



JIM CALDWELL

Inducted into Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame

OCC member Jim Caldwell was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame at a ceremony on November 1.

Jim was one of the pioneers in Hawaii channel swimming. He was the first to swim from Maui to Lanai in 1970 and Maui to Molokai in 1976. In both these crossings Jim had to deal with winds, currents, tides and open ocean conditions that no prior swimmer had dealt with. He swam solo both times to International Swimming Hall of Fame rules.

In addition to solo crossings, Jim co-founded and was chairman of the Maui Channel Swim relays held annually in the Auau Channel and now in its 38th year. Jim has captained more than 15 teams in the Maui swim with OCC members that have included Harry Huffaker, Ian Emberson

and Jimmy Dean, Olympian Brent Berk and Fred Haywood, NCAA champion and fellow Hall of Fame 2008 inductee from Maui.

The Hawaii State Senate issued a proclamation that read: "Among those who have helped establish and contribute to the rich history of swimming in Hawaii is James G. Caldwell, Interisland Channel Swimmer.

"1970 Auau Channel, first crossing , solo, 9 miles, 5 hours 30 minutes.

"1979 Pailolo Channel, first crossing solo, 9 miles, 5 hours 20 minutes."

Jim Caldwell, center, was inducted into the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame by Richard "Sonny" Tanabe, president, and Alton Motobo, VP of the Hall.