

GVSS # 3 Point Leo Swim Classic 26 December 2017

Air temp-26C, Sea temp-20C, Wind-Gentle, ESE Sea-calm
1.2km, 2.5km
Global Swim Series

Results 2.5km

60-69yrs

2nd Carol Spencer-Gardner 45.38
3rd Don Taylor 36.22

Results 1.2km

Males

70+

1st Bruce Allender

60-69yrs

4th Don Taylor 19.25 *
6th Trevor Skinner 19.38
8th Danny Crossman 21.07

50-59yrs

3rd Dan Wallace 17.15 Fastest Marlin 28th Male

40-49yrs

6th Bevan Vandersteen 18.48 Second fastest Marlin
8th Juan Aw 18.52

Females

60-69yrs

1st Sue Boekel 21.42
4th Carol Spencer-Gardner 24.01*

50-59yrs

3rd Sharon Newstead 20.34
5th Daphne Briggs 21.21
7th Andrea Mc Neil 21.31
10th Catherine Curry-Hyde 23.31

40-49yrs

4th Nicky Kerr 19.05 Fastest Female Marlin 20th female
11th Lorraine Aw 23.02
Sam Sheppard won overall in 13.55

Lots of transponders are falling off during the swim, it has therefore been suggested that you place an elastic band over the joined Velcro. A simply beautiful beach day, with calm seas. All the Kerr family performed well. Bevan swam extremely well. Don just made it to the start of the 2.5k, Donning his cap during the run to the shore!

Anglesea Rock 2 Ramp 28th December 2017

Air temp Sea temp 18C, Wind-NNW 15.4km/h, Gentle, Slight Seas .6m swell.
2.5km, 1.4km

Results 2.5km Field of 190

*Open 20th Jeremy Walker 37:29

*Open 33rd Don Taylor 40:25

Open 28th Katie Mee 46:27

Results 1.4km Field of 520

Females

65-69yrs

1st Jan Jeffrey 19:33 Fastest Female Marlin! 4th fastest Marlin! 13th female

40-44yrs

1st Suzie Bratuskins 20:07 Second Fastest female Marlin 17th female

55-59yrs

1st Janette Dickey 20:17

3rd Daphne Briggs 21:23

4th Catherine Curry-Hyde 24.02

7th Beth Ashwood 25:54

50-54yrs

2nd Danielle Spurling 20:25

3rd Sharon Newstead 21:09

70+yrs

2nd Pam Kempson 31:14

Males

55-59yrs

4th Simon Horan 18:24 Fastest Marlin! 34th male

12th Roger Hogg 22.07

65-69yrs

1st Gerry Tucker 19:05 Second fastest Marlin

4th Don Taylor 20.01

70+yrs

2nd Bruce Allender 20:49

19th John Stanton 31:52

30-34yrs

4th Jeremy Walker 19.24

50-54yrs

13th Eric Cirulis 20:48

*Competed in both events

Top performances from many Marlins today. Great going everyone.

GVSS#4 Point Lonsdale 30th Rip View Classic 30th December

Air temp 21C, Sea temp 19C, Wind-SW/W46- 42km/h strong. Seas 1.7-2.2m moderate. Grey skies, generally cold, tough going today into the waves for most of the course.

3.8km, 1.4km

31 Marlins swam tenaciously today, with many excellent results. Testament to their determination to succeed in challenging conditions and our coaching programme!

Results 3.8km 62 females, 120 males

3rd Rod Watkins 48:48 55-59yrs 16th male Hail oh mighty one!
2nd Jeremy Walker 50:00 30-34yrs 25th male caught the red eye
10th Alex Thompson 52:35 45-49yrs
2nd Kerri Layton 53:00 40-44yrs 14th female
2nd Katie Mee 55:13 50-54yrs 22nd female
21st Rob Wilson 55.57 55-59yrs 20 minutes faster than 2016
2nd Jill Adams 1:09:47 60-64yrs
Wonderful effort Marlins...hero category!

Results 1.4km 365 females 555 males

As the conditions changed during the 2+ hr event, it is not relevant to award fastest Marlins today.....but great going Simon!

