



2009 Taylors to Sumner Ocean Race 6 December 2009

37 Competitors on boards and skis completed the approximate 3.5 km race between Taylors Mistake and Sumner beaches. The individuals were accompanied by a strong turn out of 5 canoe teams and 2 Surf Boat crews.

Last year's Ski race saw the "master" John Creighton take out the predominantly younger field. In this year's race not to be out down by "JC's" effort senior competitor Michael Mead at the tender age of 45 (and 2 years senior to John) showed the "in it for life" attitude winning the open ski race.

In the open women's ski event Sinead Lomax (South Brighton) beat her club mates Sharne Quickenden and Ria Pollock.

The open men's board race was a battle between 3 of the form paddlers in Canterbury with Ben Phillips (Taylors Mistake) out paddling Tim Johns and Alex Fort (South Brighton). Claire Everts (Sumner) beat Canterbury Open Board champion Emma Johns (South Brighton) to win the open women's board race.

The Canoe race was dominated by Waimairi with their 2 open mens crews finishing first and second while North Beach women finished in third place.

The Surf Boat race was won by New Brighton after the North Beach Surf Boat came to grief in the shallows of Sumner beach injuring sweep Dean Isherwood.

Placings were:

Open Mens Ski

- 1 Mike Mead
- 2 Ryan Quickenden (SB)
- 3 Zac Quickenden (SB)

Open Womens Ski

- 1 Sinead Lomax (SB)
- 2 Sharne Quickenden (SB)
- 3 Ria Pollock (SB)

Open Canoe

- 1 Waimairi A Open Men
- 2 Waimairi B Open Men
- 3 North Beach Women

Open Surf Boat

- 1 New Brighton
- 2 North Beach

Open Mens Board

- 1 Ben Phillips (TM)
- 2 Alex Fort (SB)
- 3 Tim Johns (SB)

Open Womens Board

- 1 Claire Everts (SUM)
- 2 Emma Johns (SB)
- 3 Sam Holland (SB)