

Know Your Swim Committee

One of the year-round athletic committees is the Swim Committee, whose members work to sponsor regular events for our OCC swimmers, encourage participation in the Master's Swim competitions at the UH Pool, coordinate the OCC swimmers with community swimming events and work at development of community events. This is a lot, and most of it goes unnoticed and unsung.

This year's Swim Committee, headed by Ian Emberson, is composed of Gerry DeBenedetti, Graydon Woolaway, Tom Henke and Jimmy Dean. Ian has been instrumental in developing the ocean triathlon event, which was held for the first time in the world in February '84 in front of the Outrigger and Sans Souci and combined the three sports of swimming, kayaking and paddleboard either individually or relay. Imagine, started here in Hawaii by our own Swim Committee!

For the last 12 years, Ian and Jimmy Dean have been responsible for the coordination of the Maui Channel swim, an open-ocean, 9-mile relay between Lanai and Lahaina, Maui. Once upon a time OCC had a team entered in this event, and any time we can muster up six strong swimmers (are you out there?) we can enter again, thanks to Jimmy and Ian's hard work. They coordinate the international entries from places such as Australia, Canada and, of course, California.

Most swimmers who come for the Maui Channel stay on for Roughwater 2¼ miles, which is always held on Labor Day Monday. Most of the Swim Committee members enter this event, and Gerry DeBenedetti and Tom Henke are in charge of coordinating the Club van, and oranges and drink supplies, to the finish at the Hilton Hawaiian Village beach for our Club entrants. OCC has always been a co-sponsor of this event, which starts off the Club and uses our canoes for lead escort and at the turn markers.

Another open-ocean event that is community sponsored is the North

Shore open, which is for swimmers over the age of 20, approximately 2½ miles. Another swim born at the OCC is Jim Anderson's Looong swim, held every December, which requires a qualifying time in the Roughwater or equivalent to enter.

Our Club hosts for the Waikiki Swim Club an invitational every June or July which is so well attended people pay their dues to join the WSC before the event just to enter. WSC loves this event and Outrigger has a hard time getting enough Outrigger entries to give any competition.

Best for the last for OCC only—the Castle swim in November, held the Sunday after Thanksgiving regardless of tide and weather.

This swim is for us, for fun, and is always well attended because we want our local modest swimmers to come and shine. We give lots of prizes and have lots of categories and it doesn't cost anything. We also provide breakfast and applause.

Your Swim Committee is open to suggestions for any other events, and improvements on existing ones. Only hard workers here.

1st Call for Castle Swim

The Club's annual, wonderful Castle Swim will be November 25, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. There will be a lengthy article about this in the November issue of *The Outrigger*, but we know you'll want to plan ahead and start training for this special Club event that includes 30 or more of the Club's swimmers. The 1½ miles of fun will be followed by a Club brunch for swimmers and escorts. Practice! Details next month.