



# Kristi Torkildson Wins Castle Swim Again

Dennis Blake shows Kristi Torkildson her name on the Castle Swim perpetual trophy.



Junior 'Riggers who competed in the Castle Swim were Mikey Cote, Kelli Moy, Rachel Cote, Kristi Torkildson, Eric Abbot and Egen Atkinson



Participants in the Castle Swim gathered on the Club beach before the start of the swim.

By Ray Robinson. Photos by Marilyn Kali

For the second year in a row, Kristi Torkildson won the OCC's traditional Castle Swim. The 14-year-old Punahou student finished the race in a fast 35 minutes and 34 seconds. Very close behind was Wil Yamamoto in :35:50.

The OCC's traditional Castle Swim, which started some 80 years ago, was for several years open to the public. The original course was from Harold Castle's home on the site where the Elks Club now stands to the old OCC Clubhouse in Waikiki where the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel now stands. Mr. Castle is said to have personally passed out trophies.

Thirty-two years ago, Castle was resurrected, made a private OCC members-only event, and the course was reversed, to start in Waikiki and end at our present beach.

Last year the wind kicked up, and slower swimmers encountered troublesome counter-current in the latter stages of the swim.

This day dawned cloudy and cool, but soon became warm and windy.

Much of the chatter amongst the contestants at the check-in table on the Hau Terrace early Sunday morning after Thanksgiving was about what ocean conditions they'd find; the wind, current, the amount of sun, but mostly about the current.

At 8 a.m., meet director Dennis Blake declared the swim a "go" and 31 swimmers were bused down to Waikiki, hitting the water shortly after 8:30 a.m. from the Outrigger Waikiki hotel beach.

This year, most swimmers agreed it was windy and choppy on the course, and those without escorts had trouble seeing the final yellow turn bouy. Most swimmers had escorts on surfboards, one-mans or paddleboards to help them find the best route and to keep them from missing any bouys.

Swimmers ranged in age from 14 to 73.

Dennis Blake reported there was a smooth start but around the middle bouy it became very choppy and there was a strong current out of the channel from the final turn bouy into the Club beach.

It was a beautiful day with much camaraderie. After the swim, contestants and escorts enjoyed the OCC's sumptuous Sunday morning brunch, and prizes were given out to winners in each age group.

Kudos to Swim Committee members Dennis Blake, Gerry DeBenedetti, Arnold Lum, Blake Johnson, Diane Stowell, Ray Robinson, and Ginger Thornburg for making it happen; to all the escorts, and to Beach Captain Don Isaacs and his crew for setting the course.





Age group winners included Bob Momsen, Diane Stowell, Jim Wiencke, Ernie Leskovitz, Debby Atkinson, Bob Atkinson and Jim Zachary.



Winning their age groups were Matt Kresser, Billy Balding, Laurie Foster, Dawn Davenport, Katherine Nichols and Wil Yamamoto.



Taizo Braden won the 25-29 division

## Castle Swim November 26, 2004 Results

Place	Name	Time	Place/Division
1.	Kristi Torkildson	:35:34	1st Overall
2.	Wil Yamamoto	:35:50	1st, M30-34
3.	Bob Momsen	:36:23	1st, M55-59
4.	Egen Atkinson	:37:55	1st, Jr Men
5.	Rachel Cote	:38:03	1st, Jr Women
6.	Eric Abbott	:39:04	2nd, Jr Men
7.	Robert Atkinson	:39:15	1st, M50-54
8.	Mikey Cote	:40:06	3rd, Jr Men
9.	Austin Kino	:40:57	4th, Jr Men
10.	Ernie Leskovitz	:41:33	1st, M65-69
11.	Natalie Sokol	:42:03	1st, W25-29
12.	Billy Balding	:43:45	1st, M40-44
13.	Katherine Nichols	:44:09	1st, W35-39
14.	Laurie Foster	:45:14	1st, W45-49
15.	Kelli Moy	:46:26	2nd, Jr Women
16.	Matt Kresser	:48:55	1st, M35-39
17.	Taizo Braden	:49:10	1st, M25-29
18.	Jim Wiencke	:49:32	1st, M60-64
19.	Diane Stowell	:50:08	1st, W70-74
20.	Torrey Thomas	:50:16	5th, Jr Men
21.	Kimo Austin	:50:28	2nd, M65-69
22.	Dawn Davenport	:55:23	1st, W40-44
23.	Anne Perry	:56:47	2nd, W45-49
24.	Arnold Lum	1:04:37	2nd, M55-59
25.	Brad Coates	1:04:45	2nd, M50-54
26.	Debby Atkinson	1:06:15	1st, W50-54
27.	Mary Balding	1:06:24	3rd, W45-49
28.	Blake Johnson	1:06:25	3rd, M65-69
29.	Bonnie Eyre	1:08:29	2nd, W70-74
30.	Jim Zachary	1:20:08	1st, M70-74
31.	Ron Haworth	1:40:03	2nd, M70-74



Bonnie Eyre and Laurie Foster were recognized with mileage awards at the Castle Swim.

## 2004 Mileage Awards

Outrigger members are invited to log their swimming miles on the charts in the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms. Swimmers who meet certain milestones are recognized at the Castle Swim. This year's winners were:

<b>Bonnie Eyre</b>	8,000 Miles
<b>Laurie Foster</b>	800 Miles
<b>Norma Santiago</b>	250 Miles
<b>Colleen Heyer</b>	100 Miles
<b>Marissa Del Rey</b>	100 Miles
<b>Barbara Crandlemire</b>	100 Miles