

# DOLPHIN LOG

The Bulletin of the San Francisco Dolphin Swimming & Boating Club

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*Left to Right: Karen Drucker, Susan Cobb, Carol McGrath, Joni Beemsterboer, Lisa Smith, Susan Allen*

**In 1989, six Dolphin women became the first  
all-female team from the United States to  
successfully swim the English Channel**

# Dolphin Log

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*Our own print of photograph 190011!*

## No Permission Required!

*by Morgan Kulla*

**T**he Dolphin Club has an extensive collection of archival material and fascinating memorabilia that continues to grow. Here are some recent additions.

Many members know the iconic image of Dolphin members at the Van Ness boathouse c. 1900, standing under the sign that is now hanging over our bar. The framed print that hangs on the west wall of the main boathouse is in fact a copy of an original in the Maritime Museum Library. All prints of this image in our Archives had been purchased from and credited to that library. But now we have our own original, thanks to a donation. Ours is in good shape, apart from some damage at two corners. You can view it in the Archives online, Photograph 190011.

A few months ago, our original arrived in a bubble mailer with only a return address. When I tracked down the donor I asked – as I always do – how she acquired the photograph. From her story and our research, we tracked down the Dolphin connection. In the 1920s, the donor's father lived for a time at the San Francisco home of an uncle, Thomas J. Kennedy, who was a Dolphin Club member until his death in 1914. The photo ended up with the donor's father, then with her. Kennedy is in a large 1902 photo panel of Club members, hanging in the stairway. He was a two-term state senator 1906-1910 and a supporter of extreme eugenics, according to his obit. But that's another story.

Other donations include two lovely small silver trophy cups in the trophy cabinet. Their stories also reveal Dolphin connections and history. One cup, Artifact 389, was given to charter member A.P. Rothkopf when he became a life member in 1902. He re-gifted it, with an added inscription, to the infant son of a friend in 1928. It was passed to the baby's brother, then to the donor. The Archives has several photos of Rothkopf. The other cup, Artifact 390, has a surprise double Dolphin connection. It was awarded to Frank Kelly, who won the cup in the 1932 Golden Gate Swim, and was donated by the niece of life member Herb Madden, Jr.

We also received donations from members, including two photo albums by Susan Lauritzen and John Perino's negatives of members and activities in the 1990s and early 2000s.

The Archives welcomes donations of materials with historic significance to the Dolphin Club. It is essential that all donations include the name/contact info of the donor, as well as information on how the material was acquired. As you see, the story of a photo or an artifact is also a piece of Club history!

Check out all these donations at <https://hub.catalogit.app/375>

## Rowing

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**Women's Captain:** Crissa Williams

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# Open Invitation to Weekly Boat Shop

by Diane Walton



*Paella a la Rafael Marañón. Nicolas Tomasevic with plate. (Sharon Wong)*

**H**ave you been in the Boat Shop lately? Or should I say yet? Boat Shop sessions are a wondrous way to develop skills in boat building and repair. They help you develop an intimate relationship with the profound wooden heritage of the Dolphin Club. Members and non-members are all welcome. Whether you are a rower, a swimmer, a runner, a handball player, or a weight room aficionado, feel free to bring your friends and family to work under the guidance of professional boat builders. There is no guest fee for Boat Shop participants.

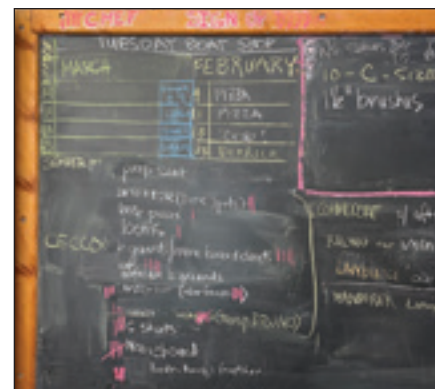
The Boat Shop sessions occur every Tuesday. The sessions currently rotate between an evening session the first and third Tuesdays of the month; and a day session on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Day sessions run from 10am to 1pm with a lunch afterwards. Evening sessions run

from 5pm to 8pm with a meal preceding at 4pm. You can send an email to [boatshop@dolphinclub.org](mailto:boatshop@dolphinclub.org); check the calendar on the boat shop door; consult the groups.io calendar (<https://dolphinclub.groups.io/g/main/calendar>); or just come on in!

