

Diamond Head Surfboard Paddle winners. (l/r): Kiki Spangler, first overall and in unlimited class, Pau Scully, paddleboard class winner, and Kala Kukea, first in surfboard division. *Photo Scoop*



Paddleboard race winner Kiki Spangler at the finish line. *Photo Scoop*.



Spangler Wins Surfboard Paddle

Kiki Spangler successfully defended his championship title by placing first overall and taking the unlimited class in the Christmas Day Diamond Head Surfboard Paddle Race. His time of 1:07:09 over the 5.6 mile course was about seven minutes slower than his 1975 record of 1:00:33.

Bret Goodfriend, last year's paddleboard champion, took second both overall and in the unlimited division with a time of 1:10:16.

Pau Scully, third to finish, captured the paddleboard class with a time of 1:20:06, followed by Pua Rochlen in second, and Paul Manaut in third.

Surfboard class winner was Kala Kukea, who set a new record of 1:26:46, breaking Bob Rocheleau's 1975 record of 1:30:11. Ed Pestana took second, Francis Burgess third.

There were 18 starters—two in unlimited, three in paddleboard and 13 in surfboard—the largest field in recent years. All but one finished. Weather conditions were perfect,

although windy, along the course from OCC to a flag outside the reef, then to Diamond Head Buoy, Wreck Buoy outside Hilton Hawaiian Village, and back to the reef flag and finish at Outrigger.

This course has been used since OCC began its annual sponsorship of the race in 1973. The paddle, which dates back to 1951, was sponsored by Waikiki Surf Club for 22 years. Old course was from the Moana Hotel to Diamond Head Buoy and back.

Complete race results are:

	PLACE OVERALL	TIME
Kiki Spangler	1	1:07:09
*Bret Goodfriend	2	1:10:16
*Pau Scully	3	1:20:06
*Pua Rochlen	4	1:23:29
*Paul Manaut	5	1:24:06
Kala Kukea	6	1:26:46
Ed Pestana	7	1:26:50
Francis Burgess	8	1:29:37
*Chuck Kelley	9	1:33:31
Dwight Obayashi	10	no recorded times
Mickey Nielsen	11	"
Pat Carvalho	12	"
Rik Kronebusch	13	"
Leigh Josephson	14	"
Paul Funn	15	"
Alec Cooke	16	"
Jerry Brotherton	17	"
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