

20th Anniversary Castle Swim Set for Sunday, November 28

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This is the 20th anniversary of the revived and reversed Castle Swim, and the Swim Committee is planning to put on a special event. All previously entered swimmers received a letter informing them of the 20th anniversary, and encouraging them to make a special effort to swim this year.

If you are not able to swim, we'd like to encourage you to show your support and sign up at the Front Desk to join us for the brunch by escorting a fellow member, just for old times sake.

Swimmers are encouraged to provide their own escorts on paddleboard, kayak or canoe.

The date is Sunday, November 28th. Registration is at 8 a.m. at the Hau Terrace. Transportation will be provided by Club vehicles to the beach start--although with all the returnee swimmers, we will probably need some volunteer drivers.

For your information, the course is U shaped, approximately 1 1/4 miles from the Old Club site in Waikiki to the OCC entrance wall at the beach.

Twenty years ago, Fred Hemmings Jr. and others proposed that we revive the Castle Swim, make it an OCC members only event, and race from the former finish to the former start. There were seven people entered in 1973, and they all sat at the Hau Terrace for refreshments and decided how to each get a trophy out of the deal.

From the original seven, the Castle Swim has grown with as many as 40 members entered at one time. This year we hope for a big turn out with many returnees showing up for the festivities.

The Swim Committee plans T-shirts, trivia contest, free food (if you swim or escort) and mileage trophies.

Sign up at the front desk, indicate if you are a swimmer, escort, driver, how many to plan for brunch--provided without charge for you and your escort.

Awards will be given to male and female Junior members, and every five years for adults for as old as we need to go.

Sign up now at the Front Desk. Make a commitment to join the 20th anniversary Castle swim. De-

tails are on the tunnel bulletin board.

Mileage awards for those swimmers who log their miles will also be given at this event. Turn out to see if anybody is receiving the 2,200 mile Transpac Award.

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