The Boat Shop was converted from our second handball court into a boat shop over 75 years ago. The conversion fostered the goals of promoting ongoing on-site maintenance of the fleet, building of new boats, and engendering member and community connection to the traditions of our city and our bay through our historical wooden vessels. Some of the earliest rowers made their living rowing out to the incoming ships, bringing the ship's cargo to market, and it sounds like some of them made hay as they raced on the Bay on their off days. Rowers were key San Francisco waterfront players. Later, you see local news carrying our race results, with champion rowers Lawton Hughes and Tom Troneum often featured. Today, piloting as well as recreational and competitive rowing—whether solo, duo, or group—bring challenges and smiles to our rowers and scullers.

We look forward to an ever-growing number of hands to tend our boats; to share our slice of history; to venerate those early waterfront days; and to be a part of today's wooden boat building community in the Bay Area. There are a number of examples of this community

outreach and interaction. The Dolphin Club Foundation, in keeping with its purposes, has been supporting community education through our partners, such as the Spaulding boat building programs. Those students have come to our boat shop to see the professionals, Jon Bielinski and Julia Hechanova, in action. Several Club members have been to visit Rocking



*Boat Shop Schedule Board. (Sharon Wong)*

the Boat at India Basin Waterfront Park, and we look forward to more interaction and having them return the visit later this year. And of course, we support our friends in the Small Craft workshop on Hyde Street Pier. I hope to see the Sala Burton Maritime Museum, the San Francisco Historical Society and others showcase wooden boat building this year. All will be good fun and learning, and the best place to be will still be our Boat Shop!



*Jon Bielinski (Sharon Wong)*



*Jon Bielinski & Diane Walton (Sharon Wong)*



*Laura Morton sanding (Sharon Wong)*

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# Dolphin Women Set a Record That Will Never Be Broken

by Larry Scroggins



At the 30th anniversary swim celebration wearing t-shirts designed by Lisa Smith listing the Channel swim hazards.

Left to Right: Susan Allen, Lisa Smith, Susan Cobb-Frederick, Carol McGrath, Joni Beemsterboer, Karen Drucker. (Photo by John Frederick)

## First All-Women, All-American English Channel Relay Team in History (and all-Dolphin)

Records, the saying goes, are made to be broken. This certainly applies to Dolphin Club athletic feats: Fastest, slowest, youngest, oldest, longest, farthest. Every one of these records has been broken repeatedly—and sometimes shattered. One distinction, however, can never be eclipsed: The first to do something will always and forever be first. In 1989, six Dolphins became the first American all-woman team to successfully swim the English Channel. They also happened to set a record of 10 hours, 54 minutes for fastest “All Women’s Relay Swim” that year. “Had there not been a deterioration of conditions,” says Andy Vernon, the crossing’s official observer, “I believe that the

San Francisco Women Swimmers would have broken the record of 10 hours thirty-two minutes.” Regardless, they will be the first American women’s relay until the end of time.

The idea to swim the English Channel and the core of the team formed in Hawaii. When the whole team came together it consisted of six Dolphins: Lisa Smith, Karen Drucker, Joni Beemsterboer, Susan Cobb-Frederick, Susan Allen, and Carol McGrath. The idea to attempt a Channel relay bubbled up over cocktails in Lahaina, Maui. In this oral history of the swim, the women recount the story of their precedent-setting achievement.

**Karen:** I just remember margaritas and pina colodas being involved. Lisa and I had just swum the Maui Channel and after that, you go and do the Waikiki Rough Water swim.

**Lisa:** Susan Allen was always in charge of these swims. We did the Honolulu marathon every year even if we didn’t run it.

**Susan Allen:** I wasn’t in charge. I was just following Conrad von Blankenburg. Morgan Kulla was the one.

**Karen:** After our swims, we were just sitting around toasting ourselves and someone threw out, “What’s next for you girls?” Somebody suggested the English Channel and by the time the last cocktail came, we were going. “Let’s check it out!” Lisa, when she got back to the office on Monday, immediately wrote to the English Channel commission, or whatever it was, to find out what the story was in terms of how you do it.

**Lisa:** I belonged to the Olympic Club and I knew some people there were trying to put together a relay, and I wasn’t interested in doing it with them. I thought, “I can put a team together. I’m a manager type.” I wrote the letters to the Channel Swimming Association and learned what was required.

**Karen:** The little lady there wrote back and said, “Well, if you girls do it, you’ll be the very first American women to do it.” After that, Lisa and I just looked at each other and said, “Who would be fun to do this with?”

