Roger Cundall immediately replied "yesterday would have been better! It's beginning to kick up out there now."

By the time the race was over, most swimmers agreed with Cundall. A strong Ewa-to-Diamond Head current developed, and more than one swimmer opted mid-course for the shorter swim. Ernie Leskovitz and several others vowed the swim was tougher than the last Roughwater Swim.



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### 2-Mile Swim

Overall	Name	Time
1.	Ben Komer*	:55:24
2.	Yusuke Kobayashi	:56:23
3.	Kenny Rust	:58:54
4.	James Biles	:59:12
5.	Nicole Hagi	1:00:45
6.	Lane Johnson	1:03:50
7.	Ashton Sroc	1:03:55
8.	Bruce Sloan*	1:04:02
9.	James Emmons	1:04:42
10.	Jana Pittichova	1:05:27
11.	Ernie Leskovitz*	1:05:59
12.	Curtis Chinn	1:07:38
13.	Leif Johnson	1:07:43
14.	Alex Jampel*	1:10:05
15.	Kevin Emery	1:10:33
16.	Ward Saunders	1:10:36
17.	Jayson Hagi	1:10:38
18.	Twain Newhart*	1:10:54
19.	Mike Anderson	1:12:35
20.	Chad Harrison	1:14:34
21.	Kendra Yanney	1:14:37
22.	Steve Torkildson*	1:14:44
23.	Thomas Burke	1:15:33
24.	Laurie Foster	1:15:55
25.	Timothy Haas	1:16:24
26.	Allison Reid	1:18:36
27.	Marie Wagner	1:20:41
28.	Julie Rosenheimer	1:21:07
29.	Tom Bowditch	1:25:50
30.	Ainslie Mackovjak	1:25:51
31.	Scott Peters	1:30:35
32.	Meg Didonna	1:32:11
33.	Valisa Saunders	1:40:18
34.	Uilani Pauole	1:46:23
35.	Charis Kahauolo	1:46:24
36.	Linda Moran	1:52:29

### 1 Mile Swim

Overall	Name	Time
1.	Roger Cundall*	:26:29
2.	Betty Ann Sallee	:28:21
3.	Ralph Wright	:29:59
4.	John Weikum	:30:43
5.	Linda Kaiser	:31:12
6.	Matthew Bronson	:31:49
7.	Diane Stowell*	:33:47
8.	Barbara Germann	:33:47
9.	Pete Schlegel	:34:15
10.	Laurie Sloan*	:34:25
11.	Sharyn Klafehn	:40:00
12.	Terry Klafehn	:40:02
13.	Arnold Lum*	:41:51
14.	Vernon Knight	:43:20
15.	Fred Trask	:43:22
16.	Gaylene Anderson	:43:27
17.	Gary Sallee*	:44:01
18.	Michele Bond	:44:09
19.	Geno Godinet	:44:36
20.	Kathleen Quinn	:44:43
21.	Gloria Maker	:44:54
22.	Doug Kilpatrick*	:48:56
23.	Robert Corboy*	:50:50
24.	Victor Hemmy Jr.*	:51:03
25.	June Harrigan	:53:42
26.	Carol Murry	:56:49
27.	Randy Kennedy	:57:55
28.	Henry Richmond*	:59:21
29.	Susan Schenk	1:05:36
30.	Jan Blickfeldt	1:06:02
31.	Katrena Kennedy	1:13:12
32.	Dean Smith	1:13:29
33.	Gail Morris	1:18:05
34.	Ren McWade	1:22:26
35.	Beth Blickfeldt	1:28:19

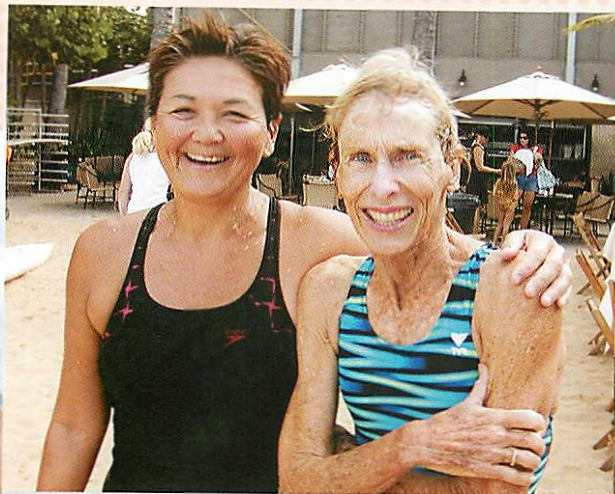
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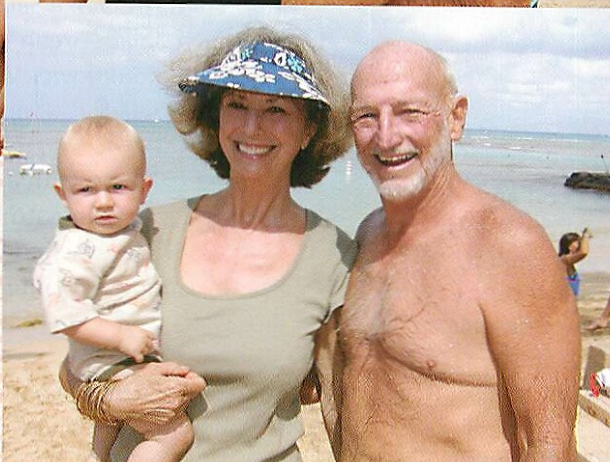
*More than 70  
swimmers competed.*



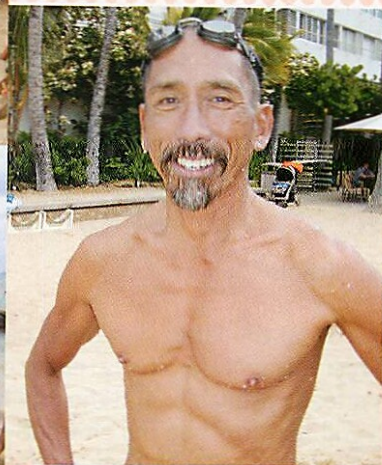
*Ben Komer*



*Laurie Sloan and  
Diane Stowell  
competed in the  
short course.*



*Balen Rigg and  
Ronnie Kilpatrick  
greeted Doug  
Kilpatrick at end  
of race*



*Arnold Lum*