Males

45-49yrs

7th Bryan Russo 18:39
13th Adam Frederick 19:40
14th Alex Thompson 19:47 Swam both events soooo fast too!

50-54yrs

15th Eric Cirulis 20:22 Really top swim today Eric!

55-59yrs

3rd Simon Horan 17:09 34th male
8th Rod Watkins 17.39 Swam both events so fast, a miracle!

65-69yrs

1st Gerry Tucker 18:24 A Marlins Trifecta; marvellous!
2nd Don Taylor 18:45
3rd Trevor Skinner 18:52

70-74yrs

2nd Bruce Allender 19:48
14th John Stanton 29:33

75+ yrs

12th Jim Macilwain 35:25 what? That old?

Females

45-49yrs

10th Allison Rochow 23:58

50-54yrs

4th Danielle Spurling 20:32
6th Sharon Newstead 21:12
9th Katie Mee 22:23 Swam in both events!! We appreciate your speed too.

55-59yrs

4th Daphne Briggs 21:21
5th Andrea McNeil 21:23
12th Beth Ashwood 22:37
29th Sue Murray 25:36
35th Janet Nichol 26:56

60-64yrs

11th Sue Boekel 26:12 lucky to finish

65-69yrs

1st Jan Jeffrey 19:11 Another sizzling swim!

8th Jan Gooey 28:51

70-74yrs

3rd Joan Simpson 26:51 Fruit cake will produce good results!

75+yrs

2nd Pam Kempson 29:13 No wetsuit...tough!

GVSS#5 Danger Swims, Torquay 6th January 2018

Air temp 40C a Scorcher! Sea temp 19C and comparatively delightful, Wind-N/NW 29km/h fresh. Seas variable but generally flat. Organisers changed the rotation of the course to clockwise so that we swam with the wind on the long leg. 2.5km, 1km

Results 2.5km Open

Males

33rd Bryan Russo 38.21 Ripper swim and fastest Marlin! Take a bow!

43rd Don Taylor* 38.59

46th Juan Aw 39.29 First time 2.5 swim and exceptional result!

Females

30th Katie Mee* 44.12 Fastest female!

50th Lorraine Aw 49.02 First time 2.5 swim and very impressive!

51st Allison Rochow 49.08

60th Carol Spencer-Gardner *51.32 One speed Carol but on and on....

Results 1km

Males

55-59yrs

2nd Simon Horan 13.46 Woohoo fastest Marlin again but on the podium too!!!

6th Mark Huggins 14.24 Smookin. Swam in a straight line and voilà!

65-69yrs

1st Gerry Tucker 14.24 First!! You can't beat that!

2nd Don Taylor 14.57 Second race for the day...big tick!

5th Trevor Skinner 15.06 Not far from second...

9th Danny Crossman 16.39 Go Danny!

70+yrs

2nd Bruce Allender 15.44 Happy with that Bruce?

15th Patrick Galvin 25.01 Looked so cool on the scorching beach!

16th John Stanton 26.44 " This proves that Pat's breaststroke is better than my Freestyle!" LOL JS.

Females

18-29yrs

16th Rebecca Ho 19.26 First swim for the season!

50-54yrs

4th Sharon Newstead 16.17 She was smiling so she was happy!

55-59yrs

3rd Daph Briggs 16.45 Another podium finish...go Daph!

8th Catherine Curry-Hyde 18.23

12th Beth Ashwood 20.17

16th Glenda Kerridge 21.39 Practised some breast stroke I believe

17th Janet Nichol 21.58

60-64yrs

4th Carol Spencer-Gardner 19.18

65-69yrs

1st Jan Jeffrey 15.49 Fastest female Marlin again,again,again!

7th Jan Gooley 25.16 Looking good Jan.

70+yrs

3rd Joan Simpson 22.06 Well done Cookie!

*Swam in both events

Lorne P2P

5km swim Field of 199

25th Rod Watkins 1:13:11 22nd male/155

71st Don Taylor 1:21:37 60th male

78th Janette Dickey 1:23:00 14th female of 44

1.2km Field of 4601

Legend 70+ Males Field of 102

2nd Bruce Allender 16:00 352 OA Was happy with silver!

