

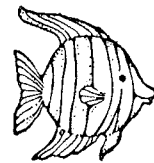
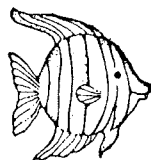
A HISTORY
OF THE
CAYMAN ISLANDS
PIRATES
WEEK



3 MILE
SWIM

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HISTORY OF THE PIRATES WEEK THREE MILE SWIM

1.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The first Three Mile Swim was initiated and organized by Raglan Roper. The course was from the George Town Dock to the Galleon Beach Hotel. Tortuga Club dive-master Darby Bodden won the race in 1hr.39mins. with dive-master Peter Milburn 30secs. behind him. John Miller was 3rd., 15yr. old Peter Stafford was 6th., David Foster 8th. and first lady 16yr. old Sandy Tatham 9th. Kathy MacKay was 2nd. lady. There were 12 finishers and about another 10 swimmers did not finish (DNF).

Miss Cayman 1980, Devon Watler, presented the trophies at the Ports of Call Restaurant (now The Wharf).

7.30am.Sunday,26 October, 1980

1. Darby Bodden	1:39	6. Peter Stafford	1:59 (15yrs).
2. Peter Milburn	1:39:30	7. Nigel Phillips	
3. John Miller		8. David Foster	
4. Dave Williams		9. Sandy Tatham	1.Lady
5. Christian Grantz		Kathy MacKay	2.Lady

2nd. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

7am. Saturday, 31 October, 1981

This was also organized by Raglan Roper, with different age-groups: 12-18yrs. 19-35yrs. 36-50yrs. 51yrs. & over. Of the 20 entries, 19 finished. The race started from Bob Soto's Glass Bottom boat in the George Town Harbour and finished at Galleon Beach Hotel.

17 year old Shane Foster was the overall winner and winner of the 12-18 yr. age group in a record time of 1hr.24mins. 27yr. old Brian Reynolds, a*visitor from Canoga Park, California was second overall & winner of the 19-35 age-group, 5mins. behind Shane. Last year's winner, Darby Bodden was 3rd. overall, bettering his last year's time. David Foster was 10th. overall & winner of the 36-50 age-group. His eldest son, 14yr. old John Michael Foster, was 8th. 13yr. old John Michael Stafford, the youngest swimmer & brother of 4th. placed Peter, decided to swim instead of spectate half an hour before the race began! He finished at the same time as Skinny Donalds. They were followed by first lady Charlotte Malabre.

Raglan Roper presented the trophies at the Ports Of Call Restaurant.

	hr:min	age	age-group	place
1. Shane Foster	1:24	17	12-18yr.	1
2. *Brian Reynolds	1:29	27	19-35	1
3. Darby Bodden	1:31	26	"	2
4. Peter Stafford	1:39	16	12-18	2
5. John Miller	1:47	19	19-35	3
6. Richard Hew	1:54	16	12-18	3
7. Nigel Phillips	1:55	23	19-35	4
8. John Michael Foster	1:56	14	12-18	4
9. Derek Webber	1:56	35	19-35	5
10. David Foster	1:58	39	36-50	1
11. John Michael Stafford	2:13	13	12-18	5
12. Skinny Donalds	2:13	36	36-50	2
13. Charlotte Malabre	2:23	21	Lady	1
14. Curtis Ebanks	2:24	17	12-18	6
15. Julian Bostock	2:27	16	12-18	7
16. Karen Ebanks	2:45		Lady	2
Burnell Bodden	2:45			
18. Elspeth Patterson	2:49		Lady	3
19. Jane Darvell	2:50		Lady	4

3rd. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile SwimOctober, 1982

Information on the 1982 & 1983 3 Mile Swim Meets is sketchy. The 1982 Swim was probably on Saturday, 30 October, from the George Town Dock to Galleon Beach, in good conditions.

Alfred Ebanks won and Carson Ebanks was second. Other swimmers were John Miller, Tim Byrne, Derek Webber and possibly Darby Bodden and Nigel Phillips.

4th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim3pm. Saturday, 29 October, 1983

On Thursday, 27 October there was an early season Nor'wester, which caused problems for the yachts that sailed the Jamaica to Grand Cayman Race. Several of the yachts raced back, leaving that afternoon for Montego Bay, but one dragged her anchors and ran aground off Galleon Beach. The sea was still choppy on the Saturday for the 3 Mile Swim. It was a very rainy day and there was a very small turn-out.

