

Castle Swim—1985

It was cold, it was windy, it was choppy, but good *times* were had by all.

Pun intended there, the times were good for the 1985 Castle Swim, despite all expectations to the contrary.

First of all, it rained most of the Thanksgiving weekend and by December 1, 1985, not too many were in the mood for a swim. Only 16 hearty (or crazy) swimmers showed up at the Club to brave what started out looking like a calm sea and a sunny day.

However . . .

About halfway along the course, the wind picked up and the chop was coming offshore, forcing many swimmers to breathe on their right as they forged ahead to the Club, 1½ miles from the start near the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Then, if that wasn't enough, the

wind began to blow and escorts had a hard time holding their course on their boards.

And, even worse, after the far pylon, (out from the windsock) was rounded, the water was freezing—seriously, we are not making up stories, it got cold out there.

But, all of the swimmers were finished in the usual hour it takes to swim the course, so maybe the wind blew us in!

After a wash off and a dry in the sun, spirits picked up a bit. It's always nice to see the swifties standing along the beach cheering and clapping for the slower swimmers, and even nicer to see the beach spectators take an interest and add to the applause.

Brunch on the beach was enjoyed by swimmers and escorts. Castle Swim

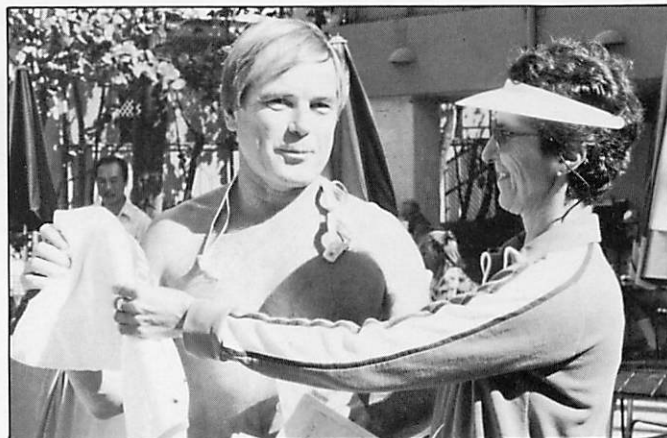
awards were given to first and second place in each category.

In addition, awards for 1985 mileage were given, with a special transpac award for swimming 2225 miles given to Bonnie Eyre. Bonnie began recording her miles in 1977, and has now swum the equivalent in miles from Los Angeles to Hawaii. Congratulations to Bonnie, and to the Castle swimmers.

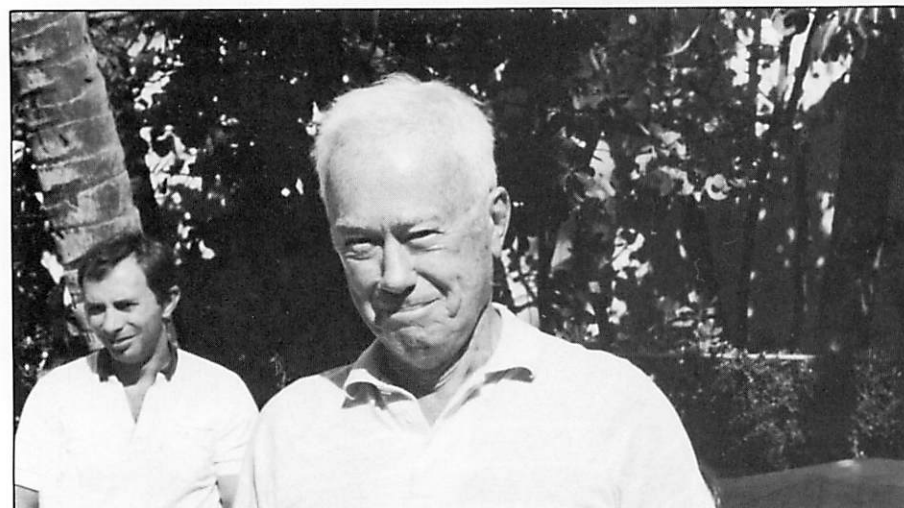
Thank you also to the helpers of the day: Ian Emberson, meet director; Gerry DeBenedetti, registrar; Bruce Plasch, driver; Gretchen Duplanty, Ruth Updegrove, timers; Clair Folsome, results; and escorts Kehau Kea, Dan Rounding (visitor), Bill Mowat, Peter Balding. Thanks also to Wayne and Ralph for setting up the course (in their bright yellow raincoats).



Todd Duplanty, right, won the junior boy's division, and Grant Senner, left, came in second.



George Crandlemire receives a Club towel for his victory in the men's 55-59 division, from Gerry DeBenedetti, race registrar.



Jake Updegrove was the oldest Castle swimmer and won the men's 70-74 division.

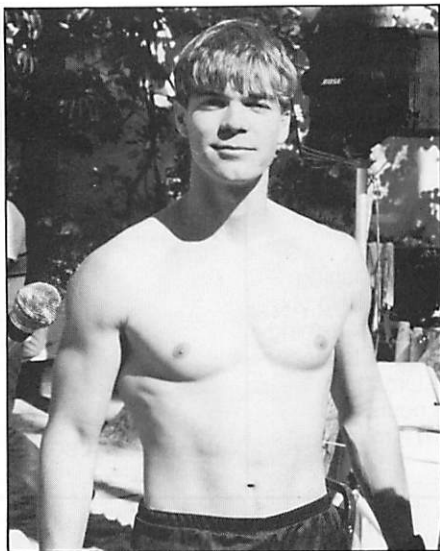


Pam Zak was first in the 35-39 women's division.

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Missy Mowat won the junior girl's division.



Scott Crandlemire won the men's 25-29 division.



Bill Breeden, left, is congratulated by Jeff Kissel for his win in the men's 35-39 division. Kissel was second.

Castle Swim 1985 Results

		Position		
Junior girls 18 & under				
Missy Mowat	34:07	3	Women 35-39	
Junior boys 18 & under			Pam Zak	36:37 5
Todd Duplanty	37:07	6	Men 45-49	
Grant Senner	55:33	13	Kimo Austin	37:26 7
Women 18-24				
Kisi Haine	33:46 (1st woman)		Women 45-49	
Men 25-29			Gerry DeBenedetti	58:03 15
Scott Crandlemire	48:22	12	Men 50-54	
Men 30-34			Jim Anderson	43:04 8
Ian Emberson	30:18 (1st overall)		Women 50-54	
Joe Teipel	43:24	9	Diane Stowell	36:04 4
Men 35-39			Men 55-59	
Bill Breeden	43:38	10	George Crandlemire	56:26 14
Jeff Kissel	48:20	11	Men 70-74	
			Jake Updegrove	1:01.01 16