How Rough Was It?

By Gerry DeBenedetti

Well, not as rough as 1985, but a little too rough to suit most of our OCC swimmers and spouses of members who entered the 17th Annual Waikiki Roughwater Swim.

Held annually on Labor Day, the Sans Souci Beach start in front of the Club is a great vantage point for watching 1,250 swimmers kicking and thrashing out the OCC channel to the first right turn. The finish at the Hilton Hawaiian Village is 2.375 miles away.

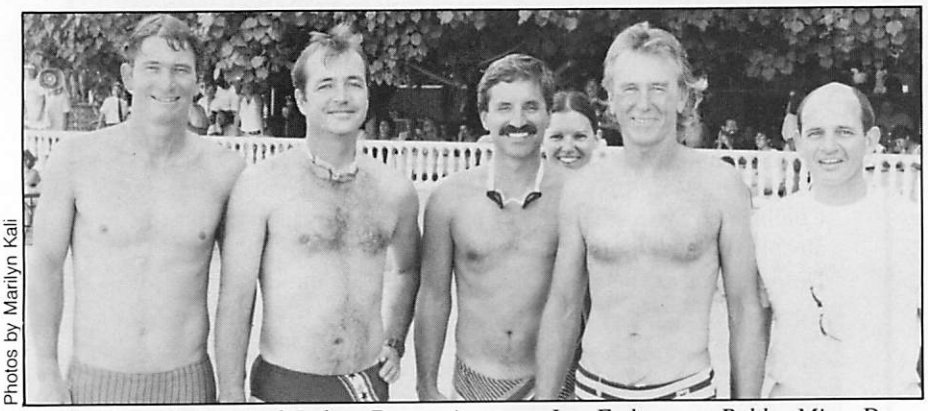
The most dangerous part of the swim used to be the start where you could get kicked in the jaw, but recently the entrants have increased to the point that staggered starts are used. That didn't seem to make much difference, however, as there were still a lot of people out there.

And a lot of them were from OCC, and more could be seen lunching at the Club afterwards. We are expecting all of these swimmers at our own Castle Swim on November 30.

Congratulations to all who participated. If you swam and are not listed, please leave your name and time at the Front Desk for the Swimming Committee. Results may not be final/accurate but were the only ones available at press time.

Thanks to the many OCC helpers who worked the aid station at the finish — Gerry DeBenedetti, Clair Folsome, Cassie Senner and Jon Haig's father. Also thanks to the organizers and committee people such as Jim Anderson and Wayne Faulkner who contribute every year. And those of you out there in the canoe — we know you had the best time of all!

Swimming in the Roughwater were Mary Ellen Nordyke-Grace, Spencer Leineweber, Nancy Peacock, Jon Haig, Kimo Austin, Bill Mowat, Kai Mowat, Jake Updegrove, Grant Senner, Jim Anderson, and Jan Newhart, seated.



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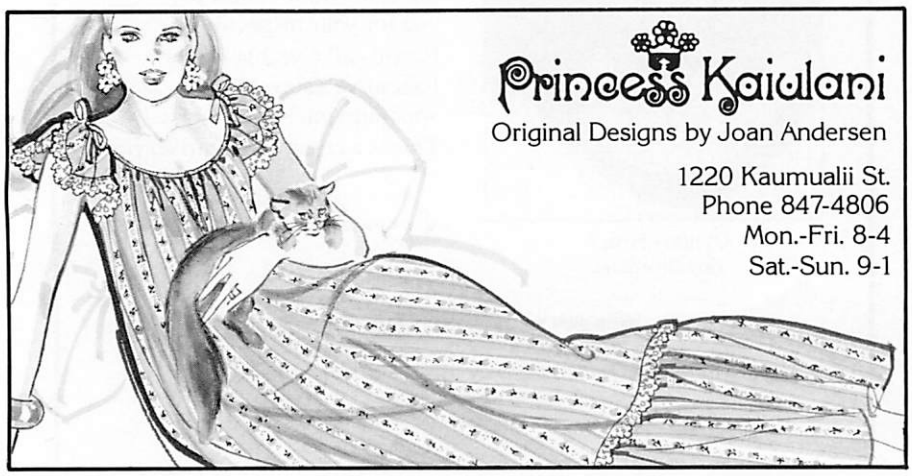
Also making the annual Labor Day swim were Ian Emberson, Robby Mist, Dave Puder, Bill Al Bengston, and Leighton Taylor.



Roughwater Results

Name	Time	Place/Division
Doug Herich	:59:02	3rd, M25
Ian Emberson	1:02:16	4th, M35
Richard Sylva	1:07:24	2nd, M45
Roger Cundall	1:09:14	5th, M40
Steve Bobko	1:10:10	11th, M30
Missy Mowat	1:17:21	9th, W15
Harry Huffaker	1:18:10	4th, M45
Diane Stowell	1:19:15	1st, W50
Pam Zak	1:22:06	1st, W35
Jim Caldwell	1:23:52	8th, M45
Kimo Austin	1:25:35	5th, M50
George Pudar	1:27:25	25th, M15
Fred Rohlfing	1:28:23	4th, M55
Jim Krueger	1:30:00	9th, M45
Kai Mowat	1:34:46	2nd, M10
Joe Teipel	1:36	Unofficial
Louis Fulton	1:40	Unknown
Jim Anderson	1:43:48	11th, M50
Billy Al Bengston	1:55:14	14th, M50
Wayne Nasser	1:57:59	97th, M35
Bill Mowat	1:59:06	54th, M40
Dennis Mahoney	2:02	Unknown
Robby Mist	2:05	Unofficial
Grant Senner	2:35:02	35th, M15
Jon Haig	2:37:19	43rd, M45
Spencer Leineweber	2:45:03	31st, W35
Nancy Peacock	3:02:36	59th, W30
Jan Newhart	3:09:51	3rd, W55

Participated but didn't finish or finish unknown: Jake Updegrove, Leighton Taylor, Jeanne Robertson, Mike Spalding, Mary Ellen Nordyke-Grace.