



RAVES & REVIEWS BY SOME OF THE BEST

Many marathon swims are solo affairs with a Spartan crew. Sometimes you can meet a fantastic group at a swim like MIMS. But SCAR was really special. I have never been in an environment where I could swim with and socialize with a group of world-class marathoners and enthusiastic kayakers and local organizer over a 4 day period. I met some of my marathon heroes and made lifelong friends.

*Ned Denison, Ireland Triple Crown Swimmer
International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame*

Amazing assembly of kayakers and volunteer crew - just spectacular. I was lucky enough to attend the final two swims, and I am so glad to have made the trip out to Arizona! Hanging out with some of the most respected marathon swimmers in the world is an incredible gift!

*Darren Miller, Pennsylvania Triple Crown Swimmer
Oceans Seven Swimmer and founder of Forever Foundation*

The best 5 days ever swimming and relaxing with old and new friends in AZ.

*Elizabeth Fry, Connecticut Triple Crown Swimmer
Double Crossing of English Channel
Race Director of Swim the Sound*

The race was so well-organized. The talent and experience of the field of participants is unmatched to any event I have done ... I would like to go back to swim here for training because it's perfect temperature with clear water and clean, great conditions.

*Grace Van Der Byl, California
Record Holder for Catalina Channel
Record Holder for 8 Bridges Hudson River Swim*

Has to be at the top of the list of the most scenic swimming venues in the world.

*Barbara Held, California Triple Crown Swimmer
Half Century Club Member*

Four days of awesome destination swims. Some of the most beautiful I have ever swum. He got a great group of world class people to show.

*Greg O'Conner, Massachusetts Triple Crown Swimmer
Race Director of the Boston Light Swim*

The banks of the river/lake are lined with sage and saguaro cacti that alternate between open areas and tall canyon walls rising straight out of the water. The rugged beauty of this lake is breathtaking, and I was at times distracted . . . wanting to focus my attention on one feature or another.

*David Barra, New York Triple Crown Swimmer
Race Director 8 Bridges Swim
Epitome of a Passionate Open Water Swimmer*

I could swing my eyes upward a bit and see the brilliant starry sky that we never get to see in light-polluted Phoenix. It was gorgeous. Add to that the neat effect of my orange glow stick wrist band and one of my pink glow sticks that was on a longer string flopping around and this was the closest I think I'll ever come to a swimming rave. I didn't even need club music to get totally lost in the zone of swimming. I was really digging it.

*Patrick Brundage, Arizona World Ranked Masters Swimmer
USMS High Volume Workout's Coach*

An amazing swim and great group.

*Jen Schumacher, California Catalina Channel Swimmer
Sports Psychology Consultant*

An incredible event & I'm in awe of the whole thing - the people, the locale & how great it all worked & felt - inspiring!

*Mo Siegel, New York Triple Crown Swimmer
Half Century Club – Catalina Channel*

This was one of the most enjoyable, laid back and flat out fun swims I've done. It was more swim camp for adults than race, which is really how I think marathon swims should be.

*Sarah Thomas, Colorado Triple Crown Swimmer
World Open Water Female Swimmer of Year Nominee*

It is an experience not to be missed. The desert landscape was unlike anything I'd seen before. It was amazing to be able to swim in water surrounded by cactus-y landscapes and sheer canyon walls. The swims were definitely challenging, but the atmosphere was always mellow and fun--you won't meet friendlier people anywhere.

*Janet Harris, New York and member of Cibbows
USMS Swim Blog – Swim Addict*

Very inspired this week to have swim with so many marathon swimming “greats” - experience and inspiration of a lifetime.

*Tori Gorman, Australia
Catalina Channel, Rottneest Channel and Manhattan Swimmer*

Special thanks to Ned Denison for schooling me day after day until finally I snuck past him the last day as he was staring at the stars during the night swim.

*Joe Bakel, Colorado Triple Crown Swimmer
Director of Fort Collins Horsetooth Swim*

Apache made me want to cry for my mommy....

*Dr. Kurt Dickson, Arizona
USMS All American Distance Swimmer*

I remember wondering where the swim start would be :) . . . 25 minutes later I found it...Next year Zipline swim start?

*Katie Benoit, Colorado Triple Crown Swimmer
Oceans Seven Aspirant*

It was so beautiful I kept stopping and pulling up my goggles for a better view.

*Bob Needham, Oregon
Catalina Channel and Manhattan Island Marathon Swimmer*

Such a great event!!! Kent's enthusiasm + Beautiful Arizona + Great Group of Swimmers – it was an amazing combination.

*Katie Kenny, Arizona
Swim the Suck Swimmer
Marathon Swimmers Forum Charter Member (WaterGirl)*

The caliber of athletes Bella had the privilege to swim with is still a little surreal to me yet these same world class athletes treated her like one of her own.

*Katherine MacMillan-Whited, Arizona SCAR Crew
Mother of Bella Whited, 15 year old SCAR Swimmer*

The camaraderie that had built up over the last 4 days made it clear that no one wanted this special gathering to end.

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SCAR, so much has been said about it. But a picture tells a Thousand words. This photo was taken on the 1st day of SCAR the three swimmers did not know each other and came from different parts of the world. Yet after SCAR when one of the swimmers found himself stranded with no crew for his English Channel Attempt later in the year all three were reunited in Dover to help their fellow SCAR swimmer. Our SCAR time together gave us a Bond that we would drop life to help our fellow swimmer. Maybe I'm sentimental but I'll look back so happy!

*Roger Finch, South African Triple Crown Swimmer
(pictured David Barra, Roger Finch and Bob Needham)*

An eight part uncensored blog of Ned Denison's 2013 SCAR experience:
<http://fermoyfish.com/2013/05/05/guest-series-neds-scar-swim-challenge-part-8/>