

Who Knew?

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This year's Castle Swim, set for Sunday, November 26, will mark 100 years since the first Castle Swim in 1917. In that first year, there were actually two Castle Swims, at either end of a month-long series of a water carnival, to discover the swimming talent of Outrigger members.

In 1917, the races started at the Outrigger diving platform and ended near the Moana Pier.

When the swim was revived in 1922, races were set at several distances, beginning at Canoe Surf, Public Baths, Cunha's, and the longest race from the

Castle Estate at Diamond Head to the Club, about 1.2 miles. There were races for men and women, boys and girls.

Swimmers in all races were paddled in canoes to the starting line at the various surf breaks, where they stood on the gunnels and dove out of the canoe when the starter yelled "go". A buoy near the beach was the finish line.

The first Castle Swim in 1917 was won by Duke Kahanamoku and was open only to Club members. The second swim, a month later, was open to the public and won by Duke's Olympic teammate Harold "Stubby" Krueger.

To learn more about the Castle Swim, go to OutriggerCanoeClubSports.com.