

32nd Annual 12.5-Mile Swim Around Key West

Swim Date: Friday, June 20th, 2008
Swim Start: 8:28AM

Start/Finish: Smather's Beach on South Roosevelt near the rest rooms

1. SOLO SWIMMER
2. TEAM SWIM 2 PERSON RELAY
3. TEAM SWIM 3 PERSON RELAY

There is a mandatory pre-swim meeting, Thursday, June 19th, 6:00 PM at the DoubleTree Grand Resort, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West to discuss swim course and rules. The 12.5-mile course will be a full clockwise circle around the entire Key West Island. The awards ceremony will be held after the last swimmer completes the swim at a location yet to be determined.

RULES

Swimmer: Please read this carefully:

1. This year we are introducing two start times. The first wave will leave at 8:28AM and the second wave 8:58AM. The reasons are several:
 - A. Slower swimmers will have an extra advantage to complete the full course before experiencing the tide working against them.
 - B. This will allow all swimmers to get through the Key West Harbor sooner, avoiding stragglers in this heavily trafficked area.
 - C. It will shorten the time between the fast swimmers and the slower swimmers completion of the event, allowing more cohesion among the participants.
 - D. Please note that **only** the second wave swimmers will be eligible for trophies. However, **all** solo swimmers who complete the course will receive finisher awards.
 - E. Each solo swimmer must choose which wave he/she chooses to enter. However, our advice is that if you swim a pool mile in 30 minutes or less you may wish to enter the second wave. If you swim a pool mile in more than 40 minutes you may wish to swim in the first wave.
 - F. Slower relay teams will be allowed the option to leave with the first wave but will not be eligible for any awards.
 - G. You must indicate which wave you will swim with on race day but you will be allowed to change your wave at the sign in on Thursday, June 19th. No one will be allowed to change their wave on the day of the event.
2. Each swimmer must be accompanied by one support boat/kayak for the duration of the swim.
3. Team swim- one boat/kayak per team. NO BOAT/KAYAK OR CREW – NO SWIM.
4. A dive flag must be clearly visible on the boat/kayak.
5. Swimmers may not touch the boat/kayak or the ocean bottom.
6. Swimmers must swim around all piers! Do not attempt to swim under the piers!
7. Relay swimmers must complete their leg of the relay before exiting the water (example: 4.2 miles for the 3 person; 6.3 miles for the 2 person)

8. Each individual relay member must fill out a release form and return it with the other team members' names on it.
9. No fins, snorkels, wetsuits or flotation devices will be allowed

AWARDS

All solo finishers (regardless of wave) of the full 12.5-mile swim will receive finisher medals.

Overall first place will have his/her name placed on the 33rd Annual Swim T-Shirt and the official plaque (must be in the second wave start).

The first place overall swimmer (in the first wave) who breaks the course record will receive \$500.00.

Solo division trophies go three deep (must be in the second wave).

2 and 3 Person Relays go two deep (must be in the second wave).

NOTES

1. Make sure that you and your crew have plenty of food and water.
2. Make sure that you and your crew familiarize yourself with the swim course. A course outline is included in the registration packet.
3. Please remember this is a warm water swim! Drink plenty of water.
4. SAFETY FIRST – MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU – HAVE FUN – ENJOY YOUR SWIM!!!
5. Last one out is aSwimmer who got in!!!!
6. **Further information, contact Bill or Sessie Welzien at 305-745-2860 or email Bill at: wwwelzien@aol.com/**

32nd ANNUAL SWIM AROUND KEY WEST

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Gender, (circle One) M F E-Mail _____

Please circle Tee shirt size **X** **L** **M** **S**

I am a returning swimmers from June 2007, (circle one) Yes No

SWIM CATEGORY: (Please Check Correct Division)

_____ Solo Swimmer Male _____ Solo Swimmer Female _____

_____ Team Swim - 2 Person Relay Team Name: _____

_____ Team Swim - 3 Person Relay Team Name: _____

Relay Team Members _____

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, _____, as a participant in the 30th Annual Swim Around Key West do hereby release each and every organizer and sponsor of the swim, including without limitation, Cecilia Welzien and William Welzien, and all entities providing prizes or awards from and all liability of the same, arising out of, or related to my participation in said swim.

I realize that there are dangers involved in my participation in said swim, including without limitation unpredictable currents, boat traffic, electrical storm, poisonous and stinging organisms, and other risks attending this ocean swim; I hereby assume all risk of harm.

I agree that I am providing a support boat/kayak with visible dive flag, which shall attend me throughout the course of the swim and shall remain in close proximity to my position at all times. I assume all risk and responsibility for my health and medical needs during, or arising from the swim, including medical transportation to shore and to a medical facility if necessary.

Finally, I understand that there will be no refunds given for any reason. I have read this liability release and understand its content without exception.

Swimmers Signature _____ Print _____

Parents Signature _____ Print _____

(Required for swimmers under 18 yrs of age)

Witness Signature _____ Print _____

Swimmers who Registered last year please send this registration & release form plus the entry fee of \$75.00 per person for the solo; \$140.00 for the 2 Person and \$200.00 for the 3 Person relay, Swimmers that did not register last year the cost will be \$115.00 for a solo swimmer. The two person will go up to \$170.00. The three person to \$290.00. **After April 20th add \$10.00 to each catagory.** Make all checks out to: **Annual Swim Around Key West.** And mail to; Swim Around Key West, 1000 Coppitt Rd, Key West, FL 33040. **We will not be able to honor the 2007 entrance fee through the Active.com sight!**