

Maui Channel Swim Relays

By James Caldwell

Outrigger finished fifth in the largest division of a six-division relay, 9-mile swim race between the islands of Lanai and Maui on September 5.

The 16th annual Maui Channel Swim had 57 six-person relay teams with 342 swimmers from Hawaii, the Mainland and Australia.

Outrigger entered the 19-team division known as "chop suey" which permits teams of different gender, geographic location, etc.

The Outrigger team was composed of four Club members and two guests. The OCC members were Pat Caldwell, Lisa Caldwell Jonsson, James Jonsson and Jim Caldwell. The guests were Ulrich Klinke and Gene Grounds.

Dad and team captain Jim Caldwell chartered the almost new 55-foot Ex-calibur for the race.

Each swimmer must swim 30 minutes, then tags and is relieved by a



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fresh swimmer who does 30 minutes and so on until all six have completed one turn. The second time around, it is 10 minute legs until the team reaches Lahaina Harbor.

OCC had a scary start in that their

lead swimmer could not be found amongst the 56 other thrashing swimmers and boats as the half hour mark approached.

The rest of the race went well with OCC taking a more southerly course toward Kahoolawe for the first few miles, then later pointing toward Haleakala and Olowalu. Many teams took the northerly course and ended up in very poor position later in approaching Lahaina Harbor.

OCC finished the race in 3 hours and 50 minutes. The Chop Suey division was won by the Navy Team Hawaii in 3:18. ♪

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