31st Jim Macilwain 22:34 Really good swim Jim!

64th Pat Galvin 26:07 Breaststroked all the way.

79th John Stanton 28:30 Breaststroke next time.

Legend 70+ Females Field of 21

7th Joan Simpson 22:49 Calm and cool.

16th Ann Johnston 32:03 Go Ann!

Super Veteran 60-69 Males FO 389

3rd Gerry Tucker 15:27 Podium magnet!

16th Don Taylor 16:19 Swam both events yet again!

23rd Trevor Skinner 16:40 Hopalong..

Super Veteran 60-69 Females FO 94

3rd Jan Jeffrey 16:03 361 overall. Unstoppable!

5th Sue Boekel 18:05 Less power equals faster; who would have thought?

8th Carol Spencer-Gardner 19:39 Always looks good.

21st Jill Adams 22:11 Very keen to get going.

49th Jan Gooley 25:55 Go Jan!

Veteran 50-59 Males FO 618

5th Dan Wallace 14:26 123 OA. Our superfish.

6th Simon Horan 14:40 Such a great swimmer!

34th Mark Huggins... Lost a finger whilst devouring his post-race burger

65th Roger Hogg 17:32 Good swim Roge
69th Eric Cirulis 17:38 You too Eric.
360th Mark Barry 22:55. About halfway.

Veteran 50-59 Females FO 1642!!

10th Danielle Spurling 17:00 Almost caught Melinda..
15th Sharon Newstead 17:41 Always in the mix and ready to mix em up.
17th Katie Mee 17:56 Impressive swim KM!
23rd Daph Briggs 18:41 Swimming at Portsea Daph?
38th Catherine Curry-Hyde 19:48 Nurrrrse....
52nd Beth Ashwood 20:35 23rd P2P?
86th Sue Murray 22:09 Back to back, ouch!
96th Glenda Kerridge 22:58 Wetsuit seeker.

Master 40-49 Males FO 644

60th Adam Frederick 17:07 Up 14 places from last year!

Master 40-49 Females FO 278

6th Suzie Bratuskins 16:13 402 OA Slick swim yet again.
12th Nicky Kerr 17:08 Heartfelt thanks.
16th Kerri Layton 17:49 Up from last year.
77th Megan Grant 22:01 Trumped us all with access to VIP tent!
123rd Susie Kempson 23:46 Twin outboard motor....

GVSS #6 Mornington Grand Challenge Twilight Swim 19/01/2018

6pm event. 1.2km Field of 229
Air Temp 35C-23.6C Sea Temp. 20C Wind Southerly 15- 30km/h fresh

Male

40-49

8th Tony Burt 20:23 Third fastest Marlin

60-69

1st Gerry Tucker 18:42
3rd Trevor Skinner 20:42

70+

1st Bruce Allender 21:17

Female

40-49

5th Kerri Layton 21:29 Just warmed up and the race finished, bring on 2.5kms
13th Allison Rochow 24:22

50-59

7th Daph Briggs 22:24
10th Julie Jansz 24.56
13th Geraldine O'Toole 28:43

60-69

1st Jan Jeffrey 20:16
3rd Sue Boekel 24:23
5th Carol Spencer-Gardner 26:12

9th Annemarie Mulder 35:26

70+

2nd Pam Kempson 32:55

3rd Jane Bradley 40:45

Portsea Swim Classic 20/01/18

Point Nepean National Park

Classic 1.5km, Field of 1350 Gold 2.5km

Air Temp. 24C Sea Temp. 19C Winds S.15km/h

Sea clarity excellent. 1.5km was conducted at slack tide so there was little if any tide assistance.

Males

40-49yrs Field Of 202

12th Juan Aw 19:36:2 Still going strong!

50-59yrs Field Of 168

3rd Simon Horan 15:49.0 5th overall! Fantastic consistency SH.

45th Shaun Latham 21:15.0 Looked really fit running home.

60-69yrs FO 96

2nd Gerry Tucker 16:25.4 8th overall! Chalking up the prizes Gerry

75th Pat Egan 28:06.0 No wetsuit. First season swim.

70+ FO 31

28th John Stanton 29:25.8 Always smiling and looking fitter than ever..

