

# Open Ocean Swim

By Ian Emberson

Started six years ago as a challenge to Waikiki Swim Club, the OCC Open Ocean Swim has become a very popular event for both clubs.

The weather and surf cooperated with us this year as conditions were beautiful. The ocean was crystal clear although the currents were a little strong. This is one reason we have a shorter course: for those that feel they cannot swim the two miles, there is a 1½ mile course also. Last year we had to move the swim to Ala Moana because surf was up and waves were breaking in the channel.

## Summer Swims

Kicking off the summer swim season is the Maui Channel Swim on Saturday, Sept. 1, with Outrigger's Jimmy Dean as chairman. This is a 9½-mile relay race between Lanai and Lahaina, Maui, and men's, women's and mixed teams will be competing.

Then on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 3, is the 2.375 mile open-ocean Roughwater Swim.

Outrigger, a co-sponsor along with Waikiki Swim Club, will provide the Boston Whaler as well as two outrigger canoe escorts for the swimmers. Paddlers interested in canoe escort please leave name at front desk in care of Ian Emberson.

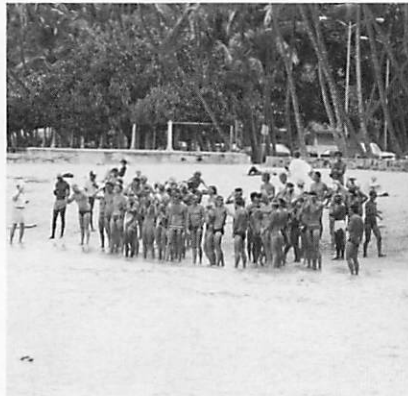
Application blanks will be at the front desk. Check the bulletin board for a sample application. As in the past, the Club will reserve the van and provide an ice chest with oranges, juice and other goodies for thirsty/hungry swimmers. Find the OCC group at the finish line. Those needing transportation back to the Club may ride in back of the van.

This year there will be a 2.4 mile roughwater swim on Sunday, August 12th at the North Shore. It is known as the *North Shore Challenge*. Meet at Ehukai Park, register 8:30 a.m., start at 9:30 a.m. Finish will be at Waimea Bay. Information on this swim will be posted on bulletin board.

A list of participants and their times is displayed on the swim bulletin board in the tunnel.

The Outrigger put on a delicious breakfast for all the swimmers. Special thanks go to Cline Mann, our course surveyor, Wayne Faulkner (acting

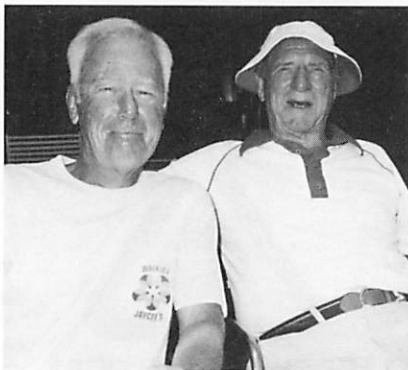
course marshall) for setting up of the buoys, Terry Frank the race director and Frank Walton, who has been our starter and timer every year for the past six years. Mahalo to all the paddleboard escorts and the Outrigger Canoe Club for sponsoring this enjoyable swim.



Racers at the ready.



Women's age group winner Diane Stowell collects her trophy and towel.



Veteran OCC swimmers Jake Updegrave (L) and Frank Walton compare stroke-notes.



Champ swimmer Jimmy Dean helped set the course for the race, but didn't get wet.



Overall winner Bill McCarthy receives congratulations from Race Director, Ian Emberson.



After-race brunch was popular with swimmers.

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