

Waikiki Roughwater Swim - 1970-2026 (2026 updates in bold)

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FIRST PLACE OVERALL - Most Finishes

Finishes:

Ollie Signorini	2016, 18, 19, 22, 23	5
Paul Stader	1976, 77, 78, 80	4
Alex Kostich	1994, 2002, 06	3
Brett Phillips	1974, 75, 79	3
Malcolm Allen	1996, 97, 99	3
Rhys Mainstone	2012, 13, 17	3
Joe Lileikis	1981, 82	2
Christopher Moore	1987, 90	2
John Flanagan	2000, 01	2
Noa Sakamoto	2004, 07	2
Trent Grimsey	2008, 09	2

FIRST WOMAN OVERALL - Most Finishes

Kaili Chun	1976-82, 1984	8
Nadine Takai Day	1985, 86, 87, 88	4
Luane Rowe	2008, 09, 10, 11	4
Lisa Hazen	1991, 93, 95	3
Stacey Gartrell	1996, 97	2
Trudee Hutchinson	2001, 03	2
Becca Mann	2012, 14	2
Ashley Twichell	2018, 19	2

Fastest Winning Times (Course standardized with permanent turn buoys in 1974)

Men:	Year	Time
1 Jonathon Ezer	1971	41:09*
2 Daniel McLellan	1992	42:13
3 Trent Grimsey	2009	42:20
4 Darren Turner	1993	42:38
5 Noa Sakamoto	2007	43:37
6 George O'Brien	2011	43:40
7 Alex Kostich	2002	43:46
8 Rick Heltzel	1984	43:47
9 Sam Chesser	1972	43:49*
10 Duke Wieland	2025	43:54

**course not standardized until 1974*

Women:	Year	Time
1 Ashley Twichell	2018	45:23
2 Lisa Hazen	1995	45:33
3 Suzanne Ryan	2025	45:50
4 Lisa Hazen	1991	46:00
5 Liz Hogan	1971	46:42*
6 Kathy Shipman	1972	46:49*
7 Nadine Takai Day	1988	46:55
8 Kaili Chun	1984	46:58
9 Dawn Heckman	2002	47:06
10 Luane Rowe	2009	47:21

**course not standardized until 1974*

Longest First Place Overall Finish Times

1	Grant Cleland	2003	1:04:25
2	Ollie Signorini	2019	1:03:39
3	Jim Montgomery	1985	1:00:29
4	Ollie Signorini	2016	:59:48
5	Woobie Kupsky	2026	:56:03
6	Mark Finley*	1970	:55:23
7	Daniel McLellan	1992	:55:09
8	Jeff Stiling	1986	:54:15
9	Ollie Signorini	2022	:53:30
10	Alex Kostich	1994	:53:08

Most TOP-3 Overall Finishes

		<u>Years</u>
1	Alex Kostich	9 times 93,94,96,00,02,03,04,06,16
2	John Flanagan	7 times 94,98,99,00,01,06,09
	Ollie Signorini	6 times 16,17,18,19,22,23
3	Paul Stader	5 times 76,77,78,79,80
	Max Metzker	5 times 83,84,87,88,89
	Chris Moore	5 times 82,87,88,90,92
	Noa Sakamoto	5 times 01,02,04,06,07
	Rhys Mainstone	5 times 12,13,14,17,18

Most TOP-3 Women Overall Finishes

		<u>Years</u>
1	Kaili Chun	9 times 74,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,84
2	Nadine Takai Day	8 times 83,84,85,86,87,88,03,07
3	Luane Rowe	6 times 08,09,10,11,12,13
4	Lisa Hazen	4 times 91,92,93,95
	Becca Mann	4 times 12,14,18,19

Fastest Woman Finisher in Overall Results by PLACE closest to 1st overall finisher

Ashley Twichell	2019	3rd Place Overall Finisher
Nancy Ivy	1973	3rd Place Overall Finisher
Kaili Chun	1976	3rd Place Overall Finisher
Allison Arnold	2026	5th Place Overall Finisher
Kathy Shipman	1972	5th Place Overall Finisher
Julia Francisco	1975	5th Place Overall Finisher
Kaili Chun	1979	5th Place Overall Finisher
Kaili Chun	1980	5th Place Overall Finisher
Nadine Takai Day	1988	5th Place Overall Finisher

Fastest Woman Finisher in Overall Results by TIME closest to 1st overall finisher

