Swimming Star Saves Life Of Drowning Girl

Mariechen Wehselau Races To Rescue Young Lady Caught in Current

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Mariechen Wehselau of the Outrigger Canoe club, holder of the world swimming record for 100 yards for women, added to her laurels yesterday afternoon at Gray's beach by saving a young Hawaiian girl from drowning. In performing the feat she outraced a man swimming to the rescue of the sinking girl.

Mariechen and Lillie Bowmer, the latter holding the women's world record for 50 yards, were at Gray's beach for a dip during the noon hour yesterday when their attention was directed to the raft by cries for help.

A young Hawaiian girl had been out to the raft and had gone beyond. In an effort to get back she found the current too strong and becoming frightened, cried for help as she started to sink. Her plight was first noticed by a man who had been on the beach. Shortly after he started out to the rescue it was evident that with his slow stroke he would never reach the drowning girl in time. Mariechen then plunged in and though the man had a large lead, she beat him to the point where the girl was drowning. Her knowledge of life-saving stood her in good stead. The girl attempted to grasp Mariechen but the strong Outrigger star turned her over and calmed her down and then pulled her to shore.

It took half an hour for the girl to fully recover from the effects of fright and a little water which she had swallowed and then her friends assisted her home.

Mariechen did not learn the girl's name but described her as being about 18 years of age. Lillie Bowmer said she has known the rescued girl by sight for some time but does not know her name.