Cape Jourimain (NB) to Borden (PEI)

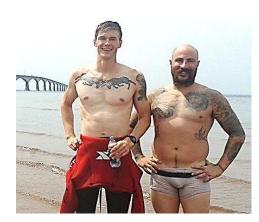
- Jeremy Davidson (32) 5:43, Non-Wetsuit
- