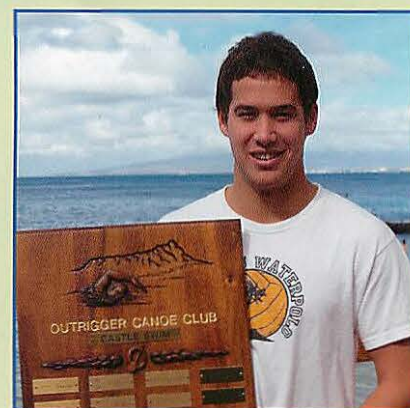


# New Champion at Annual Castle Swim Race

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Thirty-six members entered the Castle Swim.



Junior 'Rigger Aukai Gilliland added his name to the Castle Swim winner's plaque.



Dolan Eversole, Todd Iacovelli and Erin Emberson were division winners.



Winners of their 30s and 40s divisions were Sue Steinemann, Dolan Eversole, Katherine Nichols and David Stackhouse.



Top finishers in the 50s age group were Laurie Foster, Valisa and Ward Saunders and Stefan Reinke. Laurie was the first woman to finish.

The 2010 edition of the Club's annual Castle Swim featured several past race champions including last year's first place finisher, Ryan Saunders, as well as Alex Jampel and Ian Emberson. Laurie Foster, the first woman last year was also at the start line ready to challenge the field of this 1.2 mile open ocean swim.

Clear skies and seemingly calm waters greeted the 36 swimmers and their escorts. A mix of youth and experience all hoped for a chance to cross the line in first (or at a minimum faster than last year!).

The race began in front of the Outrigger Hotel. Committee member Hina Torres started the race clock and the swimmers were off. The race began to shape up almost immediately as last year's first two swimmers Ryan Saunders and Aukai Gilliland, immediately opened a gap on the rest of the field.

First time competitor, Dolan Eversole, fell into the third position behind the two young guns. The rest of the field began to spread out past the first buoy. The swimmers soon discovered that the calm waters were actually choppy and currents were reasonably strong. This affected both navigation and sighting for the turn buoy.

Unlike pool swimming, open ocean events require

not only strong swimming skills but also a good sense of direction! Many a competitor is tempted to aim towards Diamond Head--- a path that can add minutes to the swim. With the assistance of Club staff and Kenny Rust of Aloha Surf Lifesaving and friends and family that acted as escorts, everyone stayed mostly on course.

As the leaders made the final turn, the race was heating up. Ultimately, Aukai Gilliland took the lead and finished a scant four seconds ahead of Ryan Saunders, but more than four minutes on the next pack of finishers. These two strong athletes seem destined to make this an interesting and challenging series in the coming years.

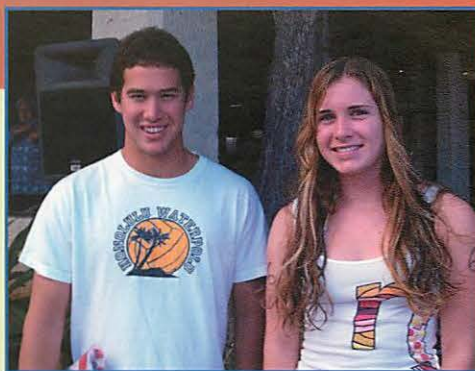
On the women's side, Laurie Foster took an early lead and maintained a strong pace to finish first among the women. She was followed three minutes back by last year's runner up, Sue Steinemann, who was being chased by a hard finishing Diane Corn.

The Annual Castle swim is held on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. It is open to Club members only. It is put on through the combined efforts of your Swim Committee. Special thanks to Lisa Reinke, who operated the new iPad electronic registration and timing system, with the help of Hina Torres and Joanne Klinke.





Receiving OCC towels for their winning finishes in the 60, 70 and 80 age group divisions were Arnold Lum, Roger Cundall, Kathleen Quinn, Diane Stowell, Ernie Leskovitz and David James.



Finishing first in the 18 and under division were Aukai Gilliland and Alison Nichols.

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## OCC Castle Swim Overall Results November 28, 2010

Overall	Name	Time	Place
1.	Aukai Gilliland	1st, BU18	:33:12
2.	Ryan Saunders	2nd, BU18	:33:16
3.	Dolan Eversole	1st, M35-39	:38:10
4.	Stefan Reinke	1st, M50-54	:38:32
5.	Alex Jampel	1st, M45-49	:38:43
6.	Chris Nichols	3rd, BU18	:38:54
7.	Ward Saunders	1st, M55-59	:39:43
8.	Ian Emberson	2nd, M55-59	:40:07
9.	Laurie Foster	1st, W50-54	:40:08
10.	David Stackhouse	1st, M40-44	:40:24
11.	Ernie Leskovitz	1st, M70-74	:41:08
12.	Roger Cundall	1st, M65-69	:41:22
13.	Jeff Harris	3rd M55-59	:41:45
14.	Uli Klinke	2nd, M65-69	:42:38
15.	Todd Iacovelli	1st, M25-29	:43:19
16.	Sue Steinemann	1st, W45-49	:44:00
17.	Diane Corn	2nd, W50-54	:44:05
18.	Erin Emberson	1st, W25-29	:44:34
19.	Greg Wunderlich	2nd, M45-49	:45:22
20.	Jim Farrell	4th, M55-59	:46:01
21.	Anne Perry	3rd, W50-54	:46:21
22.	Hugh Damon	3rd, M45-49	:47:31
23.	Alison Nichols	1st, GU18	:47:52
24.	Valisa Saunders	1st, W55-59	:47:56
25.	Katherine Nichols	1st, W40-44	:47:59
26.	John Ginella	4th, BU18	:50:42
27.	John Wacker	4th, M45-49	:52:29
28.	Brad Coates	5th, M55-59	:52:48
29.	Diane Stowell	1st, W70+	:52:50
30.	Arnold Lum	1st, M60-65	:58:56
31.	Kathleen Quinn	1st, W65-69	:58:57
32.	David James	1st, M75+	1:01:28
33.	Don Eovino	2nd, M60-65	1:04:02
34.	Barry Lefkowitz	3rd, M60-65	1:05:43
35.	Jim Zachary	2nd, M75+	1:08:05
36.	Blake Johnson	2nd, M70-74	1:18:55



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