



Swimmers gather before the Invitational Swim.



Jon Haig tells his story to Ray Robinson.



Far Left: Laurie Sloan and Diane Stowell competed in the one-mile swim.

Left: Anne Perry and Arnold Lum recuperate after the race.



Bruce Sloan, Miki David, Stefan Reinke and Walter Guild compare notes after the race.

# OCC INVITATIONAL SWIM

## Encounters Vicious Current

By Ray Robinson

Two days before the event which was held May 28, Dennis Blake, OCC Invitational Swim meet coordinator, voiced the expectation that the ranks of competitors would be slim this year due to the 45 million gallon raw sewage spill into the Ala Wai and thence into the ocean a couple of months earlier.

Not that swimmers were fearful that the ocean offshore from the OCC was contaminated, but a number of swimmers had been leery of getting into the ocean to train the six or seven weeks prior to the race, and they did not relish the thought of swimming competitively unless they were in shape. They had reputations to uphold.

In spite of this complication 75 undaunted swimmers showed up, compared with more than 100 last year. Though they did not broadcast their feelings loudly, some competitors were realizing, "Hey! . . . fewer swimmers is OK! . . . makes it easier for me to win a trophy in my age group."

Sunday morning early, the skies were clear, the winds were moderate, the tide was dead low, the surf was 2-feet to 4-feet and the parallel current was running vigorously Waikiki to Diamond Head.

After briefing the group on the swim course and safety matters, Dennis launched the swimmers from Sans Souci Beach at about 9 a.m. and the 23rd Annual OCC Invitational Swim was underway.

Twenty-six minutes and 33 seconds later Roger Cundall came huffing and puffing out of the water and through the gate to be the first finisher in the one-mile. Nine seconds later and almost touching his back came Betty Ann Barnett Sallee in 26 minutes and 42 seconds. It was a repeat performance for Roger, as the best time for the one-mile last year was also chalked up by him in 24:24.

Dustin Fukuda, 18, came in first in the two-mile in :52:21. Splashing ashore literally right on his heels two seconds later was Rick Heltzel in :52:20.


Most swim times were slower this year thanks to a vicious current which developed running Waikiki to Diamond Head at the first turn buoy. Many swimmers were swept past the buoy; could not swim back to it, and before the meet was over, seven swimmers had their first experience riding the rescue jet ski sled as they were towed into safer water.

Diane Stowell perhaps had the worst buoy experience. Fighting the tide and the wind, she somehow got caught under the buoy, and had to swim down to get free, giving her a very unpleasant moment. She made it in unaided first in her age group in :36:23.

Fortunately, Dennis had contracted with Aloha Surf Life Saving to provide safety with a jet ski, lifeguards on rescue boards and kayaks, and Don Isaacs on the OCC boat; all hands got into the beach safely. As Dennis remarked, "at the end of the race if we can count in every one we have listed as going out, it's been a successful event."

Thanks to the Swim Committee members Gerry DeBenedetti and Diane Stowell for checking in swimmers, Arnold Lum and Ginger Thornburg for painting the numbers on legs and arms, Kari Vasey and Blake Johnson for seeing swimmers got the proper size T-shirts, and Don Isaac's beach crew for helping set the buoys.

Luxurious OCC towels and engraved bowls were passed out to the winners for their age groups, and the fabulous OCC Sunday brunch was enjoyed by all.