Again Alfred Ebanks won and Carson Ebanks was second, both very competitive triathletes. Paul Sleep swam and possibly John Miller and Nigel Phillips.

5th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim3pm. Saturday, 27 October, 1984

There were 13 swimmers on the George Town Dock, ready to race to Le Club Cayman Resort Hotel (Galleon Beach), but there was no official starter, time-keeper or other support personnel (apart from family members) as there was no association for organizing swimming events (the Triathlons were organized by Nautilus). Alfred Ebanks asked John E. Stafford (who taught and encouraged his sons, Peter & John Michael, to swim and sail) to act as starter and time-keeper.

20 year old Shane Foster, who returned from college in the U.S. won, repeating his 1981 victory. He fought off a strong challenge from 41 year old *Chris Gibbs from Barbados, of the Merryman Band - here to play at the Pirates Week festivities. Both Chris and a visiting businessman from Miami, 5th. placed *Martin Gray, swam considerably further out to sea.

Alfred Ebanks was 3rd., Peter Stafford 4th. The first five finished within 6mins. of each other. More than half the competitors were triathletes (T), the distances of the December 1982, '83 & '84 Budweiser/Nautilus Triathlons were:

1 Mile Swim; 35 Mile Bike & 8 Mile Run.

		hr:min:sec.	age	
1.	Shane Foster	1:25:08	20	
2.	*Chris Gibbs	1:26:35	41	
3.	Alfred Ebanks	T	1:28:52	
4.	Peter Stafford	T	1:30:10	19
5.	*Martin Gray	T	1:31:05	
6.	Judith Allen	T	1:41:24	22 1st. Lady
7.	Kit Teasdel	T	1:49:15	2nd. Lady
8.	Clare Joy	T	1:50:16	3rd. Lady
9.	Nigel Phillips		1:51:29	
10.	Tim Byrne	T	1:52:47	
11.	Steve Bassett		2:11:31	
12.	Paul Sleep	T	2:12:10	38
13.	David Foster		2:37:07	42

(* = visitor)

The ladies did exceptionally well with Judith Allen, a teacher at the Lighthouse School, coming in 6th., Kit Teasdel 7th. & Clare Joy 8th. Nigel Phillips, whose team won the team event of the 1982 & '83 Triathlons & was 3rd. in 1984, was 9th., followed by Tim Byrne, Steve Bassett, Paul Sleep and Shane's uncle, David Foster.

Seven of the swimmers competed in the Renard's Sportsworld 15K (9.3miles) Road Race the following day, which Tim Byrne won in 53:29 mins. (5:45 minute mile) from a field of 38 runners. Alfred 60:38, Peter 71:00, Judith 71:33, Kit 71:36, Paul 78:14 and Clare 81:05.

Chief Pirate Mike Lockwood presented the trophies for the Swim.

To put things in perspective, it is worth recording here the overall results of another major endurance event, the 1982, '83 and '84 Triathlons and the wonderful spirit of competition between Tim Byrne, Carson Ebanks (who went to university in Canada in 1984), Alfred Ebanks and the emerging young Peter Stafford.

The distances were: 1 mile Swim, 35 mile Bike & 8 mile Run.

1st. Budweiser/Nautilus Triathlon. Sat. 4 Dec. 1982

1. Tim Byrne	3:16:41	8. Lewey Ebanks	3:57:44
2. Carson Ebanks	3:17:32	9. John Strobridge	4:00:29
3. George Keane	3:32:43	10. Peter Larder	4:09:16
4. Derek Webber	3:38:43	11. Jeff Parker	4:20:14
5. Alfred Ebanks	3:40:37	<u>Ladies</u>	
6. Martin Wilkinson	3:43:46	1. *Lyn Schermerhorn	4:23:24
7. Dave Sargison	3:56:07	2. Linda Barlow	4:40:45

2nd. Budweiser/Nautilus Triathlon. 7am. Sat. 3 Dec. 1983

1. Tim Byrne	3:07:46	10. *David Altshulker	3:43:27
2. *Patrick Poupart	3:11:48	11. *Kit Teasdel	3:47:47
3. *Glenn Elask	3:16:24	12. Jim Boyd	3:57:16
4. Carson Ebanks	3:16:36	13. *Larry Adams	4:03:10
5. *Tom Sousa	3:28:00	14. Oliver Jackson	4:03:12
6. Clive Weston	3:36:53	15. Grant Stein	4:05:35
7. Martin Wilkinson	3:37:28	16. Paul Sleep	4:10:25
8. Derek Webber	3:38:23	17. Laura Ribbins	4:28:24
9. George Kean	3:41:21	18. Linda Barlow	5:07:50

N.B. Alfred Ebanks, who had recently had a bout of 'flu, was first out of the water, but developed cramp & was unable to finish.

