Scott Clark, John Brennan Steve Reeves, Elliot Yeo

Northumberland Strait Sunday, 4th September 2016



(L-R) John Brennan, Elliot Yeo, Steve Reeves, Scott Clark

Cape Jourimain (NB) to Borden (PEI)

- Scott Clark (53), Linkletter, PE, Summerside MastersI: 6:18, Wetsuit
- John Brennan (41), Bayside, PEI, Summerside Masters: 6:25 Wetsuit

Cape Jourimain (NB) to Cape Traverse (PEI) – See GPS image (below) for his course

• Steve Reeves (40), Freetown, PEI, Summerside Masters: 7:04, Wetsuit.

Cape Jourimain (NB) to Bell's Point (PEI)

• Elliot Yeo (29), Summerside, PEI: 6:24, Wetsuit

Support

- Safety Boat and Navigator: Mel Crane, Kensington, PEI
- Support Kayaker: Karen Brennan, Bayside PEI
- Support Kayaker: Mike MacKinnon, Miscouche, PEI

Times

- Start Time: 06:20 hrs
- Swim Times:
 - Scott Clark 6:18
 John Brennan 6:25
 Steve Reeves 7:04
 - o Elliot Yeo 6:24

Weather

- Water 17ºC.
- Air 23ºC
- Wind: Light but increased to 15-20 knots from SE

Details

- All 4 swimmers wore wetsuits and swam freestyle.
- No one used any floatation or swimming aids.
- End Point:
 - The plan was to be swimming on the West side of the Bridge using the outgoing tides to push us West and then back East with the incoming tides. Low tide change over was at 8:21 am; however, we immediately began being pushed East with both the outgoing and incoming tides.
 - Scott Clark and John Brennan landed in Borden just in front of the Lighthouse closest to the Bridge.
 - Elliot Yeo rerouted at mid point and landed at Bell's Point.
 - Steve Reeves rerouted at mid point and landed in Cape Traverse. The GPS on the images was recorded by his support kayaker.

Feeding etc.

- The 4 swimmers were accompanied by 2 support kayaks.
- One was a traditional sea kayak with outriggers while the other was large sit-on-top model.
- The sit-on-top model carried hydration supplies at its front and rear and the swimmers would have reached in to get this.
- None of the swimmers left the water for any reason including bathroom breaks, nor were towed in any manner; however, none would absolutely certify that at no point did they touch a kayak. In fact, John Brennan and Steve Reeves had seasickness and do have vivid memories of briefly touching the kayaks while vomiting at the mid point of the Strait.









Data and photos were provided by John Brennan with additional material from Elliot Yeo