**Susan Cobb:** This was in the days way before email. It was fax machines and regular mail. Lisa did this stuff. We got a big packet in the mail from the CSA. The communication part of this was not easy.

**Joni:** I remember Lisa calling me and saying, “I’m trying to put

this team together.” At the time, I had already committed to another team, but the idea of being the first American women to successfully make a crossing really appealed. So, I said, “If I can get myself replaced, I’m in. What’s the requirement?” And Lisa said, “That you be faster than me.”

**Susan Cobb:** She didn’t tell me that, which was lucky!

**Carol:** I hadn’t been swimming for six months, and somebody asked if I was interested in joining the team. I think it was Joni. I said sure, and I guess I need to be getting in the water and practicing a little bit.

**Lisa:** I remember thinking, “I’ve gotta get fast. I’ve gotta get fast. And then realizing—I’m not going to get fast.” But I was strong. I’ve always been strong. I could do long distance triathlons. I could just never swim fast.

For a warmup, five members of the team decided to undertake the Byron Cup swimming challenge, an annual event commemorating Lord Byron’s legendary 1822 swim across the Bay of Poets. Many swimmers register to swim the 7.5 kilometers between Portovenere and Lerici in northern

**Karen:** I think Carol was our fast one. I remember that she was going into the Bay two or three times a day, and I was thinking we have to get this gal. She’s fast and she’s committed.

**Joni:** That contributed to the notion of a team and not wanting to disappoint.

**Lisa:** It was always just the six of us, and no one dared get sick or quit. We were all Dolphins. Peer pressure.

**Karen:** That’s a really good point. I remember even when I was swimming and thinking, “this is really hard.” But when there’s a team. You’re thinking, “I don’t want to be the one. I don’t want to be the one to get sick or quit or whatever.” And so that team spirit is what kept us all going and committed. My swimming got so much better because now I had a purpose.

Italy. While Susan Allen dined in France, the remaining five relay team members met fellow Dolphin and renowned San Francisco restaurateur Modesto Lanzone in La Spezia for the swim and a magnificent dinner afterwards.

**Lisa:** The trip to Italy was a hoot. We had a lot of fun.

**Karen:** How in the world did we get the crazy idea to go to Italy beforehand? Was that you Joni?

**Joni:** I think it was, but it was really Modesto who tantalized me with the idea of swimming from Port Venere to Lerici which was about five miles—but it was rough water.

**Karen:** Oh! The jet skis!

**Susan Cobb:** It was a holiday and there were a lot of drunk people in the water. (Not us.)

**Karen:** They did their boats the way they did their driving in the

streets. Was that a relay? We swam five miles??? Did we even have pilot boats?

**Joni:** Because of the chaotic conditions, we all got separated. Modesto was in a boat, and Carol and I stayed with him.

**Carol:** The one thing that stood out for me was how terribly salty the water was. All I wanted was to drink something, and there was nothing to be had but oranges or something.

**Joni:** Our water bottles landed in another boat. Modesto tossed us a peach which we shared, Carol and I, passing it back and forth. I still remember how terrific it tasted. Back in La Spezia, Modesto treated all of us to a lavish Italian dinner served *al fresco*.

About a week later, all six women rendezvoused in England for the channel swim. Their pilot was Willie Richardson, and their boat was the Stumark III. Like almost all Channel swims, they

started from Shakespeare Beach, a rocky stretch on the Dover coast. The start time was 5:46 on the morning of August 24, 1989. The skipper apparently had an English sense of humor.

**Karen:** The pilot had some kind of a hammer or something and said, “I don’t know. The engine hasn’t been working great. I’m not sure we’re going to make it.” That was a good one.

**Joni:** It felt to me that when we started out, these guys didn’t think we were going to make it. Frankly, they get paid if you go a mile or if you go the distance. But at some point—around half—they began to realize, “Oh wait a minute. We might be taking the first American women across!” And I felt their attitude change slightly.

**Carol:** What were these signs that they were skeptical?

**Joni:** That we were women. That we were from another country. That we didn’t know what we were doing.

**Susan Allen:** A lot of people were trying to swim the channel there and had never trained like we had trained in open water. And when they found out that we knew how to handle open water like we do, they realized that we were going to make it, for Christ’s sake!

**Carol:** Well, I was on land because I was the first, but my recollection was that [the crew] was very kind. They just

didn’t quite get why we were all so seasick. They were just impervious. I remember being seasick the whole time except for when I swam.

