

# Alex Jampel Wins Castle Swim

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*They had ship reports of 30 meter seas.  
That's 90 feet. . . We only saw, I don't  
know, maybe 50-foot waves, max. We went  
into it until it started to get dark and then we  
turned around and went with it.*

*Sebastian Junger  
The Perfect Storm*

Well, maybe the seas weren't that rough when we swam our annual post-Thanksgiving Castle Swim on November 28, but we did have to contend with a washing machine ocean once we rounded the first buoy off Canoes and hit the wind line.

Fortunately, the offshore current which usually pushes swimmers backwards in the Labor Day Waikiki Roughwater Swim was as usual trending towards Diamond Head, which instead gave us a push back to the windsock at the Kapua Channel entrance.

So even though we were being buffeted in the face by strong trades gusting to 25 knots, we made way nonetheless.

Alex Jampel and Aniko Kurczinac were first male and female across the line, and Ernie Leskovitz turned in a really impressive second place finish overall. We may have to revoke

Ernie's Medicaid eligibility if he continues to whip the Speedos off the younger competition.

Thanks to the folks who got up early and paddled down to the start at the Outrigger Hotel to bring the swimmers back safely, and to our Swim Committee volunteers. See you next year.

We can't guarantee the weather, but assure you that you and your escort will be well fed after you cross the finish line, courtesy of the Club.

## Castle Swim Results November 28, 1999

Name	Time	Place/Division
Alex Jampel	:33:55	1st, Overall
Ernie Leskovitz	:35:26	1st, M60-64
Stefan Reinke	:35:45	1st, M40-44
Ted Sheppard	:38:20	1st, M50-54
Uli Klinke	:38:59	1st, M55-59
Steve Torkildson	:43:34	2nd, M40-44
Aniko Kurczinac	:50:53	1st, W 50-54
Anna Grune	:53:25	1st, W 35-39
Arnold Lum	:54:34	2nd, M50-54
Maile Ostrem	1:02:23	1st, W 45-49
Jim Zachary	1:05:24	1st, M65-69
Jan Newhart	1:09:34	1st, M70-74