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## **Ninth annual Polar Bear Fin Swim**

### **2008 MAHALO**

This swim couldn't happen so successfully without the help of dozens of people putting in time, money, and heart.

**Swimmers** ... without you, this event doesn't happen. Bring more friends and family next time. And thanks to the Turtles and Eagle Rays and other creatures for sharing your swimming space ... and not biting.

**T-shirts and New Design:** Thanks to Patti Hawkins for the new design this year (above right – she also created the Maui Masters logo above left) and for making the T-shirts. She designed and managed it all from concept to delivery.

**Registration:** Patti, Janet, Jack, Evelyn, Stephanie, Ale, and Lisa.

**Course** ... Doug sets this course every year. And thank you to the Ocean Safety Officers for the buoys and for watching over us ... thanks [Maui County Ocean Safety Officers](#). Thanks to DaveR for getting the buoys w/our OSOs.

Setting up the **Finish line** ... thanks Christine and Rich.

Timers at the **Finish Line:** Our expert, Annemarie, was helped by Steve, Ale, and Stephanie calling out the numbers. And thank the thermal properties of water for our Klondike Bars to help warm us up after immersion in the frigid waters.

**Pictures, Door Prize and Award announcing:** George & Malcolm. Zach too.

**Kayaks:** Mostly thanks to Chris with Maui Eco Tours ... you're always there doing good things helping out Maui Swimming, Maui kayaking ...

both personally and professionally. And thanks to all the kayakers out there! Thank Paul M, John, Duke, Debbie, Pam, Ron, Jamie and Patty. We know we're missing someone ... but can't think who ... hope you help us again next year.

**Food** Yum. (Costco.) Thanks especially to Bente, and also to Robert and Ale for setting up and breaking down. And thanks to Dave for picking up the (unfrozen) water.

**Awards:** Design, Patti. Coozies: Toni. Little labels: Malcolm.

**Sherpas & Cleanup (this is always bigger than everyone knows):** Paul G, Doug, Rich, SteveD, Janet R, Annemarie, coach Dave & bro Danny, Christine, Robert & Bente, Kevin, Janet & Patti, Josh, Jim T ... and others I'm sure I missed.

**Polar Computer Geek:** Malcolm

**Mahalo, Aloha, and Let's hope it warms up soon**

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