

4th Annual Surfboard Paddle Set For Christmas Day

The 4th Annual Diamond Head Surfboard Paddle Race is set for Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 A.M. Start and finish are at Outrigger Beach. The 5.6 mile course goes a quarter-mile seaward, to Diamond Head Buoy, Wreck Buoy, and back to OCC.

OCC is sponsor of this open event which originated in 1952 and was conducted annually by Waikiki Surf Club over a shorter course until 1973.

There are three divisions: Open, Paddleboard, and Surfboard. Open class has no restrictions. In the paddleboard class maximum board length is 14 feet; minimum weight 45 pounds. In the Surfboard class, boards cannot exceed 12 feet with a minimum of 10 feet and minimum weight of 45 pounds.

Course records are held by: Kiki Spangler, Open Division winner in 1975 with a time of 1:00:33; Bret Goodfriend, '75 Paddleboard Division winner with a time of 1:12:03; and Kala Kukea who won the Surfboard class title last year in 1:26:46.

There's a perpetual trophy for this event, and the names of winners in each class are inscribed on the plaque. In addition, trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each division. Presentation of trophies and hospitality will be held at the Club immediately after the last racer has finished.

Race Director is Fred Hemmings, Jr. assisted by Cline Mann. Entry deadline is 10:00 A.M. on race day. At that time all boards will be measured. Entry forms are at the front desk of the Club.

Eighteen started last year and 17 finished. Race directors are looking for a bigger field this year. It is hoped more OCC members will enter. Paddleboard enthusiasts are urged to tell their friends who are not Club members about this open event. For further information call OCC (923-1585).