Lisa Hazen	1995	18 seconds behind 1st Overall finisher (45:42) - 6th overall in 46:00
Stacey Gartrell	1997	24 seconds behind 1st Overall finisher (48:20) - 9th overall in 48:44
Kathleen Hohwald	2024	25 seconds behind 1st overall finisher (51:13) - 9th overall in 51:38
Ashley Twichell	2018	30 seconds behind 1st Overall finisher (44:53) - 6th overall in 45:23
Ashley Twichell	2019	37 seconds behind 1st Overall finisher (1:03:39) - 3rd overall in 1:04:16

Closest Margin of Victory for First Overall

1	George O'Brien	2011	43:40
2	Codie Grimsey		43:40
1	Brett Phillips	1979	48:02
2	Tore Blichfeldt		48:03
3	Paul Stader		48:04

1 Rick Heltzel	1984	43:47
2 Max Metzger		43:48
1 Bobby Patten	1991	45:42
2 David Lundberg		45:43
1 Ned Wieland	2024	51:13
2 Duke Wieland		51:14

Youngest First Place Overall Finisher

Jonathon Ezer	1971	Age 15
Les (Wulk) Barkley	1973	Age 15

Youngest First Woman Finisher

Kathy Shipman	1972	Age 11
Nalani Guyer	1974	Age 14
Julia Francisco	1975	Age 14
Kaili Chun	1976	Age 14

Oldest First Place Overall Finisher

Alex Kostich	2006	Age 36
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Oldest First Woman Finisher

Marjorie Phillips	1970	Age 38
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Most TOP-3 AGE GROUP Finishes

Men:

		Age Group <u>Total Top-3</u>
Rick Heltzel@	1st-15x, 2nd-11x, 3rd-4x	30
Ernie Leskovitz	1st-20x, 2nd-1x, 3rd-2x	23
Mo Mathews	1st-14x, 2nd-6x, 3rd-1x	21
Alex Kostich@@	1st-17x, 2nd-2x, 3rd-1x	20
Fred Trask	1st-8x, 2nd-5x, 3rd-4x	17
Jim Welch	1st-8x, 2nd-6x	14

@Rick's Two Overall Top-3 finishes are not counted in these Age Group totals

@@Alex has Nine Overall Top-3 finishes not counted in these Age Group totals

Women:

		<u>Age Group Top-3</u>
Betty Ann Barnett	1st-39x, 2nd-2x, 3rd-1x	43
Diane Stowell	1st-22x, 2nd-1x	23
Sui-Lan Ellsworth	1st-3x, 2nd-10x, 3rd-4x	17
Miki Yoshida David	1st-7x, 2nd-4x, 3rd-4x	15
Gail Grabowsky	1st-5x, 2nd-8x, 3rd-1x	14
Kristin Counter	1st-2x, 2nd-7x, 3rd-3x	12

Oldest Finishers***

Men:

	ST	<u>Age</u>	<u>Year</u>	
Alton Slater	HI	88	2025	88 years 10 months old
Gerald O'Regan	HI	88	1988	
Gene Grounds	HI	87	2023	
Jim Cotton	CA	84	2017	
H. William Burgess	HI	84	2012	

Women:

Lori Auhll	HI	89	2025
Betty Ann Barnett	HI	80	2026
Ruth Manfredi	HI	78	2002

Youngest Finishers***

Boys:

Timothy Marr	HI	7	1986
Chris Bartels	HI	7	1974
Donald Chong	HI	7	1972
Davis Brahman	HI	7	2016
Showe, Bodi	HI	7	2024

Girls:

Elise Baker	HI	7	1999
Anela Peneku	HI	7	1978
Terese D'Orazio	HI	7	1973
Robin Utu	HI	7	1972

***there may be more swimmers but ages were not listed in results for some years or listed as 10& under

TOP-30 MOST FINISHES ALL-TIME (Fin Swim Division not included)

If you have 25 or more finishes and are not listed below email HawaiiSwimmingHallofFame@gmail.com