3rd. Bud-Light/Cayman Nautilus Triathlon. Sat. 8 Dec. 1984

1. Tim Byrne	2:57:02	14. *Marjorie Milliken	3:37:50
2. Alfred Ebanks	2:58:23	15. *David Altshulker	3:38:52
3. *Patrick Poupart	3:03:19	16. Judith Allen	3:42:02
4. *William Johnson	3:08:20	17. *George Don	3:44:39
5. *Lynne Huntington	3:19:20	18. Grant Stein	3:46:16
6. Peter Stafford	3:20:19	19. *Geoffrey McClain	3:51:24
7. *John Propeck	3:24:56	20. *Lyn Schermerhorn	3:57:34
8. Kit Teasdel	3:26:11	21. *Richard Boebel	4:12:11
9. *Patricia Daymon	3:26:39	22. *Margaret Boebel	4:32:55
10. *David Halpern	3:28:35	23. Harry Horne	4:37:08
11. Clare Joy	3:31:44	24. *Rosemary Anderson	4:46:23
12. Malcolm Davies	3:24:25	25. Elroy Walton	5:17:17
13. *Sixto Linares	3:36:56		

Tim Byrne caught Alfred Ebanks in the later stages of the run to win for the third consecutive year. Alfred had the fastest swim & bike times. Patricia Damon was just 4secs. behind him out of the water. 19 year old Peter Stafford had the 4th. fastest swim & bike times & Malcolm Davies had the 4th. fastest run time.

6th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

4.

3pm. Saturday, 26 October, 1985

The 1985 3 Mile Swim was organized by the recently constituted Cayman Islands Amateur Swimming Association, whose Founder Members were: Clare Joy, Gerry Harper, Derek Banks, Reg Koster, Alfred Ebanks, Jan Pereira, Peter Stafford, Ann Stafford, Laura Ribbins, Doug Bickerton and from Cayman Brac: Leon Jackson & Rosalind Wilson.

The course was the same as in previous years, from the George Town Dock across the harbour to Pageant Beach, then following the shoreline to Villas of the Galleon (northern end). A tropical wave had passed through Cayman earlier in the week, to become Hurricane Juan in the Gulf of Mexico by Sunday. Conditions were not the most favourable, with a westerly wind blowing, the sea rather choppy and the going tough. By the Royal Palms Hotel the leading pair of the 11 hardy swimmers were only seconds apart, but some 10 minutes ahead of the others.

Reg Koster won, with Peter Stafford, (the only competitor to have done the Swim in previous years), some 3 minutes behind him. First lady home was Carole Page, who started late; her actual swimming time was 1:43:50. Sue Hale, the only other lady, battled on to the end, despite the unpleasant conditions.

Two injured runners competed for the first time: Victor Thompson (3rd.) and Frankie Flowers (8th.). 18 year old Dayton Ebanks won the trophy for the youngest and Peter's father, John, 5th., won the trophy for the eldest on his 44th. birthday. Robin "Bird" Alexander presented the trophies, provided by the Pirates Week Committee, on the beach at sunset.

1. Reg Koster	T	1:13:58	7. Carole Page	1:47:40	1st.Lady
2. Peter Stafford	T	1:16:41	8. Frankie Flowers	1:53:31	
3. Victor Thompson		1:31:57	9. Dayton Ebanks	1:55:50	
4. Arlen Bodden		1:35:45	10. Jim Fraser	1:58:49	
5. John E. Stafford		1:38:00	11. Sue Hale	T	2:42:12 2nd.Lady
6. Marc Powell	T	1:45:12			

7th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

3pm. Sunday, 26 October, 1986

A high-level field of 18 competitors met at the George Town Dock to swim to Villas of the Galleon, in ideal conditions.

The visiting Barbadian duo of Chris Gibbs & Angus Edghill took top honours, with 1984 winner Chris, of the Merryman Band, just one second ahead at the finish. They rated this the best long distance swim they had competed in. Newcomer Roland Crouch was 3rd. & his wife Fran, 7th., was 1st. lady. Sue Hale was 2nd. lady. (From April, she & Tony Huseman had been temporary Lions Aquatic Centre Directors until the arrival of Gil & Eleanor Fennie in October).

