

Mike Miller Wins Castle Swim

By Gerry DeBenedetti

It was a great day for swimming and the 16th annual Castle Swim. Nineteen Club members finished the swim in good time on November 26th and enjoyed breakfast with their escorts at the finish.

First to finish in his first Castle Swim was Mike Miller in :32:47. He was escorted by Jimmy Dean who still holds the course record of :27:47. He must have given Mike the inside track.

Then in another Castle Swim first, the next three finishers were women—Kisi Haine, Norma Santiago and Diane Stowell. Terrific representation.

Nonresident member Cassie Senner, here on a visit from Antigua in the Caribbean, hasn't been in a Castle Swim since 1983 but managed to turn in a personal best for her.

No new records were established, but lots of first timers were in the swim. It is good to see new entrants and everybody had a good time, including the escorts who are what really make the swim possible.

The course is 1 1/4+ miles and it is sometimes hard to find your way without a friendly foot on a paddleboard in front of you, guiding the way and giving you a pep talk.

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The Castle Swim is brought to you by Swim Committee members Pam Zak and Gerry DeBenedetti (swimming her 16th Castle Swim). Steve Zak provided the course start and timing and supplied a real lifeguard from Hickam to sweep the last swimmer in and provide course safety.

Thanks also to Don Issacs in the whaler, and WYC friends Pam and Jim Norris and Scott del Rey and Karin Hansen, who rushed from swim escort to OCC Beach Shop to go to work.

It was beautiful water and a beautiful day, and we urge more people, especially juniors, to join us for this annual event.

Castle Swim Results

Overall Name	Time	Place
1. Mike Miller	:32:47	1st Overall
2. Kisi Haine	:35:58	1st, W25
3. Norma Santiago	:37:12	2nd, W25
4. Diane Stowell	:37:19	1st, W55
5. Jim Anderson	:39:31	1st, M50
6. Laura Miller	:40:41	1st, W30
7. Kimo Austin	:40:56	2nd, M50
8. Thomas Harrer	:41:07	1st, M25
9. Lee Carroll	:42:11	1st, M35
10. Nalani Blaisdell	:43:43	3rd, W25
11. Cassie Senner	:44:16	4th, W25
12. Fred Roling	:45:36	1st, M60
13. Billy Bengston	:47:23	1st, M55
14. Betty Hailstone	:47:45	2nd, W30
15. Carol Wilcox	:49:52	1st, W45
16. Jon Haig	:56:36	3rd, M50
17. Gerry DeBenedetti	:59:52	1st, W50
18. Jan Newhart	1:03:13	1st, W60
19. Jake Updegrave	1:10:08	1st, M75

Swim Awards

Mileage awards for swimming were awarded to the following at the breakfast following the Castle Swim on November 26:

Jim Anderson, 2,000 miles
James Beardmore, 500 miles
Jeanne Robertson, 500 miles
Marlene Denny, 100 miles
Laura Miller, 100 miles



Top finishers in the Castle Swim were Mike Miller, Kisi Haine, Norma Santiago and Diane Stowell.



Receiving their swimming mileage awards were Laura Miller and Jim Anderson.



Participating in the Castle Swim were, front, Jake Updegrave, Betty Hailstone, Norma Santiago, Laura Miller, Tom Harrer. Second row, Diane Stowell, Jan Newhart, Cassie Senner, Gerry DeBenedetti. Third row, Fred Roling, Jon Haig, Jim Anderson, Steve Zak, Lee Carroll, Mike Miller, Billy Bengston, Kimo Austin.