Name	ST	Age**	Years	Finishes
1 Betty Ann Barnett	HI	80	1972-2026	43
2 Alton Motobu	HI	75	1980-2026	42
3 Kenneth Miyaki	HI	71	1979-2026	41
4 Joe Lileikis	HI	63	1981-2026	40
5 Phyllis Quinn	CA	70	1982-2026	37
Ray Nakamoto	HI	65	1976-2014	37
7 Todd Presley	HI	63	1987-2026	36
Bruce Clark	HI	81	1975-2023	36
9 Rick Heltzel	HI	68	1984-2025	35
10 Jill Buss	HI	69	1988-2025	31
11 Valisa Saunders	HI	71	1981-2026	30
Lynn Jolly	CA	61	1992-2026	30
Alex Kostich	CA	56	1993-2026	30
Kristin Counter	HI	42	1993-2026	30
Diane Corn	HI	65	1985-2023	30
Patrick Dixon	CA	67	1985-2016	30
Carl Kawauchi	HI	71	1981-2014	30
John Cater	HI	67	1970-1999	30
19 Russell Iwamura	HI	65	1983-2026	29
Uli Klinke	HI	81	1976-2025	29
21 Jim Budde	HI	81	1971-2026	28
Tim Johns	HI	70	1992-2026	28
Thomas Wheeler	HI	65	1992-2023	28
Laurie Foster	HI	64	1980-2019	28
25 Mac Montgomery	CA	78	1991-2026	27
26 Roger Komori	HI	70	1996-2026	26
Jim Anderson	HI	68	1971-2002	26
28 Robert Roper	CA	71	1974-2010	24
Gary Morita	HI	57	1982-2006	24
Solomon Loo	HI	61	1975-1998	24

**Age as of last participation in Waikiki Roughwater Swim

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Endurance Award for longest swims (before 4-hour time limit in 1986)

MEN	Year	Age	Time
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1	Robert Lee	1981	59	4:21:23
2	Paul Brown	1985	34	4:18:22
3	Dan Dunlap	1981	39	4:13:29

WOMEN

1	Mildred Zabriskie	1981	59	4:14:51
2	Dorothy Harding	1981	59	4:14:50
3	Annabelle Takahashi	1981	44	4:05:11

Top 10 Most Consecutive finishes***

1	Alton Motobu	1986-2026	37
2	Todd Presley	1987-2026	36
3	Joe Lileikis	1991-2026	35
4	Kristin Counter	1993-2026	30
	Alex Kostich	1993-2026	30
	Patrick Dixon	1985-2016	30
	John Cater	1970-1999	30
8	Thomas Wheeler	1992-2023	28
	Kenneth Miyaki	1979-2007	28
10	Ray Nakamoto	1976-2002	27

***does not include canceled races in 2005, 2015, 2020 and 2021

Fin Division (since 2011)

Fastest 1st Place Finish Time:

Men:	<u>Year</u>	<u>Time</u>
Robert Tullman	2018	41:32
Steve Brent	2014	59:44
Scott Greenwood	2012	60:18

Women:			
	Katie Lyons	2023	55:20
	Lynn Asaoka	2011	55:29
	Joan Schriger	2013	60:09

Most Firsts:

Men:	<u>Years</u>
Steve Brent (3 times)	2013,14,16

Women:		
	Katie Lyons (2 times)	2022,23

Most Finishes:

Kelly Quin (10 times)	2012-2026
Teena Michael (7 times)	2011-2018

Top Ten Most Finishes All-Time (including Fin Swim Division)

1	Betty Ann Barnett	43
2	Alton Motobu	42
	Kenneth Miyaki	42
4	Joe Lileikis	40
5	Phyllis Quinn	37
	Ray Nakamoto	37
7	Todd Presley	36
	Bruce Clark	36
9	Rick Heltzel	35
10	Diane Corn	33

Total Finishers by Year

Year Finishers

1	1970	36	
2	1971	100	
3	1972	150	
4	1973	153	
5	1974	161	
6	1975	182	
7	1976	269	
8	1977	299	
9	1978	397	
10	1979	504	
11	1980	613	
12	1981	922	
13	1982	1000	
14	1983	1037	
15	1984	1081	
16	1985	945	
17	1986	1085	
18	1987	1131	
19	1988	930	
20	1989	1081	
21	1990	1141	Most finishers all-time: 92% finished
22	1991	1093	
23	1992	1071	
24	1993	930	
25	1994	835	
26	1995	935	
27	1996	813	
28	1997	887	
29	1998	758	
30	1999	777	
31	2000	811	
32	2001	839	
33	2002	836	
34	2003	361	lowest finish rate; 1054 entered; 34% finished
35	2004	880	
36	2005	<i>canceled</i>	
37	2006	605	
38	2007	706	
39	2008	724	
40	2009	803	
41	2010	879	
42	2011	865	fin swimmers included
43	2012	891	fin swimmers included
44	2013	923	*
45	2014	835	*
46	2015	<i>canceled</i>	
47	2016	446	*
48	2017	624	*
49	2018	601	*
50	2019	571	*
51	2020	<i>canceled</i>	

52	2021	<i>canceled</i>	
53	2022	692	*
54	2023	712	*
55	2024	642	*
56	2025	717	*
57	2026	678	*

*fin swim counted separately