Females

30-39yrs FO 64

35th Kylie Ronalds 29:30.5 Well done new Marlin!

40-49yrs FO 70

6th Siobhan Latham 21:28:2 Great swim Siobhan!

11th Lorraine Aw 22:51:2 Delighted with her swim. It was another good result!

50-59yrs FO 53

5th Daph Briggs 20:40:9 Nice work B&D!

11th Beth Ashwood 23:15:5

60-69yrs FO 18

2nd Jan Jeffrey 19:08.6 73rd OA!

3rd or 4th Sue Boekel 20:25.1

GVSS #7 Mt Martha MMAD Swim Australia Day! 5km, 1.2km

Air temp. 26 C Sea temp. 20C Wind negligible. Sea was flat as...

Team Competition. Marlins first with 28 team members! Third victory in a row.

This event always has a carnival atmosphere; plenty of happy volunteers who really want to make you happy as you try your shirt on for size. Another set of designer gear by Ambr....the Novice swimmers were given rashie tops while the rest of us enjoyed yet another predominantly white shirt. The cheeky announcer was back, giving away lots of spot prizes. We were all upstanding on the beach while we listened to the National Anthem being sung arcopella; Carol and I attempted to sing along. The course was well marked with large buoys ...yahoo! The most challenging

part of the day was finding clear water as there were multiple age groups sent off together. In fact, the saying 'The virtue lies in the struggle, not the prize', certainly rang true today...I gave back as good as I copped and loved it!!! Captain Huggins was paddling in the shallows and was a tad slow in reaching the podium to receive the Team Trophy. They asked for the best looking Marlin, so of course Pam Kempson stepped forward....on ya Pammy! I'm sorry to report that were at least 5 Marlins whose time was not recorded; verry frustrating.

As this was a family day, I've recorded the results of relatives.

Results

5km Open Field Of 134

17th Jeremy Walker 1:18:10 Nice swim.

18th Don Taylor 1:19:06 On ya Don...beat my hero Rod!

23rd Rod Watkins 1:19:20

33rd Mike Rochow 1:23:33 Set the precedent for the rest of the family.

5km Female

3rd OA Emily Selig 1:09:37 2nd female. Fabulous swimmer!

1.2km Field of 584

^ Denotes no time originally registered for these swimmers but a time was miraculously procured some days later....

Females

17 and under

52nd Shelley Hogg^ 24:02 Great to see you competing and making up the third of three generations.

18-29 years Female

21st Rebecca Ho^20:09

40-49years Female

2nd Suzie Bratuskins 16.26 Second fastest Marlin, fastest female Marlin, mum of three, all round great gal...need I say more?

14th Allison Rochow 20.07 Just sooo relaxed.

50-59years Female

3rd Janette Dickey 17.21 Another towel for the cupboard!

10th Daphne Briggs 18.54 Headed off the Seagull!

12th Andrea McNeil 19.18 Passed the back strain to Lorraine.

14th Julie Jansz 19:54 pole swimmer...

20th Sue Murray 22.15 On ya Sue!

26th Janet Nicol 23.16 Good swim!

29th Geraldine O'Toole 23.41 Second season swim.

60-69years Female

1st Jan Jeffrey 17.23 First the worst Janno!

4th Sue Boekel 18.55

6th Carol Spencer-Gardner 20.24 Good swim!

70+Females

3rd Pam Kempson 24.12 Best looking Marlin.

4th Joan Simpson 24.17 Best cake maker...Der!

5th Dorothy Dickey 25:53. Another good swim Dorothy 80+

Males

30-39years Male

*5th Kodie Webb 15.45 2nd claim swimmer. A ripper of a swim Kodie!
14th Jeremy Walker 17.21 after 5km....very impressive for an 'old' married guy!

40-49years Male

6th Juan Aw ^17.12. Wow Juan, you were probably faster than that....

50-59 years Male

11th Mark Huggins 16.42 Despite the pav for breakie! 3rd fastest Marlin!!!!

41st Roger Hogg ^20:07 Hmmmm really?

66th Rod Briggs 28:42 Thirsty for more...

