

Summary of Observer Responsibilities
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1. Pre-swim

- a. Be familiar with:
 - i. the SBCSA website, <http://santabarbarachannelswim.org>
 - ii. accessing the observer portal, <http://santabarbarachannelswim.org/observers/> (user = observer; password = social8)
 - iii. accessing the current ocean conditions, <http://santabarbarachannelswim.org/conditions/>
- b. Receive swimmer application via email (includes swimmer contact information)
- c. Make contact with the swimmer—you are now the primary SBCSA contact with the swimmer; be proactively available to the swimmer
- d. Ensure swimmer has provided the Support Waiver to all crew members to pre-read – they must sign the waiver when they board the boat (SBCSA will make sure that swimmer has an electronic version of the waiver)
- e. Ensure swimmer provides you the dock location of the escort boat, and the time/date for meeting at the dock
- f. Prior to the swim, contact Theo Schmeeckle (tschmeeckle@gmail.com, 805-827-2296) to gain possession of the Observer Kit that you will take on board the escort boat (Theo lives in Ventura, close to both Channel Islands Harbor and Ventura Harbor – 1180 Azalea Way; Apt. 106; Ventura, CA 93004)
- g. Let your swimmer know the link for his/her swim, to Live Tracking—so they can provide their friends with a URL to view a real-time map of their swim. The link is <http://santabarbarachannelswim.org/tracking> and the swimmer's name and route will show there for 48 hours before the scheduled swim start and for at least 48 hours after the swim end.
- h. Bring observer notebook to swim (swim logs, rules, waivers). See page 9 of the Observer Instruction Manual for suggested items to bring on the swim

2. On the boat

- a. **Have all of the swimmer's support crew sign the Support Waiver**
- b. Open the Observer Kit, and pull out the SPOT unit, bullhorn, rescue tube, and throw bag
- c. Read the rules aloud to swimmer and support crew
- d. Ensure the swimmer, support crew, and the pilot boat captain are in synch regarding approaches to the boat by swimmers and kayakers
- e. Activate the SPOT device fifteen minutes prior to the swim start
- f. Capture the start time of the swim (hh:mm:sec)
- g. Document the swim regularly in the log sheets
- h. Document the swim duration down to hh:mm:sec

3. Upon return to harbor

- a. Immediately notify Evan (415-890-3866 or evan@marathonswimmers.org) of the unofficial results (regardless of whether the swim was successful or not)
- b. Return the Observer Kit to Theo, indicating if any items were used, so that he can replenish the Kit as needed
- c. Within a week mail the original swim log and support waivers to Jane Cairns (5094 Cathedral Oaks Rd. Santa Barbara, CA 93111)
- d. Ensure Jane has your mailing address for sending your check from the SBCSA

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