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Dear Swimmer,

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SANDOWN TO SHANKLIN SEA SWIM 2011

As a competitor from previous years, or having pre-registered your interest in participating in this year's Sandown to Shanklin Sea swim, I am pleased to enclose / attach an entry form for this event. The swim will be held on **Saturday August 13th with a 13.00pm Start at Sandown**. Registration will be held in the Sandown Lifeboat Station from 11.15 am to 12.15 am. Details and map will be sent with entry confirmation.

The 2011 event will be hosted by the Isle of Wight Marlins Swim Club and Shanklin Regatta Committee. In previous years this has proved to be a popular event with a high level of Open Water swimmers applying for entry places in the swim. As it is necessary to limit the numbers of entry for the safety of all swimmers entry forms will be accepted on a strictly first come first served basis. So to avoid disappointment be sure to return your applications promptly by post, not e-mail, as they will only be accepted if they are accompanied by the entrance fee cheque. At present we have a database of nearly 400 swimmers which is ever growing so we would be greatly obliged if you could inform us if you no longer have an interest in this event and would like your name removed from the database.

For insurance compliance, you are asked to note the following, which include but are not limited to :

- The start will be from the beach.
- Minimum age for participation – 18 years.
- Limitation on entry numbers.
- Strict swimmer to support craft ratio adherence.
- No personal accident insurance cover for swimmers over 70 years or swimmers who are **not** members of the BDLA.

Other points to note are :

- Certificates will be awarded to all those completing the course.
- Trophy award categories on separate document.
- Wet suits are permitted but will exclude the swimmer from competing for any of the awards.

Please Note : Last year as there was a higher number of wetsuit wearers than in previous years it became apparent that there is now a need to record swimmers who intend to wear wetsuits to ensure that they are not inadvertently included in the winning of any awards. It would be appreciated therefore if you could ring this choice on the entry form if you intend wearing a wetsuit so that we may note your choice on the database. **All** wetsuit wearers will be noted during the beach check directly before the start of the swim to confirm that they have been entered on the database accordingly.

All that remains is to say return your entry form early. We look forward to meeting old friends and new on August 13th on the beach at Sandown.

Regards

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