

Long Reef Ocean Swim, Sunday, December 16, 2007

Anti-clockwise at Long Reef



Yes, yes, Glistening Dave was at Long Reef, and here is how he saw it.



Off they go, out onto Sydney's only anti-clockwise course.



Melee.





Water safety was complete. All they needed was paddlers.



Now ... where's that finish line?



Art from Glistening Dave.



After Bondi-Bronte neglected to put on anything post-swim -- water? fruit? Nothing! ... The fruit spread has become a yardstick of the quality of a swim as an all-round experience. Bilgola, as usual, was superb. Then came Long Reef: mangoes, strawberries, cherries, pineapple, water melon ...



Two of Mona Vale's finest, "Mark the shark spotter" ... can see sharks in Bongin Bongin Bay from 500 yards, with
"Jane the exercise
mistress", who takes Dad's Army for their 5.30am constitutional ... bringing them all back totally wasted!.



"Anyway, I said to him, mate, I said, you put that board in between them flags, and I'll have you ... And he said ..."
"Yeah ... uh huh ... sure ... yeah, right ..."



Look! There's one ...



We're glad the Long Reef coves didn't use the oceanswims.com booeys.





There's someone hiding behind this water sculpture.



Up close and personal #32



Can we get an ice cream if we do this swim thingy? Can we? Huh?



Mrs Sparkle, with her broken rib, disobeys doctor's orders.





After fighting her way through the peloton and the break, Rosie Langley knew she couldn't keep putting off that dental appointment.



"How the hell did I get roped into this?"







Bryce Songberg is swimming faster than ever following his shoulder reconstruction, eager to get back to the beach in order to get back to his office to process more tax returns, superannuation issues, and resolve more accounting conundra for his clients.



Mr Cheiky made an appearance at Long Reef without Reg, leader of the Judean People's Front. Is Mr Cheiky setting up as a splitter?



Up Close and Personal #75







Up close and personal #76



Up close and personal #77



Up close and personal #



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Up close and ...



There's something going down, here. Graham Hardy holds court, fascinating (from l-r) Celso Grati, Katrin Jonsson, Colin Dunlop and Peter McRae, who pretended to be interested but really was composing, in his inner monologue, the Feedback that you'll find by [clicking here](#).



The lads in the ducky always create a splash. That's why they do it.



Shoulder's dropping a bit.



After the swim, a bald, fat git is regaled on the beach by someone who was announced at the presentation as "Cyril Baldstick", and who claimed he managed to squeeze in two sessions a day, as he trains for the World Masters Open Water in Perth in March. Cyril Baldcock, on the other hand, indeed swims two sessions a day. He's retired, you see, and has nothing else to do with his time, apart from corner fat bald gits on beaches.





Every artisan needs a tool box, and this is oceanswims.com's. He's been in a good paddock, indeed.



All done. For another year.



If anyone has wondered, ever, what oceanswims.com sees in Mrs Sparkle, as well as red hair and freckles, then cop this lot: a platter of fruit mince tarts, and a cup cake tree of fairy cakes. She's a pearler, our Mrs Sparkle, especially when it comes to Xmas. And isn't Graham Hardy glad he found someone to guide him to Tacoma Jim and the Spec Girl's place for lunch after the Long Reef swim, for he'd never have found his way to this place without assistance.

Doug Lucas – President Long Reef SLSC – Winner of James Squire Feedback award! December, 2007.

The best feedback email each week will receive a case of James Squire beer, courtesy of Malt Shovel Brewery.

Latest winner of the James Squire Feedback award? Doug Lucas, President of Long Reef SLSC and organiser of the Long Reef Ocean Swim, for responding so quickly to swimmers' gripes, both by dispatching goods within hours to swimmers who perceived wrongs in the swim, and in writing in a Feedback to oceanswims.com answering the criticisms and giving as good as he got. Good on you, Doug. [Click here to read Doug's email](#). If Doug would like to contact us ([click here](#)), we'd be delighted to arrange a carton of James Squire for him.