60-69years Male

2nd Gerry Tucker 15.51 Fastest Marlin! Except for Kodie*

5th Don Taylor 16.55 Solid swim after the 5km warm up.

6th Trevor Skinner 17.06 Wow Trev, were you wearing one of those very fast transponders today? Well done!

9th Danny Crossman 18.26

17th Eric Van Tor 20.52

70+ Males

1st Bruce Allender 17.44

12th John Stanton ^30:17 Did it feel that long, John?

Novice Swim 400m

13th Claudia Rochow 7:48 OA 5th female...you must be thrilled!

31st Luke Rochow 9:19 18th male. First OWS. Nice work Rowchows,take a bow.

Great Australia Day Swim Brighton 26/1/18

Thanks for flying the Marlins flag, Rob, Dan, Elana, Catherine, Karen, Megan and Jonesy!

Open 650m

15th Karen Louey 15:39 Very first OWSwim in competition. Congratulations Karen, I'm sorry that I wasn't there to share it with you.

2.5km FO 231

84th Rob Wilson 42:42

1400m FO 389

Females

40-49yrs Females

7th Megan Grant 26:48

50-59yrs Females

6th Elana McNeil 24:45

8th Catherine Curry-Hyde 26:25

Males

50-59yrs Males

1st Dan Wallace 18:18 8th overall. Fabulous Dan, congratulations!

19th Rob Wilson 24:33 wow both events!

GVSS#8 Queenscliff 180 degrees Family Swim 27/1/18

1km Field of 389

Air temp 27+ humid. Sea temp. 19C. Wind SE 20knots. Seas flat as.

In September 2017, LASS Pty Ltd obtained commercial rights to the Queenscliff Blue Water Challenge Event with a commercial arrangement in place to donate money back to the Boroughcotas Swimming Club. Sam Sheppard and Liam Petrie-Allbutt are the Race Directors. The 1km swim started near the Ferry terminal and swept around in an arc, hence the title 180 degrees, and finished south of the pier. We swam with the tide but that made it a challenge to stay on the seaward side of the first few buoys. It was a Rip-per of a swim though as you can see from the fast times. Susan Salter, the Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliff, presented the impressive, 180 blue and yellow medals (one is hanging on the Marlins noticeboard) together with a bottle of Shiraz. All competitors received a long sleeved top which wasn't white!! This was a well organised and must do event next year. The beach conditions were superb and we later enjoyed lunch together at the nearby Garden Cafe.

Results

50-59 years Females

10th Daphne Briggs 11:40

12th Andrea McNeil 12:03

31st Janet Nicol 13:53

60-69years Females

1st Jan Jeffrey 10:48 4th fastest Marlin and fastest female. Marlin GVSS Champion 60-69 years...congratulations Jan; well-deserved title.

3rd Sue Boekel 12:05

4th Carol Spencer-Gardner 13:14

70+ Females

2nd Joan Simpson 15:31

3rd Pam Kempson 15:39

8th Jane Bradley 32:07

Males

30-39years Males

2nd Kodie Webb 9:58 2nd claim swimmer

40-49 years Males

7th Bryan Russo 10:39

11th Eric Cirulis 10:52

60-69years Males

1st Gerry Tucker 9.53 20th Over all. Fastest Marlin!

2nd Don Taylor 10:12 36th OA second fastest Marlin

70+ Males

1st Bruce Allender 11:17

GVSS#9 KRock Ocean Grove 28/1/18

Air temp.37C Sea temp.20C Wind N/NE Seas- mild chop, swam into an off shore current making a straight course tricky. 1.2km 2.5km

1.2km Field of 298

Female

50-59 years

7th Sharon Newstead 23:51 Fastest female Marlin

13th Andrea McNeil 26:49 Hanging in there.

20th Janet Nichol 31:17 Sucking in the saltwater.....

60-69 years

1st Jan Jeffrey 24:04. Humming Jake the Peg as she limped to the finish line.

2nd Sue Boekel 26:09 Transponder issues!

3rd Carol Spencer-Gardner 27:49 Soooo fit!!!!

Males

60-69 years

1st Gerry Tucker 21:10 28th Overall. Fastest Marlin!

4th Don Taylor 22:12 second fastest Marlin with the 1.2km to go.