Many swimmers had personal records. 22 year old Shane Foster, 1981 & '84 winner, won the trophy for the youngest & 65 year old John Davies, in his first 3 Mile Swim, won the trophy for the oldest. John E. Stafford provided the refreshments on this, his 45th. birthday.

1. *Chris Gibbs	1:09:23	10. Tim Davies	1:33:58
2. *Angus Edghill	1:09:24	11. Frankie Flowers	1:34:23
3. Roland Crouch	1:11:03	12. John E. Stafford	1:35:17
4. Reg Koster	T 1:14:12	13. Shane Foster	1:37:06 (youngest)
5. Alfred Ebanks	T 1:14:52	14. Peter Larder	T 1:48:27
6. Peter Stafford	T 1:15:59	15. Ian Saville	1:55:50
7.L.Fran Crouch	1:17:26	16. Frank Banks	1:56:30
8. Victor Thompson	1:22:46	17. John Davies	2:03:18 (oldest)
9. Doug Bickerton	T 1:32:26	18.L.Sue Hale	T 2:37:57 2nd. lady

(* = Visitor, T = Triathlete, L = Lady)

8th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

5.

3pm. Sunday, 25 October, 1987

Again there were 18 swimmers, but this time with a record number of 5 ladies, who swam across the harbour from the George Town dock to the Villas of the Galleon. There was a chop & an adverse current, so times were much slower than last year's.

Peter Stafford won for the first time in this, his 6th., 3 Mile Swim. Alfred Ebanks was 2nd. & Victor Thompson 4th. one week after the pair had completed their fund-raising swim across North Sound, 7.25 miles in difficult conditions: strong currents, cross-winds & schools of jelly-fish. Reg Koster, recently resigned President of the Swimming Association, was 3rd. and 1st. lady Kathryn von Offenheimer (KVO) was 5th.

Only 5 secs. separated brothers Frankie & Clarence Flowers. Two 10 year olds swam very well, with Tristan Abbott 9th. & James Bettany 13th., who won the trophy for the youngest swimmer. Triathlete Clare Joy was 2nd. lady. Both doing this distance event for the first time were Peter's wife Claire & his mother Ann (the historian), who went from 3 strokes to 3 miles in 9 months at the age of 44. ("If I can do it, anybody can!") 66 year old John Davies won the trophy for the oldest. Only one swimmer didn't finish (DNF).

1987 was the first year of the Olympic Distance Triathlon: 1.5K Swim 0.93 miles; 40K Bike 25 miles; 10K Run 6.2 miles (December) and in May, 25 year old Brac Aquatics dive instructor Jeff Miller swam 5 miles from West End Point, Cayman Brac to Point of Sand, Little Cayman.

1. Peter Stafford	T	1:23:57	10. Frank Banks		2:09:42
2. Alfred Ebanks	T	1:27:50	11. Clare Joy	T	2:16:54 2nd.lady
3. Reg Koster	T	1:29:57	12. Sarah Wareham		2:17:08 3rd.lady
4. Victor Thompson		1:35:20	13. James Bettany		2:21:00 youngest
5. L.K. von Offenheimer		1:40:20	14. Claire Stafford		2:23:11 4th.lady
6. Mark Smith		1:42:21	15. Ann Stafford	T	2:24:25 5th.lady
7. Frankie Flowers		1:46:21	16. Ian Worth		2:29:54
8. Clarence Flowers	T	1:46:26	17. John Davies		2:57:06 oldest
9. Tristan Abbott		2:06:16	18. Stuart Elliott		DNF

9th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

3pm. Sunday, 23 October, 1988

Six weeks after Hurricane Gilbert hit the Cayman Islands, there was a record number of 9 youngsters & 7 ladies, a total of 24 entrants, ranging in age from 9 to 67 years, to swim the 3 miles. The course was shifted north for safety reasons, to avoid swimming across an increasingly busy George Town harbour. Swimmers started from The Wharf Restaurant (formerly Ports of Call) & finished at the northern end of the Public Beach.

It was a more difficult start because of the coral heads. Peter Stafford won, with Victor Thompson 2nd., Frankie Flowers 3rd. & 11 year old Tristan Abbott an excellent 4th. Clarence Flowers, Frankie's brother, was 5th. & Peter's wife, Claire, was first lady, an impressive 6th. place overall. She was very closely followed by juniors Martin Leggatt & Caroline Marr, & Pierre Gross. Peter's father, John, was 10th. and his mother, Ann, 17th. She was closely followed by 9 year old William Jones, who won the trophy for the youngest. 67 year old John Davies won the trophy for the oldest.

