

MAUI CHANNEL SWIM

Following are the team and individual race results of the Maui Channel Swim, held Sept. 3. The 9.5-mile race starts on the island of Lanai and crosses the Au Au Channel to Black Rock at Kaanapali Beach. Be sure to read Lollie Groth's first-person account of the race in the November issue of Swimming World Magazine.

The Tattersalls Masters from Australia were the overall winners as well as the winners of the Men's Open 150+ division, completing the 9.5-mile race in 2 hours 51 minutes 1 second (2:51:01). RCP Tiburon Milers finished second in 2:59:09.

The Aussie team, captained by Peter Thiel, included swimmers from Sydney, and most notably, Chris Fydler, who was a member of the winning 400 medley relay team at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

RCP Tiburon Milers were captained by Bob Placak. It was his 20th year at the Maui Channel Swim--and he's been on 15 winning relays. He put together an impressive team, including Noe Sakamoto, last year's winner of the Waikiki Roughwater, and John Flanagan.

Finishing third overall and in the men's open 150+ division was TOC Open with a time of 3:09:07.

The top three teams of the Women's Open 150+ division were TOC Open Women, 3:30:46; The DAM Wahine Gone Wild, 3:41:42; and California Wahine Divas, 3:44:09.

There were 15 individual swimmers. The top five included 30-year-old Marcos Diaz from the Dominican Republic with a time of 3:24:53. Following Diaz were Bill Goding, 52, of Honolulu--and three-time MCS individual winner--3:27:08; Alan Bell, 55, 3:34:39; Michelle Deasy, 42, 3:49:48; and Brad Horner, 51, 4:03:33.

There was also a husband-and-wife team who soloed this year: Shane and Debbie Collins, who alternated half-hour legs until the finish. They completed their joint swim in 4:39:18, good for eighth place.

The overall winner in the open mixed division was Advantage Altitude with a time of 3:11:41. Susan Preston, who finished fourth in the 400 IM at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, swam on this co-ed team.