6th Trevor Skinner 22:38 Swimming very fast but can't run with a torn muscle! Doh!

2.5km Open Field of 124

24th Don Taylor 37:38

Katie Mee 44:29 Transponder issue so her time is approximate. Disappointing coming all this way, swimming with even more of a vengeance today, only to lose the transponder. Let's hope that more market research is done on next year's batch of transponders.

43rd Carol Spencer-Gardner 48:49 Without a wetsuit, then donned a wetsuit for the 1.2km and trotted the 1km down the beach to the start!!!

Congratulations Carol and Don! Wonderful swims today in both events. You are both verrry determined and fit but it takes something special to continue competing to a high level in both events. You are a wonderful inspiration.

It was verrry hot and sunny on the beach today. Carol and Trevor had managed to commandeer the only section of shade on the beach, near and under the stairs. The sand was cool here, so I stretched out and enjoyed watching the beach life. The temperature was climbing to 37C so of course we wore our wetsuits. The start of the 1.2km was about a km down the beach. Most competitors walked while others swam down to warm up. There was shelter, water and FirstAid at the start which was thoughtful.

The current varied with each wave of swimmers, but it was consistently tricky. I followed Janno around the first buoy then kept an eye on her course for most of the race. She had the strength to swim in a straight line while I zigzagged between the buoys. I hear you Pat D, switch on core muscles! The water was deliciously warm with a bit of a chop to the face(just ask Janet).

I am sorry to report that Jan J tore a calf muscle during the long run through the shallows and up the beach. The only plus side to this was that a young, handsome lifesaver came to help her up the beach to the finish line!!! Hopefully by the time this report goes to press, you will be much improved Jan.

GVSS #10 Sorrento Bay Swim 10/2/18

Air temp. 24 C Humid, cloudy. Sea temp. 20C Seas somewhere between flat and moderate! Tide moderate. Winds variable N NE, 5km, 2km

2km Field of 221

60+ Legends

Male

1st Gerry Tucker!!! 27.31 Fastest Marlin 19th over all

4th Don Taylor 29.53 Swam the 4km first, as usual. On ya Don.

Female

60+

1st Sue Boekel 33.07

18-29yrs

12th Rebecca Ho 36.29 Congrats! Getting faster and faster!

50-59yrs

15th Beth Ashwood 36.35 The sugar fixed worked today! You're looking strong!

4km Open. Field of 100

23rd Don Taylor 1:02.01

21st Kerri Layton 1:06.22 Solid swim then back to Interclub!

25th Katie Mee 1:08.13 Well done K's.

53rd Emilio Badoer 1:19.31 Great going Emilio! Good to see you in the challenge...

Natatio Swimwear was a sponsor today, providing a free pair of bathers to the winners. Thank you to Marlin Kylie Ronalds, who is the founder of this UK and Australian company. The bathers look lovely and are slightly longer in the body....take a look!

Rebecca Ho and her mum were welcoming the Marlins home today. Bec put in another solid swim today to finish 12th in a competitive category. The word is out that Sorrento was short of several vanilla slices shortly after the race.....I wonder?

I don't know what Don had for lunch but after swimming 6km for the morning, he deserved some extra calories. I know he took the ferry over to Indented Heads for the next swim!!!

Katie and Kerry geared up for the 4km swim then headed back to Melbourne for the Interclub races.

Port 2 Park Swim South Melbourne 3/2/18

1.1km, 2.2km

2.2km

Female: 8th Carol Spencer-Gardner 42.24

Male: 19th Emilio Badoer 44.52

1.1km

Female

18-29 yrs

4th Rebecca Ho 18.40 Great going!

40-49yrs

6th Megan Grant 19.02

60-69yrs

3rd Carol Spencer-Gardner 18.45

10th Annemarie Mulder 26.34

70+

1st Jane Bradley

Male**50-59yrs**

18th Emilio Badoer 21.50

70+

1st Bruce Allender 16.16

Club to Club Swim Edithvale to Aspendale 1.8km 10/2/18**Female****40-49yrs**

3rd Megan Grant 27:34. Fabulous swim! Great seeing you on the podium with Jonesy.

