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Dear Swimmer,

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SANDOWN TO SHANKLIN SEA SWIM 2012

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 **Sunday August 19th with a 14.15pm Start at Sandown**. Registration will be held in the Sandown Lifeboat Station from 12.30 pm to 13.30pm. Details and map will be sent with entry confirmation.

The 2012 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 will not be permitted.

Please Note : In previous years we have allowed wetsuit wearers to enter but they were not eligible to claim awards. Due to the ever increasing number of wetsuit wearers and in fairness to non wetsuit swimmers, it has been decided that, although this swim is not an ASA swim, in accordance with their guidelines we will not be offering places to wetsuit wearers in 2012.

All that remains is to say return your entry form early. We look forward to meeting old friends and new on 19th August on the beach at Sandown.

Regards

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