

Rainbows Accompany Castle Swimmers

By Gerry DeBenedetti

If you have rainbows, you have rain. . . Fifteen stalwarts and their escorts braved the rain and enjoyed the rainbows at the Castle Swim on Sunday, November 29. Rainbows at the start, at the finish, all around.

Although calm as the swimmers left

the start at the Royal Hawaiian, that was only the first third. After the first left turn, the chop, wind and rain combined to make it a long, middle stretch.

Escorts on kayaks had a hard time hanging in there. It was probably easier to swim.

After rounding the second marker, and heading into the Club, the current churned up cold and warm pockets of water.

By this time, all the swimmers knew they were heading for the OCC beach and a great finish was completed by all.

Ian Emberson was first to finish in :33:37. His best time in 11 previous Castle Swims was :28:46 in 1984. The course record is :27:47.

There were many age groups without

competition, notably junior girls, both young women and young men's groups. We know you're out there, be brave and get in the swim.

Thank you for the help to escorts Joby Rohrer, Peter Balding, Bonnie Judd, Murray Hixson and Yuelise Mongelard.

Course layout was done by Cline Mann and Wayne Faulkner. Timers, starters and drivers were Clair Folsome, Steve Zak and Frank Walton. Thanks to the OCC staff for the food service and set ups.

Swim Chairperson Pam Zak thanks all who attended or helped and invites you all, especially the youth, to come out next year, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. ☺

Castle Swim Results

Overall	Name	Time	Place/Division
1.	Ian Emberson	:33:37	1st Overall
2.	Richard Sylva	:35:31	1st, M45-49
3.	Harry Huffaker	:35:42	2nd, M45-49
4.	Diane Stowell	:39:28	1st, W50-54
5.	Bill Bright	:44:30	1st, M35-39
6.	Jim Anderson	:46:26	1st, M50-54
7.	Grant Senner	:47:13	1st, M15-19
8.	Doug Kilpatrick	:47:55	3rd, M45-49
9.	Robby Mist	:50:12	2nd, M35-39
10.	Jeff Kissel	:50:51	3rd, M35-39
11.	Bonnie Eyre	:51:42	1st, W55-59
12.	Jim Caldwell	:54:33	4th, M45-49
13.	George Crandlemire	1:00:06	1st, M55-59
14.	Gerry DeBenedetti	1:05:03	1st, W45-49
15.	Jake Updegrave	1:09:05	1st, M75+

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Participants in the 1987 Castle Swim were, from left, George Crandlemire, Jake Updegrave, Doug Kilpatrick, Bill Bright, Diane Stowell, Jim Anderson, Bonnie Eyre, Richard Sylva, Gerry DeBenedetti, Grant Senner, Robby Mist, Jeff Kissel, Ian Emberson, Jim Caldwell and Harry Huffaker.



Castle Swim winner Ian Emberson, center, was followed by Richard Sylva, left, second, and Harry Huffaker, right, third.

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