The Honourable Norman Bodden, Executive Council Member for Tourism, Aviation & Trade, presented the trophies at the Public Beach in the failing light. As the ceremony came to a close, a persevering young Tony Whitty, accompanied by a shore lifeguard, crossed the line.

There was no December triathlon due to the lack of a race director.

1988 Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim (continued)

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1. Peter Stafford	1:17:39	12. Mike Riddell	1:53:03
2. Victor Thompson	1:27:33	13. Rainer Steuer	1:53:14
3. Frankie Flowers	1:33:15	14. L.Lucinda Bennett	1:55:02
4. J Tristan Abbott	1:35:13	15. Greg Rivers	1:56:54
5. Clarence Flowers	1:36:49	16. L.Nicola Jordan	2:00:32
6. L.Claire Stafford	1:41:09	17. L.Ann Stafford	2:06:34
7. J Martin Leggatt	1:41:25	18. J William Jones	2:08:45 (youngest)
8.JL.Caroline Marr	1:41:26	19. J Stuart Forster	2:26:57
9. Pierre Gross	1:41:31	20. John Robertson	2:32:14
10. John E. Stafford	1:46:37	21. John Davies	2:38:58 (oldest)
11. J James Bettany	1:52:27	22.JL.Lindsey Green	2:39:49
		23.JL.Jackie Marr	2:39:49
		24. J Anthony Whitty	3:10:46

10th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

8am. Sunday, 29 October, 1989

Twenty-one entrants, ranging in age from 9 - 48 years, met at The Wharf Restaurant in the morning this year, for safety reasons, there is less boat traffic than in the afternoon, & because of a young swimmer finishing in deteriorating light conditions last year.

After assessing the current, the Swimming Association decided to reverse the course & swim from North to South for the first time. The start was from the northern end of the Public Beach & the finish at The Wharf.

It became a 3 way race between two previous winners, Chris Gibbs from Barbados & Peter Stafford, & young Chris Coleman, a visitor from the U.S. They covered the first $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in 12:30mins., then picked up the pace, reaching the mile mark in 23:45mins. By half way, Coleman had dropped out & retired, leaving the leaders clear in 35mins.

The youngest entrant, 9 year old Lisa Abbott also dropped out, affected by sea-itch. Sea-itch was felt off Holiday Inn & other places where the bottom isn't sandy, but there were no visible signs in the water.

It was an incredibly close race; Peter & Chris continued stroke for stroke to the finish, with Peter adjudged the winner by a hand. Henry Southall, from Vermont, USA, the oldest competitor, was 3rd., with Victor Thompson a minute behind him. The finish-line judge was kept busy: 1st. lady, young Caroline Marr just pipped 11 year old Tristan Abbott, who won the trophy for the youngest. He was followed closely by 2nd. lady Claire Stafford. Greg Rivers just edged out David Titcombe and Martin Allen just beat Martin Leggatt (returning after injury.) 11 year old Samantha Erskine from Cayman Brac was 3rd. lady. Last to cross the finish line was 4th. lady Ann Stafford (oldest swimmer trophy)

It was a fast race and many of the competitors swam personal bests. The field included triathletes preparing for the Budlight/Fitness Connection Triathlon in December, from Coconut Harbour: 0.75K Swim 0.47miles; 20K Bike 12.4miles; 5K Run 3.1miles.

1. Peter Stafford	T	1:11:13	11. Mark Powell	T	1:44:15
2. *Chris Gibbs		1:11:13	12. Greg Rivers	T	1:45:44
3. *Henry Southall		1:19:31	13. David Titcombe		1:45:46
4. Victor Thompson		1:20:31	14.J Martin Allen	T	1:47:30
5. Frankie Flowers		1:25:20	15.J Martin Leggatt		1:47:32
6. Rolf Leuenberger		1:26:03	16.J Samantha Erskine		1:49:45 3rd.L
7.J L Caroline Marr		1:31:14	17. Chuck Hunt	T	1:50:14
8.J Tristan Abbott		1:31:17	18. Peter Barlas	T	1:50:26
9. L Claire Stafford		1:32:34	19. Ann Stafford	T	1:50:33 4th.L
10. Fin Temple		1:40:20	20.J *Chris Coleman		DNF
			21.JL Lisa Abbott		DNF

(* = Visitor, J =Junior, L =Lady, T = Triathlete)

11th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim (2 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles) 7.
8am. Sunday, 28 October, 1990

During the week there were 3 weather systems affecting the Cayman Islands: a surface low pressure area, a Tropical Wave & upper level low, and a cold front. On Saturday the sea was still rough from the early season Nor'wester, preventing the Pirates from landing by boat. By Sunday the wind had gone back to the N.E., but it was very windy & although the sea was calmer, it was still stirred up.

