

North Shore Challenge

By Jim Anderson

The first Annual North Shore Challenge Open Ocean Swim was held July 31, 1983. This 2.5-mile race from Eukai Beach Park to Waimea Bay was conceived and capably conducted by the team of OCC's Ian Emberson and Mark Cunningham, who won in 51:36.

Mark used his knowledge of the North Shore waters he oversees as a senior City Lifeguard to beat some of Hawaii's best ocean swimmers. Now

that Mark has shown everyone how to use the currents, next year's race will be very interesting—everyone will have the same map to the finish.

OCC members Diane Stowell, Richard Sylva and Fred Rohlfing distinguished themselves by winning their age divisions. Harry Huffaker, Ian Emberson, Jimmy Dean, Leighton Taylor and Billy Bengston all turned in creditable times.

The 8 a.m. race was followed by a potluck picnic lunch at Waimea that included homemade, hand-cranked ice cream. Needless to say, everyone thought it was a most successful and pleasant day.

Roughwater swimmers have long been desirous of having a North Shore event and it looks like this one will be around for some time.
