



## OBSERVER'S REPORT FOR AN OPEN WATER SOLO SWIM

Report Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Members: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Swim: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Finish Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance of Swim: \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers / statute miles / nautical miles

### **Biographical Information on Swimmer**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website/Blog \_\_\_\_\_



**INFORMATION ON BODY OF WATER**

Type (mark as appropriate): Ocean Sea Lake Channel River Bay Reservoir Pool  
Rowing Basin Fjord Lagoon Canal Dam Lagoon Lido

Name(s) of Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Distance: \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers/statute miles, nautical miles

Temperature at Start: Water: \_\_\_\_\_ °C / °F Air: \_\_\_\_\_ °C / °F

Temperature near Finish: Water: \_\_\_\_\_ °C / °F Air: \_\_\_\_\_ °C / °F

Any significant temperature changes en route? Yes / No

If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., night swim, rainfall, strong winds, up currents from depths)

Weather Conditions at Start: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe wind speed, wind chill, humidity, cloudiness, visibility

Water Conditions at Start: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., glassy, flat, moderate surface chop, whitecaps, rough)

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: An empirical measure for describing wind velocity based mainly on observed sea conditions.

- Beaufort Number -- Sea Conditions (wave height in meters)
- 0 - Flat (0 meters).
  - 1 - Ripples without crests (0.1 meters).
  - 2 - Small wavelets. Light breeze. Crests not breaking (0.2 meters)
  - 3 - Large wavelets. Crests begin to break. Scattered whitecaps (0.6 meters)
  - 4 - Small waves. Moderate breeze (1 meter)
  - 5 - Moderate longer waves. Some foam and spray (2 meters)
  - 6 - Large waves with foam crests and some spray. Strong breeze (3 meters)
  - 7 - Sea heaps up and foam begins to streak. Moderate gale (4 meters)
  - 8 - Moderately high waves with breaking crests (5.5 meters)
  - 9 - High waves (6-7 m) with dense foam. Strong gale (7 meters)



10 - Very high waves. Visibility is reduced. Sea surface is white (9 meters)

11 - Exceptionally high waves. Violent storm (11.5 meters)

12 - Huge waves. Air filled with foam and spray. Hurricane (14+ meters)

**Hourly Report on Conditions** Describe all relevant conditions of water conditions, water and air temperature, time of day, currents, waves, tides, feeding (type and amount), position of escort boat and other watercraft, marine life (including jellyfish, dolphins, turtles, sharks, sea snakes, Portuguese man-o-war, sea nettles, manta rays, sea lions, etc.), appearance of pollution, flotsam or jetsam, surf, clouds, fog, length of feeding or other stops, soreness, evidence of hypothermia or hyperthermia, mental alertness of swimmer, general visibility, injury, proximity of other watercraft, strokes per minute pace, amount of kick, body position, etc.

Day 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass



Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 5: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 6: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 7: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 8: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_



Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 9: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 10: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 11: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Day 12: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beaufort Wind Force Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass

Finish Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe GPS readings, physical location, city name, land mass



**Equipment Used**

Did the swimmer wear a wetsuit? Yes / No

If so, what was the thickness of the wetsuit? \_\_\_ mm

What was the configuration pattern of the wetsuit? Full / Half / Sleeveless

Did the swimmer wear a technical or protective swimsuit past the shoulder or below the knees?

Yes / No

If so, what was the material and configuration pattern of the swimsuit? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the swimmer wear a neoprene swim cap? Yes / No

Did the swimmer use ear plugs? Yes / No

Did the swimmer wear more than one swim cap? Yes / No

Did the swimmer use hand paddles, fins, buoys or other items to increase propulsion? Yes / No

If so, what was used? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the swimmer use skin lubrication? Yes / No

If so, what was used? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the swimmer use a shark cage or other type of enclosure? Yes / No

If yes, describe the cage or enclosure including the dimensions and method of propulsion and the physical location of the cage. Was a protective mesh for jellyfish used?

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Please include any other information and explain any other deviations from the standard English Channel rules that will help document and explain the uniqueness of the swim.

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I affirm that the statements and information made above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Observer's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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WOWSA Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Swimmer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send two signed copies to:  
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