However, 11 of Cayman's most intrepid swimmers braved the weather and swam the abbreviated course from the northern end of the Public Beach to the Radisson Hotel. It was a wild ride! There was a big swell & the tops of the condos kept disappearing from swimmers' sight! Times were very fast; Peter Stafford won for the 4th. consecutive year, in a little under 50 mins.; the race organizers barely had time to set up the finish mark! Victor Thompson & Frankie Flowers also finished in under an hour.

Lisa Hall, a visitor from California, was 1st. lady; she was followed by 12 year old James Bettany, the only junior, who won the trophy for the youngest. Ann Stafford & Merja Pesonen were 2nd. & 3rd. ladies respectively & 69 year old John Davies braved the cold & choppy water to win the trophy for the oldest swimmer. The trophies were presented on the beach at the Radisson Hotel. C.I.A.S.A. President Richard Jones expressed thanks to the sponsors & volunteer race officials, especially the crews of the 3 rescue boats, who had monitored the swimmers throughout the race, in conditions which required considerable boat-handling skills.

1. Peter Stafford	49:53	6. *Lisa Hall	1:03:04	1st.lady
2. Victor Thompson	52:20	7. James Bettany	1:04:32	youngest
3. Frankie Flowers	54:45	8. Ann Stafford	1:08:14	2nd.lady
4. Fin Temple	1:00:27	9. Peter Scoots	1:13:25	
5. Tim Byrne	1:00:44	10. Merja Pesonen	1:21:10	3rd.lady
		11. John Davies	1:25:29	oldest

12th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim
8am. Sunday, 27 October, 1991

There was a record entry of 29 this year: 21 men, 8 ladies - and all finished. The course was the same as in 1988, from The Wharf Restaurant to the northern end of the Public Beach. There was an adverse current for a mile or so, otherwise conditions were favourable.

Peter Stafford was again the winner. 14 year old Tristan Abbott, the youngest swimmer, snatched 2nd. place from Victor Thompson by seconds. He was behind him all the way, but just beat him at the finish. Frankie Flowers was 4th. 7th. placed Kate Copley was 1st. lady, with Kelly Garrett & 14 year old Leanne Buchanan 2nd. & 3rd. ladies respectively. Leanne just edged out another young swimmer, Dominic Ross, by 3secs. 70 year old John Davies won the trophy for the oldest swimmer.

1. Peter Stafford	1:16:15	16. Greg Rivers	1:43:27	
2.J Tristan Abbott	1:20:25	17. Frank Banks	1:44:56	
3. Victor Thompson	1:20:58	18.JGraham Allen	1:45:53	
4. Frankie Flowers	1:26:44	19. Celine Macken	1:46:24	4th.lady
5. Andrew Broadley	1:28:58	20. John E.Stafford	1:48:24	
6. Paul Cox	1:29:00	21. Ann Stafford	1:49:07	5th.lady
7. L Kate Copley	1:31:01	22. Heather Plume	1:50:01	6th.lady
8. Tim Byrne	1:34:22	23. Peter Scoots	1:56:12	
9. L Kelly Garrett	1:35:00	24. Laura Ribbins }	1:59:25	7th.lady
10. Richard Smiley	1:35:14	25. Phil Leather }	1:59:25	
11. Clarence Flowers	1:36:33	26. Danielle Bueker	2:02:46	8th.lady
12. Hugh Thomas	1:36:58	27. Geoff Woodman	2:07:51	
13.JL Leanne Buchanan	1:39:54	28. Timothy Arnold	2:13:23	
14.J Dominic Ross	1:39:57	29. John Davies	2:27:58	oldest
15. David Walker	1:40:40			

13th. Annual Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim

8.

8am. Sunday, 25 October, 1992

There were 28 entrants (one didn't finish): 16 men & a record 12 ladies, with 3 in the top 10. The course was reversed: northern end of the Public Beach to The Wharf Restaurant. The waves were coming from the north; (there had been a stationary front interacting with a Tropical Wave earlier in the week).

Peter Stafford won for an incredible 6th. consecutive year. It is worth noting that no lady has ever won this race twice. Victor Thompson, a very consistent high-placed swimmer, was 2nd. There was confusion in the race for 3rd. Frankie Flowers, another consistent swimmer, was 2½ mins. ahead of Alastair McKenzie. But, probably due to fogged-up goggles, he missed the mandatory turn around the final buoy & suffered a 3 min. penalty, pushing him into 4th. place.