**Karen:** I remember we were in our own little worlds. You’d do your swim and then you’d get into your sleeping bag or whatever and no one was talking to each other. I was swimming my turn and thinking, “Oh god, Isn’t Joni just the best! She’s coming over to support me and then blech.”

**Susan Cobb:** I have a picture of Joni throwing up.

**Carol:** I think the pilots were cooking fish or something god-awful below and offering us food. The thought of it was blech. No thank you. How can you guys eat right now on this boat?

**Susan Cobb:** I think they were eating something like fried spam.

**Joni:** They would walk from one place to another and cross our paths with this bucket of whatever it was they were eating and it was so awful.

**Carol:** I could barely understand them because they had an English brogue or cockney or something like that.



**Karen:** All I remember of the food on board was digestives. I loved those. Digestives and GU are what got me across.

**Lisa:** Digestives were really just cookies, but we thought they were health food and we ate a bunch of them.

**Carol:** It was a bright, sunny day and we were all just huddled up

Those numbers refer to the Beaufort scale, developed by Britain's Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort in 1805 to help sailors estimate the winds via visual observations. The scale starts at 0 and goes to a force of 12. A Force 2 is a light breeze, which forms ripples with the appearance of scales. The crests have a glassy appearance and do not break. At Force 4/5, the wind is a moderate to fresh breeze that causes small trees in leaf to sway. The water forms moderate waves with many white horses (breaking

in clothes. Those blue long coats we had.

**Susan Allen:** Sweatshirts, caps, slippers. Everything.

**Susan Cobb:** I have the observer's report. The air temperature was between 56 and 58. The sea temperature went between 64 and 66. The wind force started at 2 and went to 4/5.

waves or white caps that appear when the wind blows.) These were the conditions that led the observer, Andy Vernon, to cite deteriorating conditions as costing the team an historical all-women crossing record.

The team completed the swim at 4:40 in the afternoon when Susan Cobb stepped ashore on the beach near Calais. This allowed the team to at least set the all-woman record for that year.

**Lisa:** I was in the little dinghy just in case I had to be the last swimmer. So, I did get to touch France.

**Susan Cobb:** You take three steps out of the water and then you just swim back to the boat. I think we were pretty tired. Pictures showed us all with sunburned faces.

**Karen:** And then we all felt like, "OK. Yay! We did it!" And then you have something like three hours back. They're just hightailing it back. It felt like someone was taking a bucket of water and just throwing it on us for three hours. We're just hanging on for dear life.

**Carol:** I do remember the boat ride home, I was wondering, "Are we ever going to get there?" It was so choppy and dark and I just wanted to get back to the other side. It took an eternity in my head. It was a harrowing ride home.

**Joni:** I think the pilots were full throttle. They were like, "BANG!"

**Susan Allen:** We were singing show tunes—West Side Story.

**Karen:** When we got back, you'd think that there should be like fireworks or something going on at the other end. No one had thought about bringing cab money and we had to walk all the way back to our rooms. We're stumbling like drunken sailors because we'd been on the rocking boat for so long.

**Joni:** When we arrived back in England there was this little tour group in a bus. Someone told them what we'd done and they started clapping for us.

**Karen:** I remember taking a shower first and it was one of those metal showers and everyone was in the room. I was just banging against the shower because I was so wobbly.

**Lisa:** We got back and partied. I don't think we were tired. I know I wasn't. We went out and ate and drank.

**Susan Cobb:** We went to an Italian restaurant, probably the only good restaurant in Folkestone.

Almost 36 years later, each member of the first all-American all-Women's Channel relay team vibrates with the memories they made that August day. They share a bond of great pride and

enduring friendship born in the achievement of a record that can never be broken—and the fun they had doing it.



*Karen and Lisa with Swag*



*Left to Right: Karen Drucker, Susan Cobb-Frederick, Joni Beemsterboer, Lisa Smith, Susan Allen, Carol Mcgrath*

### Editor's Note

The Dolphin Log offers heartfelt appreciation to Keith Howell, editor emeritus, for his years of dedication and service to the Dolphin Club since 2006. He was a distinguished steward for this publication. Thanks also go to Janice Wood who continues in her role as proofreader. The Log welcomes Mark Robinson as Contributing Editor.

