

Outrigger Enters 5th Annual Maui Channel Swim

As part of the expanded OCC swimming program, the Club will be entering a team in the Lanai to Lahaina, Maui Channel Swim on September 4th, the Saturday before Labor Day. The swim is nine miles.

There is a six person relay event that has been growing in popularity each year. It is expected that at least four mainland and Canadian teams will be flying to Hawaii in addition to several local entries. Waikiki Swim Club, Pearl Harbor—Schofield Masters, San Francisco, and Los Angeles are some participating clubs.

The race is rated by many swimmers as the most enjoyable open ocean swim in the country. Briefly, the by-laws allow for co-ed or all female teams. Swimmers must be 25 years or older for male or co-ed teams and 20 years or older for all-female teams. Each person swims a first leg of 30 minutes and thereafter 10-minute legs with all six participating in rotation.

Escort boats are required of all teams and all swimmers must have "colors". OCC colors will be white caps with "OCC" in red. Each team must have a 3' x 5' flag. Duration of the swim is approximately 3½ to 4½ hours and finishes in pandemonium at dockside in front of the Pioneer Inn in Lahaina.

For those members who are interested, there will be swim trials for qualifying on August 1, 7, 14, and 22. All trials are at 9:00 A.M. at Magic Island, 2,000 meter course, a distance of 1.33 miles. A complete set of by-laws is available at the locker room bulletin board and at the front desk. Interested people should contact either Jim Caldwell at 548-3733 or Gerry Senner at 548-6407 for more information.