Then came the ladies. Sheri van Hamersfeld & Kelly Garrett matched each other stroke for stroke for the entire race. Sheri just pipped Kelly across the line by one second. Kate Copley finished 2½mins. after them, in 7th. place overall. There was another close finish between Clarence Flowers & Marc Powell.

Trophy for the youngest went to 13 year old Christian Wells, Peter Stafford's brother-in-law. Christian was visiting Cayman for his sister, Claire's, Law School graduation. Trophy for the oldest went to 71 year old John Davies for a record 6th. time - a wonderful achievement. Tina Abbott, Tristan's younger sister, dropped out after 1½ miles.

Many of the swimmers had taken part in a series of 3 popular sprint triathlons earlier in the year (¼mile Swim; 9mile Bike; 2 mile Run), followed by a ½ Olympic Distance Triathlon: 0.5mile Swim; 12.5mile Bike; 3.1mile Run.

1. Peter Stafford	T 1:14:03	15. Frank Banks	T 1:35:43
2. Victor Thompson	1:16:52	16.L Claire Stafford	1:36:21
3. Alastair McKenzie	1:24:09	17. David Walker	T 1:39:29
4. Frankie Flowers	1:24:33	18.L Celine Macken	T 1:45:17
5. L Sheri van Hamersfeld	1:24:36	19.L Penny McDowell	T 1:48:55
6. L Kelly Garrett	1:24:37	20. Greg Rivers	T 1:49:46
7. L Kate Copley	T 1:27:17	21.L Heather Plume	T 1:49:59
8. Tim Byrne	T 1:30:02	22.L Ann Stafford	T 1:50:21
9.J Tristan Abbott	T 1:30:42	23. Peter Larder	T 1:52:51
10. Fred Nerlinger	1:31:03	24.L Laura Ribbins	T 1:53:18
11. Clarence Flowers	T 1:32:52	25.J*Christian Wells	2:12:07 Y
12. Marc Powell	T 1:32:53	26.L Suzy Degazon	2:15:15
13. Hugh Thomas	T 1:34:18	27. John Davies	T 2:34:52 O
14. L Nicola Jordan	T 1:34:54	28.JLTina Abbott	DNF

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Conditions were near perfect, although there was an adverse current, so times were comparatively slower. There were 19 entrants, (15 men, 4 ladies), including some new faces; all finished. The start was off The Wharf Restaurant, beyond the coral heads, to the northern end of the Public Beach for the finish.

There was a keen race for 1st. place, with newcomer James Bebarfald, a dive-master from Melbourne, Australia, winning. Lawyer Peter Stafford was 16 secs. behind him. Another newcomer, Andy Crowe was 3rd., Victor Thompson 4th., followed by Tristan Abbott, who won the trophy for the youngest. Rick Toucey, 8½ mins. behind him, won the trophy for the oldest.

Nicola Jordan was 1st. lady, 7th. overall. She was closely followed by 51 year old masters swimmer from Connecticut, Peter Moody, an improved Frank Banks (another lawyer), Fred Nerlinger, & an improving David Walker (an aspiring lawyer). (Nicola Jordan is the top ladies

runner). Tim Byrne, a top runner, was 12th., followed by 2nd. lady Kate Copley & brothers Clarence & Frankie Flowers. Another top runner Tony Grainger was next, followed by visitor David Squire & ladies Penny McDowell & diarist, Ann Stafford, grandmother of 5, in just over 2 hours.

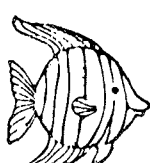
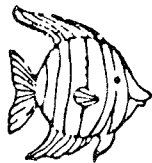
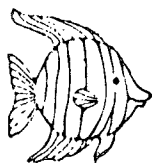
1. James Bebarfald	1:17:03	11. David Walker	1:36:38
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There are now many activities squeezed into the crowded Pirates Week calendar. The Jamaica to Cayman Yacht Race finishes on the Thursday or Friday, the Pirates Week 5K Run is on Friday afternoon, followed by the Fireworks Display. The Pirates Landing & Float Parade are on Saturday afternoon & the 3 Mile Swim early on Sunday morning. In 1993 the Old Schooners Revival Race to the 12 Mile Banks & back was on the same day. Then there are Cycling Races, Underwater Treasure Hunt, Kids Triathlon & Kids Pool Meet. These are the events that the Swim, Bike, Run, Sail & Dive crowd: participants, parents, officials, have to juggle around. In 1994 there's another event: the Pirates Week Triathlon (Olympic Distance: 1.5K Swim; 40K Bike & 10K Run) on the 2nd. Sunday of Pirates Week - 30 October.