# Dolphins with 50 Years Or More of Continuous Membership



*Left to Right: Randy Pinetti, Jim Hulihan, Mike Garibaldi, Stan Hylinsky. Photo by Colin Gift*

## Members Recently Reaching the 25 Year Milestone

*All photos courtesy of Colin Gift except Joe Mannion courtesy of Larry Scroggins*



*Kevin Boden 2000*



*Tom Davis 1999*



*John Ottersberg 2000*



*Naphtali (Hal) Offen  
2000*



*Ted Tiles 2000*



*Joe Mannion 2000*

*Not pictured: Tom Alderson, Christopher ElginSmith, Rachel ElginSmith, Adam Engleskirchen, Agustin Huneeus*

## Old Timer Crab Dinner

*All photos courtesy of Vicki Stolberg*



*Keith Howell and  
Stu Gannes*



*Plenty of Crab*



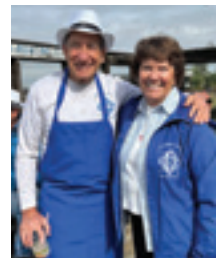
*Duke Dahlin*



*Mark Lenz and  
Peter Cullinan*



*Morgan Kulla and  
Mike Garibaldi*



*Naphtali Offen and  
Heidi Howell*





# LIFE MEMBERS 2025





*Photo by Colin Gift*

# Dolphin Club Swim Results—Spring 2025

## NYD Alcatraz—January 01, 2025

The Dolphin Club and SERC ran independent New Year's Day swims this year, and all were treated to a beautiful first sunrise.

Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP	Place	Swimmers Name	Swim Time	LCP
1	Allison Arnold	25:02	10	21	Elsbeth Farmer	38:07	
2	Felicia Lee	25:03	9	22	Heather Warm	38:26	
3	Dominick Kirk	30:26	8	23	David O'Reilly	38:29	
4	Steve Schatz	31:28	7	24	Paul Kratoski	38:42	
5	Miranda Rouse	32:25	6	25	Joe Ferrero	38:58	
6	Charlie Putnam	32:44	5	26	Mitch Wiltick	39:44	
7	Mackenzie Kirk	32:50	4	27	Ernst Halperin	39:47	
8	Bill Gardner	33:25	3	28	Mickey Lavelle	39:51	
9	Juliet Cox	33:52	2	29	Elizabeth Meyer	40:00	
10	Jeff Citron	33:54	1	30	Gary Arabatyan	40:40	
11	David Holscher	34:45		31	Brandon Esenther	40:57	
12	Jean Lelu	35:52		32	Danny DeLeon	40:57	
13	Heather Kramer	36:54		33	Ted Tilles	40:59	
14	D Neilson	36:59		34	Tom Neill	40:41	
15	Sean Lavelle	37:12		35	Joe Spalone	42:00	
16	F.A.	37:18		36	Karen Christensen	43:20	
17	Randy Edwards	37:22		37	Kathleen Duffy	45:34	
18	John Gibbon	37:28		38	Robin Hart	47:24	
19	Mike Hokenson	37:56		39	Andy Stone	49:24	
20	Tom Brown	38:04					

### Pilots

Lead Pilot: Nathaniel Berger/Lead  
Swim Commissioner: Lindsay Stripling

Tom McCall, Grant Mays, Charmaine Leonard, Ally Sillins, Jeffrey Tong, Diane Jackson, George Chamales, Tony Foe, Dave Nettel, Dominic Lusinchi, Barry Christian, John Bellinski, Streitman, Dave Zovician, Terry Horn, Sunny McKee, Jen Bruursema, Brian Kieran, Anthony Ducomb, Susan Allen, Amanda Stone, Jeff Kennedy, Eric Shackelford,

Dolores Meehan, Margaret Keenan, Lissi Knell, Maggie Lonergan, Mikhail Melnikov, Daniel Marshall, Nathaniel, Diane Walton, Abby Mohan, Marci Glazer, Lindsay Stripling, David Buchanan, Maile Smith, Sharon Wong, Tim McElligott, Michael Tschanz-Hahn

### Volunteers

Peter Cullinan, Felicia Lee, Tom Neil, Allison, Arnold, Tommy Dowley, Chloe Noonan, Bill Love, Juliet Cox, Eric Wind, Alix Mordel, Margaret Keenan, Dawn Holley, Maeve

Lavelle, Lawrence Remstedt, DJ Niccolls, Claire Perry, Derrick Rebello, Emily Nogue, Diane Campbell, Holly Gassier, Beth Stein, Claire Trepanier, Joni Beemsterboer, Helen Bourdeaux, Eva Adamson, Liam Ronan, Farrah Spott, Dave Holmes-Kinsella

### Test Swim

Nathaniel Berger, Lindsay Stripling, David Buchanan, Ally Sillins, Diane Jackson, Dominic Lusinchi, Peter Cullinan, Michael Tschanz-Hahn

## Pier 41—February 2, 2025

Some light rain did not stop 50 Dolphin Club swimmers from making quick work of this classic early-season club swim. Thanks to the Blue & Gold Fleet for use of their dock, and to all the volunteers and pilots who made the swim possible.

