

100th Anniversary of the First Castle Swim

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ABOVE: Competing in the Castle Swim were: Kneeling: Grant Senner, Beth Carbone, Carmen Di Amore-Siah. Standing: Jeffrey Wong, unidentified, Cathy Hedges, Candes Gentry, Hugh Damon, Eric Lau, Vic Hemmy, Todd Iacovelli, Sandie Easton, Brad Coates, Diane Corn, Bruce Sloan, Ben Komer.

TOP RIGHT: The first three men to finish were Bruce Sloan, Stefan Reinke and Ward Saunders.



BOTTOM RIGHT: The first three women swimmers were Diane Corn, Sandie Easton and Candes Gentry.



Outrigger's oldest athletic tradition, the Castle Swim, was held on Saturday, November 25. The swim, now 100 years old, traces back to the first Castle Swim on the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 1917. The course goes from the Club's original Clubhouse in Waikiki to our present Club site, reversing the original course.

The rainy morning transformed into a beautiful sunny race start. The Castle Swim received a special exemption to swim around the boat wreckage off of Kaimana Beach. This gave swimmers a fun and very unique racing experience.

The race ended up slightly longer than the normal 1.2 miles because of the very large vessel that swimmers needed to swim around.

As the race developed, Sandie Easton established a large lead. Her final margin of victory was almost five minutes. Many great swimming performances followed, with Ward Saunders using his swimming strength and navigating skill to win the men's title.

After showering off and warming up, swimmers enjoyed a wonderful brunch and received awards. In addition, the Swim Committee sold stocking stuffers to members. Those long sleeved Outrigger swim shirts are perfect for our Hawaii winters!

A huge thank you to all those who participated and to the Swim Committee for volunteering their time and energy in making this race a success. Special thanks to Shannon Pelkey who helped us organize and coordinate with the Coast Guard!

Castle Swim Results November 25, 2017

Overall	Name	Place/Division	Time
1.	Sandie Easton	1st, F 45-49	33:28:00
2.	Ward Saunders	1st, M 60-64	38:14:00
3.	Stefan Reinke	1st, M 55-59	39:08:00
4.	Bruce Sloan	1st, M 65-69	39:11:00
5.	Diane Corn	1st, F 55-59	39:17:00
6.	Candes Gentry	1st, F 40-44	39:22:00
7.	Jeff Wong	1st, M 40-44	42:13:00
8.	Eric Lau	1st, M 35-39	46:29:00
9.	Anne Perry	1st, F 60-64	46:36:00
10.	Hugh Damon	2nd, M 55-59	47:10:00
11.	Cathy Hedges	1st, F 50-54	48:33:00
12.	Grant Senner	1st, M 45-49	50:05:00
13.	Beth Carbone	1st, F 55-59	53:09:00
14.	Carmen Di Amore-Siah	2nd, F 60-64	53:24:00
15.	Victor H Hemmy III	1st, M 70-74	53:43:00
16.	Brad Coates	1st, M 65-69	54:54:00