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May 28, 2006

## Results

### 2-Mile Swim

Overall	Name	Place	Time
1.	Dustin Fukuda	1st, M Overall	:52:21.7
2.	Rick Heitzel	2nd, M Overall	:52:28.0
3.	Claudia Barsi	1st, W Overall	:52:24.4
4.	Gail Grabowsky	2nd, W Overall	:56:51.0
5.	Sandie Easton	3rd, W Overall	:57:07.6
6.	Ashton Srock	3rd, M Overall	:58:58.7
7.	Walter Guild*	1st, M45	:59:31.6
8.	Chris Miller*	1st, M40	:59:33.3
9.	Stefan Reinke*	2nd, M45	1:00:35.2
10.	Hudson Slay	1st, M35	1:01:58.2
11.	Bruce Sloan*	1st, M55	1:02:00.8
12.	Simone Nakano	1st, W35	1:02:02.1
13.	Aaron Mahaney	1st, M25	1:02:15.2
14.	David Stackhouse*	2nd, M35	1:02:39.3
15.	Ramsey Ross	1st, M30	1:03:18.0
16.	Esther Iseppi	1st, W45	1:03:42.8
17.	Miki David	2nd, W35	1:03:55.5
18.	Ernie Leskovitz*	1st, M65	1:04:02.5
19.	Jana Pittichova	1st, M30	1:04:17.6
20.	Matthew Kresser*	2nd, M40	1:04:49.9
21.	Lory Walker	1st, W25	1:04:52.3
22.	Michelle Carter	2nd, W30	1:05:03.9
23.	Charlie Armstrong	3rd, M40	1:05:26.1
24.	Kendra Yanney	2nd, F25	1:10:01.8
25.	Chad Harrison	1st, M50	1:10:40.1
26.	Leah Schretenthaler	1st, WU19	1:10:48.1
27.	Ellen Argo	1st, W40	1:14:47.5
28.	Susan Furmanski	3rd, W25	1:14:49.9
29.	Dane Goddard	1st, M20	1:14:50.8
30.	Jeff Mull	2nd, M20	1:15:33.5
31.	Erin Emberson*	1st, W20	1:15:49.4
32.	Joshua Schretenthaler	1st, MU19	1:20:27.2
33.	Ulrich Klink*	1st, M60	1:20:37.1
34.	Christen Mitchell	3rd, W30	1:21:59.4
35.	Stuart Nasior	3rd, M20	1:25:16.4
36.	Caroline McCabe	2nd, W40	1:25:19.4
37.	Warren Duryea	2nd, M60	1:27:25.0
38.	Ainslie Armstrong	3rd, W40	1:27:25.7
39.	Becky Thurston	1st, W55	1:28:42.6
40.	Mark Bedingfield	2nd, M25	1:34:48.8
41.	Patricia McAndren	2nd, W20	1:35:57.2
42.	Christopher Murphy	3rd, M35	1:36:09.7

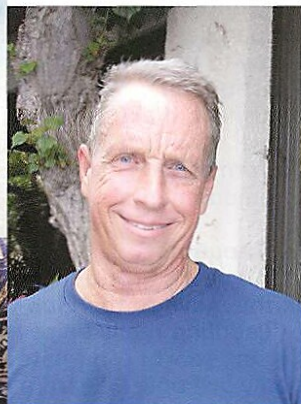
### 1-Mile Swim

Overall	Name	Place	Time
1.	Roger Cundall*	1st, M Overall	:26:33.5
2.	Betty-Ann Barnett-Sallee	1st, W Overall	:26:42.0
3.	Ted Sheppard*	2nd, M Overall	:28:37.5
4.	Rick Bush	3rd, M Overall	:29:07.9
5.	James Farrell*	1st, M50	:30:13.1
6.	Sui-Lan Ellsworth	2nd, W Overall	:31:16.5
7.	John Weikum	2nd, M50	:33:22.2
8.	Linda Kaiser	3rd, W Overall	:33:33.4
9.	Diane Stowell*	1st, W70	:36:23.1
10.	Laurie Loomis	1st, W50	:37:04.1
11.	Stote Farnham	1st, M55	:37:47.6
12.	Laurie Sloan*	2nd, W50	:39:04.8
13.	Barbara Germann	3rd, F50	:40:38.1
14.	Max Zeller	1st, M65	:42:39.0
15.	Terry Trahan	1st, M60	:42:42.0
16.	Kari Vasey*	4th, W50	:43:39.7
17.	Bradley Coates*	2nd, M55	:44:01.3
18.	Bill Jakubowski	3rd, M55	:45:16.7
19.	Victor Hemmy Jr.*	2nd, M60	:45:28.6
20.	Anne Perry*	5th, W50	:45:30.5
21.	Candace Strong	6th, W50	:45:34.8
22.	Arnold Lum*	4th, M55	:45:56.1
23.	John McClellan	3rd, M60	:48:41.6
24.	Wink Arnott*	3rd, M50	:49:05.9
25.	Lori Auhll	2nd, W70	:49:52.1
26.	Kathleen Quinn*	1st, W60	:50:51.8
27.	John Sarich	4th, M60	:51:15.4
28.	Blake Johnson*	2nd, M65	:58:02.4
29.	Vernon Knight	1st, M70	1:00:53.5
30.	Michael Wong	5th, M55	1:02:17.0
31.	David James*	2nd, M70	1:18:02.2

\* OCC Member



Swim Committee members  
Gerry DeBenedetti and  
Ginger Thornburg.



Roger Cundall  
finished first in  
the one-mile  
swim.



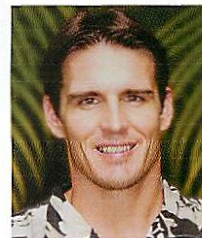
Kari Vasey passes  
the finish line.

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