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1	Allison Arnold	19:11	10	26	Henry Dombey	30:08	
2	Felicia Lee	19:27	9	27	Mickey Lavelle	30:10	
3	Henry Saunders	21:47	8	28	Tom Bernard	30:16	
4	Mackenzie Kirk	22:11	7	29	David O'Reilly	30:22	
5	Lauren Brinkmeyer	22:44	6	30	Tony Payne	31:08	
6	Travis Bickham	22:50	5	31	Brandon Esenther	31:27	
7	Miranda Rouse	23:30	4	32	Morgan Kulla	31:56	
8	Nick Dolce	23:35	3	33	George Morris	32:21	
9	Bill Gardner	23:47	2	34	Lindzy Bivings	34:02	
10	Steve Schatz	24:02	1	35	Laure Darcy	34:52	
11	Jeff Citron	24:03		36	Damian Guenzing	36:16	
12	Chris Kelly	24:52		37	Elizabeth Ozer	36:28	
13	Christophe Crombez	24:55		38	Marlin Gilbert	37:05	
14	Emily Ozer	26:10		39	Ken Coren	37:44	
15	Ben Hu	26:53		40	Wafaa Sabil	38:01	
16	Anna Schatz	26:58		41	John Hornor	38:42	
17	Henry Rogers	27:57		41	Mike Thoresen	38:42	
18	Heather Kremer	28:01		43	Holly Reed	39:29	
19	Barnaby Payne	28:24		44	Kathleen Duffy	39:52	
20	Heather Warm	28:42		45	Anne Hamersky	40:18	
21	Kristofer Milonas	28:47		46	Hal Offen	41:32	
22	Don Thornburg	29:16		46	Joni Beemsterboer	41:32	
23	Lawrence Remstedt	29:52		48	Kati Hopman	43:53	
24	Virginie Eskenazi	29:53		49	Robin Rome	45:07	
25	Ernst Halperin	29:59		50	Carolyn Hui	45:26	



# Swim Results Spring 2025, cont.

## Pilots

Lead Pilot: Tim Kreuzten / Lead  
Swim Commissioner: Ben Chun

Eliana Agudelo, Nathaniel Berger, Jon Bielinski, Dave Buchanan, Mark Caplan, Paul Chong, Karin Christensen, Ben Chun, KC Crowell, James Dilworth, Amanda Ernzer, Elspeth Farmer, Lewis Haidt, Diane Jackson, Brian Kiernan, Tim Kreutzen, Alex Kroeger, Tiffany Landee, Maeve Lavelle, Charmaine Leonard, Dominic Lusinch, Tom McCall, Tim McElligott, Don Osborne, Nanda Palmieri, Ellie Reiff,

Antoine Roux, Anne Sasaki, Denise Sauerteig, Maile Smith, Pete Strietmann, John Thorpe, Nihan Tiryaki, Jeffery Tong, Diane Walton, Otto Williams, Danny Wohlner, Sharon Wong

## Volunteers

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## Test Swim

Tom McCall, Kathleen Duffy, Michael Tschanz-Hahn, Joe Gannon, Peter Cullinan, Eliana Agudelo, Diane Campbell, Bianca Liederer, Ben Chun, Alex Kroeger, Heather Lockhart Kremer, Maeve Lavelle, Damian Guenzing, Tom Bernard

## Coghlan Beach (Formerly Gashouse Cove)—March 1, 2025

We originally planned for a swim starting from Gashouse Cove, but due to work being done on the docks in Gashouse, we opted for the tried and true west-to-east route starting at Coghlan Beach. Conditions for the club swim were a tad choppy, but the flood was strong and pushed swimmers in for fast finishes. Thank you to all the volunteers and pilots who made the swim possible.