70+

1st Jane Bradley 39:03

Pier to Perignon (Sorrento to Portsea) Open 4km 11/2/18

Field of 753: 223 Females/530 males. 30th Race Anniversary. The tide was mild as the race started 20minutes after slack tide.

16th Rod Watkins	42:15	Fastest Marlin. Very impressive Rod!
25th Andrew Tucker	42:51	Sore shoulder but a slick time!
38th Luke Rattigan	43:36	Good to see you swimming so well Ratto!
115th Eric Cirulis	48:06	Continuing to swim well.
13th Alex Robson	47:14	107th OA Fastest female Marlin. Excellent!
151st Bryan Russo	49:46	First P2P with great outcome!
167th Shaun Latham	50:16	Great swim today!!
178th Adam Frederick	50:26	I'd like to see your race tracker Adam....
46th Sue Boekel	51:50	
70th Siobhan Latham	54:02	
511th John Stanton	1:08:59	
527th Pat Egan	1:13:37	Go Bombers!!

First swimmer across the timing pads was Gregorio Paltrinieri in 35:57. He is an Italian Olympic champion. Amongst his credentials, Gregorio is the Olympic and world long course and short course champion and three-times European long course champion in the 1500 m freestyle event at the 2012, 2014 and 2016 European Aquatics Championships.

I was equally impressed with the performances of our Marlins though; Rod Watkins looked terrific after the race with his blonde spikey hair and very fast time. Speedster Andrew Tucker has been suffering from a shocking shoulder injury but had his first 'hit out' for the season today and didn't disappoint coming home in 25th position. It was also great to see Luke Rattigan competing and so strongly. Now

if we could only tempt Michael Harding back into the open water events, I'd be happy!

Eric Cirulis has swum strongly in many events over the season so I'm hoping he'll be tempted to compete in the eminent Long Course pool events.

Sometimes fast lane swimmer and mum, Alex Robson was sooo nervous before the Swim. She had been training all season in the hope of finishing within the top 20 females and in the top 100 overall. She finished, knowing that her brother had beaten her in, in 44 minutes, but freaked out when it came to light that her time had been lost!!!! Shock horror, how could this happen after all the training? She wasn't the only one who had timing problems. Anyway, the powers that be found her time and she was awarded 13th place and 107th overall. Congratulations Alex! You're a talented swimmer who has worked consistently in the pool all year. You deserve your euphoria after reaching number 13; your new lucky number!

Bryan Russo arrived at the start, bright eyed and bushy tailed, having never swum this event before. I supposed that he had done some homework regarding the course but ahem, he hadn't! I made a few suggestions about starting wide of the first buoy, then heading out into the channel by aiming at 'the stick', a channel marker. I neglected to tell him about tucking in tight around the final buoy though and thought guiltily about that during the swim. He was far more serious at the 'race' end, "I didn't have a clue where the course was!" This might have been because there were only two buoys! I think that we were supposed to use the boats at their moorings as a rough line to guide us. "I didn't know where the end was!" But that wasn't quite true as a board rider directed him away from the next stop, The Heads, and into the shore...tee hee, Bryan must have swum very wide before swimming in, but he had plenty of company!!! He is such a strong swimmer, that he finished within the top third of the males; a top outcome considering the circumstances. He is coming back next year!!!

Wreck 2 Reef Indented Head 11/2/18

2.5km Open Field of 70

Male: 9th Don Taylor 39:52

Female: 17th Carol Spencer-Gardner 50:39

1.2km FO 158

Male

70+

1st Bruce Allender 19:02

60-69yrs

1st Don Taylor 17:39

3rd Trevor Skinner 18:03

Female

60-69yrs

2nd Carol Spencer-Gardner 22:01

This is one of Carol's favourite races. The sailing club at Indented Heads operates the event with the help of Thirteenth Beach lifesavers. Two yachts were bought for

the sailing club with the profits, last year. Carol enjoys the community feel of the day and the generosity of the podium prizes!! The 2.5 km was introduced for the first time this year and Carol reported that it was tough going as they were swimming against the tide for a most of the event. It didn't stop her from finishing 2nd in the 1.2km. Well done Carol!

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