

OCC Invitational Swim, Sunday, May 2

By Ray Robinson

You are invited to participate in the OCC's annual Invitational 1 and 2-mile Swim, Sunday, May 2. The start is from San Souci Beach at 9 a.m.

Swimmers from other clubs are invited to participate. Last year 84 swimmers showed up to compete, but the race had to be canceled because of high surf, rough conditions, a strong parallel current and a strong wind blowing towards Waikiki.

Most competitors breathed a sigh of relief. The swim was held the following Sunday with 56 participants on a beautiful day in much nicer conditions and was a full success.

The course for those who are under 50 is two miles from San Souci Beach, straight out the channel to the first turn buoy (1/2

mile), then parallel to the beach (1/2 mile) to the buoy offshore from the Kapahulu groin, back to the buoy and in to the OCC beach.

The short race is popular with swimmers over 50, as the course for them is one-half mile out to the first turn buoy and back to our beach. The over-50s and the lightening-fast under 50s, sometimes come in together.

Safety of swimmers is of paramount importance. There will be water patrol and course marshals to assist swimmers in staying on course. Also an additional midway buoy will be placed between the first and second turn buoys to better mark the course.

Several swimmers had good finish times last year but were disqualified because they inadvertently cut a turn buoy.

Participants are invited to enjoy the OCC's fabulous Sunday brunch. There will be race T-shirts and awards will be presented to first, second and third place winners in each gender category and each age group.

Timing will be done by Timers Plus. Each swimmer will have an ankle bracelet with a numbered chip in it, and times are tallied by computer.

Application blanks are at the Front Desk. There will be a modest fee to cover expenses.

Pray for good swimming weather and come on out and join the fun.

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