Place	Name	Swim time	LCP	Place	Name	Swim time	LCP
1	Allison Arnold	0:19:24	10	32	Kathy Wallace	0:29:31	
2	Felicia Lee	0:19:35	9	33	Alfred Seccombe	0:30:00	
3	Joby Bernstein	0:19:39	8	34	Henry Dombey	0:30:09	
4	Mackenzie Kirk	0:20:51	7	35	Mark Lenz	0:31:12	
5	Kalani Leifer	0:21:02	6	36	Mickey Lavelle	0:31:15	
6	Ryan Dalton	0:21:04	5	37	Jamie Robinson	0:31:32	
7	Lauren Brinkmeyer	0:21:21	4	38	Nancy Booth	0:31:45	
8	Miranda Rouse	0:22:18	3	39	Peter Cullinan	0:31:49	
9	Thorsten Anderson	0:22:25	2	40	Lisa Domitrovich	0:31:51	
10	Bill Gardner	0:22:41	1	41	Mike Thoresen	0:33:01	
11	Nick Dolce	0:22:52		42	Ken Coren	0:33:09	
12	Tor Lundgren	0:23:01		43	Hal Offen	0:33:29	
13	Christophe Crombez	0:23:05		44	Robin Hart	0:33:30	
14	James Glasnapp	0:23:09		45	Dean Badessa	0:33:41	
15	Steve Schatz	0:23:18		46	Brian Johnson	0:33:43	
16	Stephen Balhoff	0:23:53		47	Eliana Agudelo	0:33:47	
17	Anna Schatz	0:24:17		48	Jim Frew	0:33:57	
18	Ben Clark	0:24:42		49	Ellen Hathaway	0:34:05	
19	Heather Kremer	0:25:05		50	Maryann Murphy	0:34:07	
20	Logan Craig	0:25:13		51	Anne Hamersky	0:34:14	
21	Alf Seccombe	0:25:53		52	Eric Reed	0:34:34	
22	John Gibbon	0:25:58		53	Farrah Spott	0:34:45	
23	Keith Gray	0:26:35		54	Dan Ryan	0:35:06	
24	Don Thornburg	0:26:54		55	Carolyn Hui	0:35:07	
25	Tom Reynolds	0:26:56		56	Ken Miller	0:35:40	
26	Ben Hu	0:27:16		57	Will Powning	0:35:12	
27	Gary Arabatyan	0:27:32		58	Robin Rome	0:35:30	
28	David O'Reilly	0:28:13		59	Vicki Stolberg	0:35:43	
29	Virginie Eskenazi	0:28:18		60	Kati Hopman	0:36:08	
30	Rebecca Tilley	0:29:24		61	Peter Neubauer	0:37:05	
31	Miguel Gonzalez	0:29:28		62	Amy Brant	0:37:20	

## Pilots

Lead Pilot: Tim McElligott / Lead  
Swim Commissioner: Alex Kroeger

Nathaniel Berger, Ben Chun, Damian Guenzing, Alex Kroeger, Tim McElligott, Nihan Tiryaki, Mike Walsh, Nanda Palmieri, John Thorpe, Lilian Tsai, Dominic Lusinch, Ally Sillins, Sharon Wong, Jon Bielinski, Jeffery Tong, Riley Culligan, Grant MacHamer, Tom McCall, Diane Jackson, Don Osborne, Barry Christian, David Zovickian, Denise Sauerteig, Heather Warm, Brian Kiernan, Rohin Daswani, Brooke Blume, Kelsey Dean, John Grunstad, Otto Williams, Laura Croome, Rebecca Wolski, Lissi Knell, Daniel Cavey,

David Wagner, Forrest Carroll, Margaret Keenan, Maggie Loneran, Emily Schmitz

## Volunteers

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Corcoran, Joe Ferrero, Lawrence Remstedt, Ernst Halperin, Matt Korman, Liam Ronan, Bianca Liederer, David Rich, Kim Gorcyca

## Test Swim

Ally Sillins, Dominic Lusinch, Rebecca Tilley, Holly Reed, Tim McElligott, Alex Kroeger, Damian Guenzing, Bill Gardner, Tim Dumm, Virginia Waik, Sean Lavelle, Bill Burke, Heather Warm, Lawrence Remstedt



