



2008 Taylors to Sumner Ocean Race 7 December 2008

The saying "class is permanent" certainly applied to this year's race. Surf sports legends, and now considered veterans of the sport, John and Rochelle Creighton were the first male and female competitor's home in this year's race.

60 competitors were greeted by a strong nor-easterly wind and a one metre chop when the race kicked off at 1.30pm from Taylors Mistake. The strong and gusty winds meant U16 and U14 competitors started a shortened race from the Scarborough boat ramp.

The surf skis were the first to go and the Open Mens race soon became a race in two between John Creighton (SB) and Peter Rattray (TM). By the time they got to Sumner it was John who had a 20m advantage winning in a just over 10 minutes. Rochelle was the first womens ski paddler home soon after. U19 ski paddler Steven Drabble (SB) did well to be the 4th paddler home overall.

In the board race, Ben Phillips (TM) comfortably beat Jacco Foote (Wai), and Kim Hendrie (Wai) won the open womens. The U16 and U14 mens board races had the most competitors. In the U16's it was Alex Fort (SB) first home, and in the U14's Tom Johnston (SB).

There were seven swimmers, including two non-clubbies. Special mention must be made of Lindsay "Ma" Sneddon, who now in the twilight of her career, completed the swim and won the open womens section.

Placings were:

Open Mens Ski

- 1 John Creighton (SB)
- 2 Peter Rattray (TM)
- 3 Mike Mead (TM)

Open Womens Ski

- 1 Kim Hendrie (Wai)

U19 Mens Ski

- 1 Steven Drabble (SB)
- 2 Ryan Quickenden (SB)
- 3 Isaac Giesen (TM)

U19 Womens Ski

- 1 Brie Thomas (TM)

U16 Mens Ski

- 1 Zac Quickenden (SB)

U16 Womens Ski

- 1 Ria Pollock (SB)

Open Mens Double Ski

- 1 Bickley/Phillips (TM)

U19 Mens Double Ski

- 1 Kennedy/Gray (NthB)

U19 Womens Double Ski

- 1 Lomax/Johnston (SB)

Open Mens Canoe

- 1 Waimairi
- 2 North Beach

Open Mens Board

- 1 Ben Phillips (TM)
- 2 Jacco Foote (Wai)
- 3 Robert George (Wai)

U19 Mens Board

- 1 Mark Drabble (SB)
- 2 Tom Mouldy (TM)
- 3 Ashton Edwards (SP)

U16 Mens Board

- 1 Alex Fort (SB)
- 2 Fred Johnston (SB)
- 3 Fraser Smith (Wai)

U14 Boys Board

- 1 Tom Johnston (SB)
- 2 Liam Brown (TM)
- 3 Callum Wisbey (TM)

Open Mens Swim

- 1 Wayne Campbell (SB)

U19 Mens Swim

- 1 Daniel Bromley (TM)

Open Womens Canoe

- 1 Waimairi
- 2 North Beach

Open Womens Board

- 1 Kim Hendrie (Wai)

U19 Womens Board

- 1 Tara Smith (Rar)
- 2 Alice Turner (Wai)

U16 Womens Board**U14 Girls Board**

- 1 Danielle Currie (SB)
- 2 Samantha Holland (SB)

Open Womens Swim

- 1 Lindsay Sneddon (SB)

U19 Womens Swim

- 1= Kate Dore (Wai)
- 1= Kate Rhodes (Wai)