



GREAT SALT POND SWIM-6

On Saturday, July 31st, our sixth annual Great Salt Pond Swim took place at Andy's Way, and was a great success! In addition to creating awareness of this great resource, this is a fundraiser to supplement our water testing program in the recreational swim area. Although we lost last year to Covid, 98 swimmers took part in the event, ranging in age from 12-78 and one of our swimmers completed the virtual version of the swim! The first person out of the water was Logan Hellwig with an amazing time of 21 minutes!

The weather Saturday morning was not perfect and although the sun was shining there was a significant breeze blowing in from the west. The combination of the breeze and chop created a challenge for the swimmers on their way out toward Beane Point but assisted them on their way back. Swimmers were in the water at 11:00 a.m. for the one-mile swim which brought people of all ages and swimming abilities together, since this is not a timed event or a race. There were triathletes, college swimmers, leisurely swimmers, and those who were there to socialize with their friends. This has truly become a community event with an audience of friends and relatives sitting in beach chairs, cheering for the swimmers, a Block Island tradition and yearly event!

The Great Salt Pond Swim - 7 will take place at Andy's Way on Saturday, July 30, 2022. You can sign up for the swim at cgspblockisland.com - click 2022 Swim (where you will find a participant packet) - click Register. Registration is also available on Active.com. The registration fee is \$60.00 and on-line registration will open October 1, 2021. See you July 30, 2022 at Andy's Way!



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OUR MISSION: To protect and enhance the environmental quality of the Great Salt Pond, including its shorelines and wetlands, and to promote appropriate and productive uses of the Pond's resources by residents, visitors and local businesses.

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