The Pirates Week 3 Mile Swim is a well-established event. Safety is the main consideration, that is why the course & time haven't always been the same. Competitors times as a whole can be compared from year to year; the northern post of the northern cabana on the Public Beach is a constant, but the Start, (or in some years, Finish), off The Wharf Restaurant has been modified. (It's shallow and there are coral heads.) And of course waves & current vary according to differing weather conditions. It is an excellent long-distance event, in the ideal warm & clear waters of the Caribbean Sea, parallel to the white sands of the Seven Mile Beach. It requires advance training & attracts swimmers of all ages. Trophies (Pirates Week plaques) are presented to the top finishers, male & female, & to the Youngest & Oldest competitors, sponsored by the Pirates Week Organization, who also arrange for the excellent random prizes.

In this year of accent on family participation in Sports, the most notable in the 3 Mile Swim have been the Foster, Hale, Crouch, Flowers, Marr, Abbott, Jones, Whitty & Stafford families over the years.

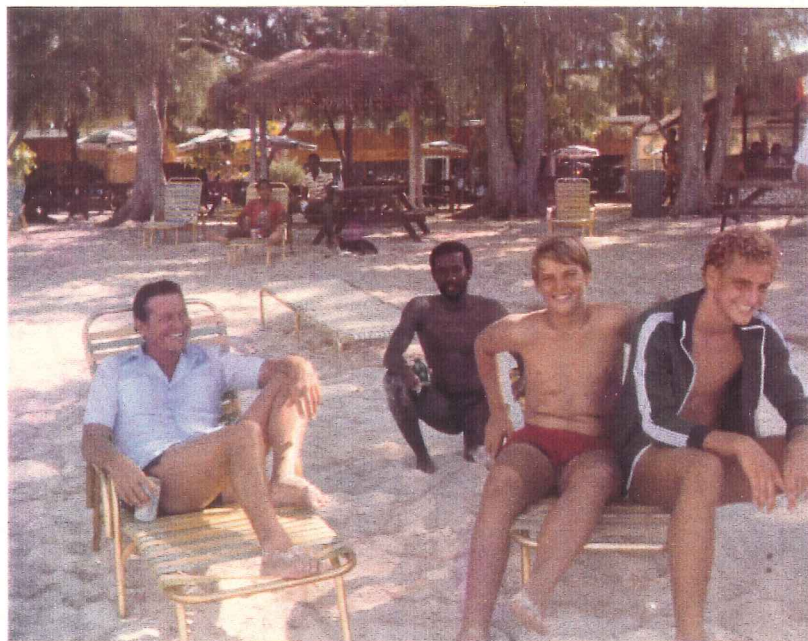
Thanks go to the many people to whom the event owes its success, in particular: Chief Pirate Mike Lockwood & the Pirates Week Committee, the Cayman Islands Amateur Swimming Association (CIASA), competitors, both local & visitors, Dr. Mike Hetley & the Red Cross, lifeguards, rescue boat operators, the Police, Cayman Islands Water-sports Operators Association, The Wharf Restaurant, volunteers, families & friends who act as spotters, monitoring their swimmer's progress, & stalwart individuals: Victor Thompson of Texaco, Vice-President of CIASA & Frankie Flowers of C.L. Flowers & Sons & swim-meet officials, especially Richard Jones, CIASA President & Colin Abbott, former CIASA Vice-President & officials extraordinaire Barbara & Alan Jones, for their outstanding dedication.



Ann Stafford.

July, 1994.

PIRATES WEEK 3 MILE SWIM



1981

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Four winners, each have won in different years. 1984
Chris Gibbs, Shane Foster, Peter Stafford, Alfred Ebanks
(Barbados) '81, '84 '87-'92 '82, '83.



Carole Page (1st Lady), Reg Koster '85.

1985



The start, George Town Dock -
high-powered competition.

1986

PIRATES WEEK 3 MILE SWIM



Youngest and oldest 1987.

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Finish at The Wharf Restaurant.

1989



L. CLAIRE (1st Lady) & PETER STAFFORD.

1988



Finish at the Radisson Hotel, 2 1/4 miles, a wild ride!

1990