

# Summer Open-Ocean Swim

By Gerry DeBenedetti

The 4th annual Summer Invitational Open-Ocean Swim between Outrigger and Waikiki Swim Club was held June 26, starting at 9 a.m. at the Club. The OCC Swim Committee hosts the 1½ to 2 mile swim and a superior brunch, and WSC members turn out en masse for this fun swim.

Sixty-four registered swimmers started and 65 finished, so we had a higher completion rate than most swims, or most sports for that matter!

Last year's course time of 51:21 was shattered by WSC's John Brinkman in 46:28, which is a fast 2.150 miles. Many of the swimmers chose a shorter course of 1.68 miles and weren't even close to that time.

A hearty thanks to the able assistants—Frank Walton, event director;

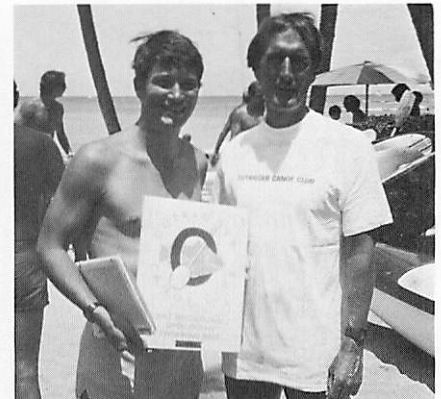
Gerry DeBenedetti, registrar; Wayne Faulkner and Cline Mann, course layout; Ian Emberson, Swim Committee chairperson and those who escorted, paddled, served brunch and cheered.

We want to congratulate you all. Those who sit and watch on the beach

can't possibly know the struggle and fear these swimmers face. There is no place to stop and rest and no equipment to hold onto. Well done!

Those OCC stalwarts who came and finished with some rough competition were:

	Overall	Age	Time	Course
Tom Henke	51	M25	79:26	Long
Linda Howe	58	W25	82:30	Long
Ian Emberson	7	M30	52:14	Long
Roger Cundall	20	M35	58:21	Long
Tom Merrill	—	M40	60:57	Short
Robert Allin	—	M40	99:30	Short
Richard Sylva	19	M40	57:52	Long
James Krueger	—	M40	54:46	Short
Harry Huffaker	24	M40	60:37	Long
Jim Anderson	42	M45	73:00	Long
Diane Stowell	31	W45	65:55	Long
Fred Rohlfing	—	M50	54:21	Short
Jake Updegrave	—	M65	87:37	Short



Top Left: Swimmers take to the water at the start of the 4th annual Open-Ocean Swim between Outrigger and Waikiki Swim Club.

Top Right: Ian Emberson, left, who placed 7th overall, with Tom Merrill. Above: OCC participants Tom Henke, left, and Jake Updegrave.

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