

Maccabi Open Water Swimmers Results

This last weekend the Port to Park Swim was held at Port Melbourne and the final Rip Swim of the season also took place.

Port to Park – 2 February 2019

Danny, Nikki, Marni and Tess Burger all took part in the **Port to Park Swim** this last Saturday and produced a set of outstanding results:

- Tess and Marni came 1st and 2nd respectively in their category in the 1.1km event, with only 20 secs separating them.
- Nikki came 4th overall in the 2.2km event in a hotly contested race that saw 4 of the leading competitors cross the line within a few seconds of each other.



- Danny came a respectable 10th in his category in the 1.1km event and, as the picture below attests, still had enough left in the tank to power up the beach to the finish line!



Rip Swim – 3 February 2019

Three Maccabi OWS participants – **Roelof Vogel, Phillip Rose and Mark Beaconsfield** - took part in the final **Rip Swim** of the season this last Sunday.



The Rip is a treacherous crossing and one can never be sure what the conditions will be like. However the weather gods were more than kind, and well and truly delivered perfect conditions for this intrepid group. The swim was timed perfectly to benefit from a strong outgoing tide and the group absolutely flew across the opening of the bay, completing the swim in just over an hour – a truly amazing achievement! Which I guess explains why they look so pleased with themselves!



Informal Bay Swims

Our informal bay swimming group continues to grow and its particularly pleasing that a number of first-time open water swimmers have joined the group and are going from strength-to-strength. We swim regularly at Port Melbourne, so please get in contact with me if you would like to join us.



Williamstown Open Water Championships – 9 February 2019

The WOW Championships were postponed in mid-December because of heavy rains, and the re-scheduled event took place this past Saturday. Unfortunately, what started as a relatively calm morning (see below) soon turned feral, with 30 knot winds whipping up the waves and chop and tearing the course buoys from their moorings. And then it started to rain...



Roelof Vogel and **Felicia Schmanan** both did the 1.2km swim – which turned out to be more like 1.5 – 1.6km on their Garmin. Felicia loved the “washing machine” conditions; Roelof’s take was that it was his toughest swim of the season so far.

Good on our two Open Water Warriors for braving the conditions and giving it a go!

Brighton Bathing Box Classic – 10 February 2019

On Sunday, **Roelof** and **Tali Bernard** took part in the Brighton Bathing Box Classic swim. Unfortunately, while the weather had improved since Saturday, conditions were still tough with a strong on-shore wind and choppy seas.

As we've come to expect, Roelof did both the 1.2km and 2.5km swims. Tali took part in the 2.5km event and despite a goggles malfunction still did an excellent swim coming 5th in her category.

Upcoming Events

Below are details of upcoming events over the next few weeks.

Event	Location	Date	Distances	Registration Website
Pier to Perignon	Sorrento	17 Feb 19	4.5km	portseasurf.com.au
Club to Club	Edithvale	23 Feb 19	1.8km	club2clubswim.com.au
Jalna Big Bay Swim	Sandridge Beach	24 Feb 19	3.2km	bigbayswim.com.au
Cerberus Swim	Halfmoon Bay	3 Mar 19	1.2km, 2.5km	halfmoonbayslsc.com.au
Mentone Marathon	Mentone Beach	9 Mar 2019	5.0km, 10.0km	mentonelsc.com

We have a large contingent doing the Pier to Perignon swim this weekend, so good luck to all of you!

A complete list of all events can be found at www.caseyseals.com.au/misc/swim_calendar_2018_19.pdf.
As always, please let me know details of the events that you register for.

All the best,
Clive