

Summer Scratch Fest

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75 years and Under winners Nat Yee and Hunter Pflueger.



75 Year and Older winners
Brad Akeo and Jason Ciletti.

Initially the brainchild of Winged "O" recipient and OCC legend the late Cline Mann, the 2014 Summer Scratch Fest Paddleboard Surf Relay Race went off without a hitch on June 14 under sunny skies and 1-3 foot surf at Old Man Bowls.

Approximately 15 teams entered in this unique sprint race that had paddlers gathering at OCC from all over the island to participate in this grass roots special event.

Taking top honors and winning the combined age "Under 75" division was the promising junior team of Hunter Pflueger and Nat Yee. Right behind them, fellow junior athletes Aukai Manson and Ethan Siegfried crossed the finish line in second. Veteran waterman Billy Balding with his "show up, blow up" attitude teamed up with grom Drew Watumull on race day to take down third place in this hotly contested division.

Representing Ku`au on the east side, the team of Brad Akeo and Jason Ciletti made a last lap comeback to snag first place in the combined age "Over 75" division. Black Point and Rice Bowl regulators, Gregg Quinn and Blair Thorndike finished a strong second with Sean Ginella and Mike Cheape close behind in third and making the Kawela ahupua`a proud.

The second heat of the day featured the Same Last Name, Super Grom and Makule divisions.

Racing for pride and bragging rights to these prestigious division titles, Mike Takahashi and his son Peter traveled from Paumalu on the North Shore to finish first in the Same Last Name division. barely edging out the green-eyed Hawaiian team of twin brothers, Clark and Alex Abbey.

Excitement was high among participants and spectators as the spread between these two teams after four laps of neck and neck racing was literally inches at the finish. Third place was awarded to the competitive husband and wife team of Jack and Sue Kronen.

The brother and sister team of Cable and Elsa Kronen impressed all with their first place finish in the Super Grom division with OCC legacy offspring, Aukina Hunt and Hugh Piper a close second.

In the spirit of good fun competition and with a combined age of 136 years, longtime OCC members and contributors, Joe Dubiel and Mark Jackola teamed up to dominate and win the prestigious Makule division.

Special thanks to OCC management, Beach Services, the Paddleboard Committee and the crew in the woodshop for making this event possible. Also a big mahalo to all who showed up to participate, spectate and support the long-standing tradition of paddle boarding at Outrigger Canoe Club.

Until next year. Aloha.



Same Last Name winners were Peter and Mike Takahashi.



Super Grom winners Elsa and Cable Kronen.



Clark and Alex Abbey.



Ethan Siegfried and Aukai Manson.



Makule winners Mark Jackola and Joe Dubiel.



Hugh Piper and Aukina Hunt.

Stratch Fest Paddleboard Relay Race

Results

June 3, 2014 OCC Beach

Combined Age 75 and Under

1. Hunter Pflueger/Nat Yee
2. Ethan Siegfried/Aukai Manson
3. Billy Balding/Drew Watumull
4. Taylor Souza/Lance Gentry
5. Rick Hobson/Peter Takahashi

Combined Age Over 75

1. Brad Akeo/Jason Ciletti
2. Gregg Quinn/Blair Thorndike
3. Sean Ginella/Mike Cheape
4. Clark Abbey/Alex Abbey
5. Mark Eliashof/Bill Pinkerton

Same Last Name

1. Mike/Peter Takahashi
2. Clark/Alex Abbey
3. Jack/Sue Kronen

Super Grom

1. Cable Kronen/Elsa Kronen
2. Aukina Hunt/Hugh Piper

Makule

1. Joe Dubiel/Mark Jackola