

# Roughwater Swim Almost too Rough

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The Seventh Annual Outrigger Invitational Rough Water Swim event on Saturday, June 15, almost became the *cancelled* rough water swim. Why? Because the water was too rough. But wasn't it *supposed* to be a rough water swim? Yes, but not *that* rough. The problem was not with the swimmers, who didn't mind, but that the Club could not risk the escort boats in the heavy seas.

Sooooo, Outrigger Chief Swimming Honcho, Ian Emberson laid out an inside-the-reef course over which the youngsters under 50 were to swim four laps and with the remaining athletes to swim only two laps.

Everything seemed perfectly clear to the 59 swimmers (including 19 wahines) until the start. Then, it appeared that some had difficulty counting to four along with others (19

altogether, who shall be nameless) who found the choppy seas too rough even inside the reef and completed less than the required distance.

Those who slogged through the entire tough course decided to term the early-outs "The High IQ Group" since they were able to be first at the breakfast table which was the usual fine Outrigger spread of gallons of orange juice, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash brown potatoes and sweet rolls.

After all the swimmers had been accounted for, the last gallon of orange juice inhaled and the pans containing the sausages, eggs and hash browns had been wiped clean, the following results were arrived at.

The only thing we can be sure of is that transplanted rough water champ Rick Heltzel was clearly the winner. He took the lead at the start and was never

headed, finishing a quarter of a mile ahead of his nearest competitor.

Following are Outrigger member performances:

Name	Place	Age Group
	Overall	Place
<b>MEN</b>		
Ian Emberson	5	1st 30-34
Jim Caldwell	6	1st 45-49
Harry Huffaker	12	3rd 46-49
Pete Cabanilla	13	3rd 30-34
John Neilson	19	4th 30-34
James Krueger	26	5th 45-49

## OVER 50 MEN

George Crandlemire	7	4th 50-59
Lloyd Osborne	9	2nd 70 plus

SPECIAL AWARD: Fred Rohlfing for completing the full four laps of the youngsters' course.

## WAHINES

Pam Zak	17	2nd Elite Group
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## OVER 50

Bonnie Eyre	2	1st 50-59
Joan Osborne	3	1st 60-69

All swimmers, be sure to register for the two-mile ocean race on August 11.

# Long Distance Paddling