

Christmas Day Paddle Board Race Results

The traditional Diamond Head Buoy Paddle Board Race was conducted on Christmas Day under new sponsorship and over a new course, and as usual, most of the competitors and winners were Outrigger members. The start this year was at Kaimana Beach, and the 10 racers rounded a channel flag to the Diamond Head buoy, then to Wreck buoy, and returned to the channel flag and finish.

Kiki Spangler, son of member Earl Spangler, showed the same form he did in winning five years ago by paddling his sleek racing board over the 7-mile course under very windy and rough conditions in the fantastic time of one hour, 8 minutes, 54 seconds. Second to finish and repeat winner in the stock board division was Outrigger member Dale Hope with a time of 1:23:57. Winner in the Malibu board division, and 6th overall, was Outrigger member Mike Fox in 1:47:02.

The complete race results: 1. Kiki Spangler (racing); 2. Dale Hope (stock); 3. Bruce Ames (racing); 4. Donny Mailer (stock); 5. Burt Gordon (stock); 6. Mike Fox (Malibu); 7. Brant Ackerman (racing); 8. John Hedlund (Malibu); 9. Loyd Meissenburg (Malibu); 10. Mike Spalding (Malibu).

Winners in a run-swim-run relay were the team of Kimo Austin, Walter Guild, Fred Hemmings, Jr., and Kisi Haine. Rod Muller, Dale Hope, Mary Fox, and Burt Gordon placed second and Tom and Marilyn Haine teamed with Mike Spalding and Loyd Meissenburg to take third.

Waikiki Surf Club belatedly cancelled its 20-year sponsorship of this event. Many thanks to Federated Insurance Agency for coming in at the last moment to provide the handsome trophies. Thanks also to Club members Fred Hemmings, Jr., Cline Mann, Paul MacLaughlin and Outrigger beach captain Wayne Faulkner for conducting the race.