



Celebrating the victory are Peter Bourne, Tri Bourne, Stefan Reinke, Katy Bourne and Tom Sena.



OCC's Ultraman Team included Peter Bourne, Katy Bourne and Stefan Reinke.

## OCC Wins Ultraman World Championship Team Title

By Katy Bourne

Team OCC was the first relay team to complete the 320-mile Ultraman World Championship race around the Big Island.

Stefan Reinke swam an awesome 6.2-mile open ocean course through strong current and surf from the Kailua-Kona Pier to Keauhou Bay in two hours and 42 minutes. He led the pack to mile five and finished phase one in second place.

Peter Bourne got on his bike and climbed to 6,000-feet over 90 miles into head winds in five hours and 59 seconds up to Volcano National Park. There he jumped back on his bike and climbed 4,000 feet to Waimea and down into Hawi over 261 miles to end phase two in nine hours and five minutes.

This is where I began running a double marathon of 52.4 miles back to Kona from Hawi to complete phase three of 320 miles around the Big Island.

Our OCC team is like many OCC members that seek challenges and test personal (physical, psychological and spiritual) limits that are only clear or removed when tested.

The experiences of so many adventurous, motivated and inspirational members make OCC a rich environment of knowledge and experiences.

Ultraman is an athletic odyssey of personal rediscovery; as such it is the next step in the endurance challenge of being human.

Events of this distance lure only a few elite athletes from around the world with a similar

passion, confidence and desire. The competitors and fine tuned support teams came from Germany, Canada, Brazil, Great Britain, USA, Italy, Japan, Puerto Rico, Sweden and Hawaii.

The OCC support crew that every athlete depends on for direction, mechanical needs, nutrition, hydration, first aid and emotional support for three very demanding days was lead by Tri Bourne (land) and Tommy Sena (ocean). Tri cheered, sponged, entertained, provided and tolerated without complaint, for three long days, for which we are grateful. We are very proud of him.

In the end there is a bonded ohana having accomplished a goal very few attempt and even fewer complete. OCC's Ultraman Team was proud to represent OCC as the first place Ultraman Team Champion and we hope to inspire others to dream big.

What humbles me about our achievement is that this race has been done only solo until 2005. It is because Peter has done this race alone seven times that the invitation to form a relay team was extended to him. A team application required at least one solo finisher, and two team members with strong endurance resumes.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to race with these inspirational athletes from around the world and join in this outrageous family. We thank OCC for allowing us to represent our Club in one of the greatest events and challenges of a lifetime.