

September Swims

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Two important swim dates are coming up in September, so make a note of these events:

Saturday, Sept. 4: Maui Channel Swim

Monday, Sept. 6: Waikiki Rough-water Swim

Details of both events will be on the Swim Bulletin Board, and Club swimmers should sign up indicating their plans to swim on Sept. 6 and if they need a ride from the finish to the Club. OCC traditionally provides a van, cooler, muffins and oranges as well as a central meeting spot for our towels and cheering section.

The Roughwater Swim is 2¼ miles from OCC/Sans Souci Beach to the Hilton Hawaiian Village beach. Hundreds of swimmers (seriously, 600 participated last year) make a spectacular mass start—one that non-swimmers should come to watch.

Specific starting times will be: 9 a.m.—Adults/Masters; 9:10 a.m.—Age group/Seniors. There will be paddlers and boats patrolling the course. Swimmers are responsible for their own physical condition, and those who have not passed the halfway buoy No. 8 (2,090 yards) within 1 hour 45 minutes will be asked to default and will be transported to shore.

The name of over-all first-place in Adult and Age Group/Senior divisions will be engraved on the Alexander Hume Ford perpetual trophy. All swimmers will receive Ka Pookele certificates and personal finish results. Age Group/Senior division awards go to first three place winners in each class male and female. Adult division awards go to top finishers in each class. Gary "Bossabean" Niemeyer perpetual trophy goes to first place in Men's

Ladies Please!

We have had many complaints with regard to the deplorable state of the ladies' restroom near the dining room. The problem stems from the use of this restroom by sandy beach-goers and children. May we ask that they please use the locker room facilities.

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The Maui Channel Swim is an international event with six-person teams coming from Australia, Canada and many Mainland swim clubs. Although OCC does not enter a team in this 9-

mile channel relay from Lanai to Lahaina Harbor on Maui, some Club swimmers are on local teams and they appreciate your interest and support.

Watch the water. There are more than fishes out there!



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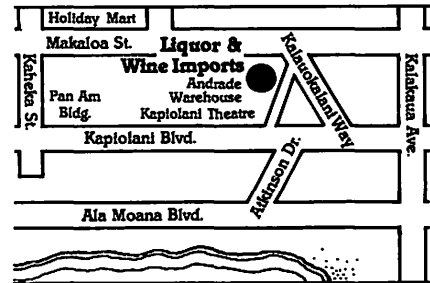
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