

19th Roughwater Swim Almost Wasn't

By Gerry DeBenedetti

Hurricane Uleki, hovering around Hawaii, brought in some funny waves from two different directions and the water looked bad from the shore for the 19th annual Roughwater Swim on September 5.

One day before the event, race committee member Harry Huffaker was saying, "the question is, will we even have it?"

The morning of the event, the microphone official was saying, "If you have any doubt, any concern, don't do it."

Even with this chilling message, 1,075 brave fools jumped into the water at the four-seeded start, and those who came out the other end were euphoric.

The chief complaint seemed to be that getting out the Outrigger channel was a little tough, but the current propelled them along the 13 flag straight-away to the Hilton Hawaiian Village turn and the surf brought them in.

Twain Newhart was ecstatic, saying, "Gee, wish I'd trained for this!"

Bonnie Eyre was thrilled after surfing with eight dolphins five-feet away from her. It seems all her life she has been waiting for a romp with the dolphins, and when the chance came, she was in competition. The competitive spirit paid off, however. Bonnie was first in her age group and went home with a lovely koa bowl and her dolphin sighting story.

Outrigger Canoe Club is one of the sponsors of this event, and members were everywhere, not just swimming, but working in all areas. OCC beach attendants set up the corner markers. Assistant Club Captain Ron Li, with son, Kainoa, and wife, Patti and friends, took a canoe on patrol.

At the start, ODKF volunteers Colleen Moore, Arden Moore, Paige Vitousek and Gerri Pedesky had the exciting job of writing race numbers on people's thighs!

The Outrigger Aid Station at the start and finish of the race was staffed by Clair Folsome, Pam Zak and Gerry DeBenedetti. Jim Anderson assisted with trophy presentations to winners.

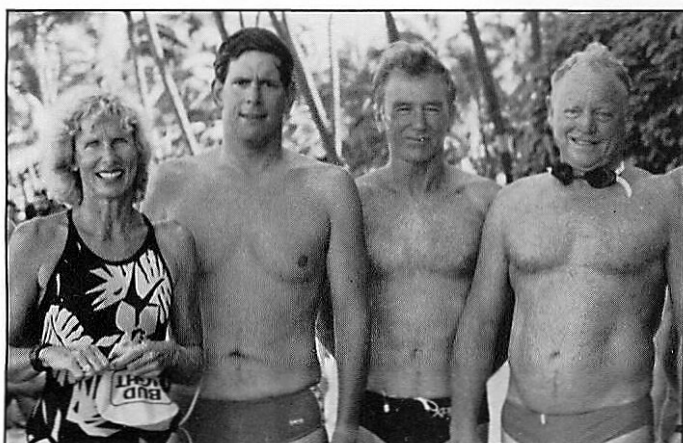
Times of Outrigger members taken from the posted results:

Waikiki Roughwater Swim September 5, 1988 Sans Souci to Hilton Hawaiian Village

Steve Bobko	52:23	M30	5th
Scott Pegg	54:00	B15	
Harry Huffaker	56:16	M45	1st
George Puder	57:00	B15	
Richard Sylva	59:19	M50	4th
Diane Stowell	1:01:59	W50	1st
Twain Newhart	1:04:10	M25	46th
Fred Rohlfing	1:10:06	M55	5th
Erik Pegg	1:10:00	B18	
Jim Anderson	1:11:48	M50	11th
Lou Fulton	1:18:02	M50	18th
Grant Senner	1:23:08	B15	22nd
Bonnie Eyre	1:25:03	W55	1st
Elizabeth Lacy	1:27:54	W40	18th
Jon Pegg	1:57:00	M50	



Outrigger participants included Jon Pegg, Grant Senner, front; Erik Pegg, Dave Fonts, George Puder, Scott Pegg, Steve Bobko (back to camera), Twain Newhart, Bonnie Eyre, Mike Schwinn and Lou Fulton.



Also at the start were Diane Stowell, Steve Bobko, Billy Al Bengston and Fred Rohlfing.



Race officials included, Colleen Moore, Arden Moore and Dot Reed, front; unidentified, unidentified, Paige Vitousek, Beam Deleon, Don Moore, Sue Oliver and Gerri Pedesky.