

SARENTO'S SURF SKI RACE DIVISION 2011

Another year begins for MCKC. From 1990 to 1994 it was only Maui Kayak club, with its first race in November with 8 paddlers. In 1995 we then formed Maui Canoe and Kayak Club with about 17 OC1's and 12 kayaks. Today we had 78 OC1's and 11 kayaks for a total of 89 paddlers and not to forget the new stand up division that we have.

Any way the surf ski story for this race.

We had pre-race get together with friends, discussing how out of shape we are. The new ski paddlers (Richard Spork and Bram DenHaan have been training hard and are unknown entities. The cunning Jeff Bogar says few words not letting on anything. I just comment on their poor paddling technique and inefficiencies to get a little s mental edge.

The long course and short course paddlers all lined up in a disorganized fashion so when Mary in the zodiac sounded the horn, boats where all over the place. The long course paddlers headed towards boardwalks turning buoy. With in 3 minutes we got organized. It took 12 minutes to get to the buoy. First around was Jeff, Bram, Eric, next an OC1. Mary in the zodiac told us to head back to the start then down to Sarento's. We headed back for 7 minutes when I noticed that the rest of the paddles where heading straight across to Sarento's as instructed in the pre-race instructions. We changed direction and started down by this stage it was only Jeff, Bram and myself. The wind as very light blowing form right to left as was the small 6 inch chop. Geoffrey lead the way with Bram of to the side half a boat length behind both sitting on about 6.8 mile/hour pace. After an hour we had 2 miles left so I pick it up catching Bram at Cove Park and coming up to Geoff. We paced of each other with Bram close behind. As usual Geoff is now thinking of the finish, who has the better finish. So he started working me out side so that I would have to go around him. (that's 20+ years of experience), lam trying to convince him to go in side as Bram may not sneak through but Geoff didn't fall for it. With 400 yards to go we went back and forward depending when you picked up the small side on bumps. By now we are maxed out, Geoff is thinking of two old farts about to have an heart attack each with 10 yards to go. The little bump I had went through to Geoff who crosses the line by a nose length of 1 second with a finish time of 1.15:18.. Bram was next 33 seconds later (well done). Next was Michael Rains, Richard Spork, Jordan Johnson, Seth MacCarter, Dr. Michael Clarke in the 55+ age group (extremely nice soft spoken oral surgeon) and Robin Bolos. In the short course was Svar Hatman who has paced in tithe top group in this race was out helping new comer to surf ski Sule Cordon. Great job both of you.

Next there was food at Aaron Placourrakis great restaurant on the beach at Kihie called SARENTO'S who also sponsored the race. The service was great as was the food. The kids enjoyed the sandy beach and boogie boarded the gentle shore beak. A great day for all Now where is the aspirin for the ticker Geoff.

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