

# Maccabi Open Water Swimming Update

This update covers the Jalna Big Bay and Cerberus swims.

## Jalna Big Bay Swim – 24 February 2019

Max “Fair Weather” Michael and I took part in the **Jalna Big Bay Swim** on 24 February. This is a “minor” bucket list swim – 3.2km from Sandridge Beach in Port Melbourne, across the mouth of the Yarra to Williamstown.



The organisers considerably arrange with the Port Authorities to hold up cargo vessel traffic etc. for an hour while the race is underway, so there is no risk of being run down by a passing ship. However they haven't yet figured out how to clear the passage of pesky jelly-fish and they remain the biggest challenge....

Conditions on the day were perfect and it was a great swim....aside from the jelly encounters. Max and I both finished well up in our category, coming 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively.

Would I recommend this event? Definitely, if it wasn't for the jellies. You get a unique perspective of Melbourne and its docks, and the swim into Williamstown is a treat. But wetsuits are a must – to give some protection – and remember to stock up on Stingoes!

## Cerberus Swim – 2 March 2019

The Cerberus Swim at Half Moon Bay is always a terrific event – well organised, and with lots of interesting things to see in the water. The weather for yesterday’s swim couldn’t have been better, but the fresh Northerly breeze did make the swimming conditions a little challenging. Participants had to swim directly into the chop and breeze on one leg, but got a lot of wind and current assistance in the other direction.



**Nikki and Tess Burger** flew the flag for Maccabi. Because of a Tomato Timing SNAFU, Nikki’s time in the 2.5km event wasn’t recorded but it would have placed her among the top swimmers in her category. Tess did an impressive swim in the 1.2km event, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the very competitive Opens category.

## Upcoming Events

Below are details of the main remaining events over the next few weeks.

Event	Location	Date	Distances	Registration Website
<b>Mentone Marathon</b>	Mentone Beach	9 Mar 19	5.0km, 10.0km	mentonelsc.com
<b>Bonbeach LSC Open Water Swim</b>	Bonbeach	17 Mar 19	600m, 1.2km, 2.5km	bonbeachlsc.com.au

A complete list of all events can be found at [www.caseyseals.com.au/misc/swim\\_calendar\\_2018\\_19.pdf](http://www.caseyseals.com.au/misc/swim_calendar_2018_19.pdf). As always, please let me know details of the events that you register for.

Finally, **Roelof Vogel** is organising a social swim for **Saturday 16 March from Port Melbourne to St Kilda Marina and back – the “Ides of March Swim”**. The plan is for this swim to be at a leisurely pace, with participants regrouping regularly to make sure the group stays together. Overall distance is around 5km. If you would like to take part please contact Roelof at [roelof.vogel@vogel.com.au](mailto:roelof.vogel@vogel.com.au).