

# Get set for the Annual Castle Swim

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Sunday, November 27, the OCC will hold its grand finale to the summer swim season, the annual Castle Swim. The open ocean distance swim of one and a half miles from the Royal Hawaiian Hotel to the Club is open to swimmers of all ages.

Starting time is 8:30 A.M. at the Club. The time is chosen by an oceanographer to take advantage of favorable tides, and if it is delayed, swimmers will have a harder time getting in to the Club channel. PLEASE be on time.

There are men's and women's divisions in seven different age groups: 10 years to 17; 18 - 24; 25 - 34; 35 - 44; 45 - 54; 55 - 64; and 65 - 74. **Junior members especially are welcome.** There are awards in each class as well as trophies for the overall winners.

The Castle Swim was originally sponsored by Harold Castle. It began at his home, site of the present Elks Club, and ended at the old OCC in Waikiki. In 1920 the race was won in 28 minutes, 31 seconds. Last year's winner, Jimmy Dean, won the event — now swum in the opposite direction — in 38 minutes, 58 seconds.

Transportation to the start, as well as paddle and canoe escorts are provided. Safety is paramount. Following the race, the Club provides a brunch on the Hau Terrace for swimmers and escorts.

*Both canoe paddlers and surfboard paddlers are needed as escorts.*