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## 2025 DOLPHIN CLUB SWIM & EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	Day	Date	Current/Tide (Gg)	Jump
New Year's Day Alcatraz*	WED	1 Jan	09:42 1.7kn F	07:00
New Year's Day Cove	WED	1 Jan		09:00
Pier 41*	SUN	2 Feb	05:30 2.0kn E	07:30
Valentine's Day Singles Regatta	SAT	15 Feb		
Old Timers' Lunch	SUN	16 Feb		
Gashouse Cove*	SAT	1 Mar	09:54 1.8kn F	08:30
End of Polar Bear	FRI	21 Mar		
Start of Walt Stack Challenge	SAT	22 Mar		
Pier 39*	SAT	22 Mar	08:54 1.5kn E	08:00
Blackaller Buoy Run	SUN	13 Apr		
Coghlan Beach*	SAT	26 Apr	09:12 1.6kn F	08:30
Walt Schneebeli Over-60 Cove	SAT	10 May		07:00
Master Mariners Regatta	SAT	24 May		
Yacht Harbor*	SUN	25 May	09:24 1.6kn F	09:00
End of Walt Stack Challenge	SAT	31 May		
Start of 100 Mile Swim	SUN	1 Jun		
McCovey Cove Mixer	SAT	7 Jun		
John Nogue Swim For Science - Pier 15*	SAT	14 Jun	05:18 2.3kn E	07:00
Pride Swim*	SUN	22 Jun	08:24 1.4kn F	
Angel Island Picnic & Overnight	SAT	28 Jun		
Bay Bridge*	SUN	13 Jul	05:12 2.5kn E	07:00
Alcatraz Regatta	SUN	20 Jul		
China Beach**	SUN	10 Aug	11:00 1.8kn F	07:30
Santa Cruz 1 Mile*	SAT	16 Aug		
Santa Cruz 2 Mile*	SUN	17 Aug		
Doc Howard 45+ Swim*	SAT	23 Aug	10:42 2.0kn F	11:00
Ft. Point*	SUN	7 Sep	09:48 1.8kn F	07:30
Escape from Alcatraz Tri (EFAT)	SUN	14 Sep	09:06 0.9kn E	06:45
Swim Across America	SUN	21 Sep		
Alcatraz	SUN	28 Sep	08:30 0.7kn E	07:00
DC/SE Interclub Tri*	SAT	4 Oct		
Joe Bruno Golden Gate	SAT	25 Oct	06:24 0.9kn E	09:15
End of 100 Mile Swim	FRI	31 Oct		
Angel Island Regatta	SAT	1 Nov		
Veterans Day Swim (Cove)	SAT	8 Nov		08:00
Pilot Appreciation Dinner	SAT	8 Nov		
Thanksgiving Day Cove	THU	27 Nov		
New Year's Day Qualifier & Holiday Brunch	SUN	14 Dec		08:00
Start of Polar Bear	SUN	21 Dec		

### Swim Program Rules

- Club scheduled swims are restricted to Club members, who are current on their dues and fees and in good standing.
- Swimmers must have current USMS membership, and abide by each organization's rules and requirements.
- Swimmers are required to wear orange caps on all scheduled swims.
- Swimmers cannot use swim aids, including fins and wet suits, on any scheduled swims.
- New members are not eligible to swim in scheduled out-of-cove swims for either 6 months from the start of their membership, or before successfully completing the 100-mile swim, the Polar Bear swim, or the Accelerated Out-of-Cove process.
- All out-of-cove swims require a pilot:swimmer ratio of 1:3.
- Time limits may be imposed at the discretion of the Swim Commissioner(s).
- All Club boats are reserved for scheduled swims. Co-pilots are encouraged. Riders are prohibited.
- Swimmers must register during check-in and attend the swim briefing in order to swim.
- Swimmers must successfully complete at least two qualifying swims and help on at least three swims to qualify for Alcatraz and Golden Gate Swims.
- Out-of-town members must have successfully completed two of the last three Club scheduled Alcatraz and/or Golden Gate swims or meet Rule 10 above.

(Nothing in the above rules shall contravene any applicable Federal laws and statutes.)

\*Qualifying Swim. Need 2 qualifying swims + 3 helps to qualify for Golden Gate and/or Alcatraz.

\*\*Requires special qualifier, details TBA

### 2025 Swim Clinics

Day	Date
SUN	4-May
SUN	8-Jun
SAT	12-July
SUN	3-Aug
SAT	6-Sep
SAT	18-Oct

Alcatraz  
Island  
1.4 miles

Pier 411/2  
1.2 miles

Pier 43  
1 mile

Aquatic Park  
Cove

Gashouse Cove  
1 mile

Yacht  
Harbor  
1.5 miles

Crissy  
Field  
2.5 miles

Fort Point  
3.5 miles

All times approximate & subject to ch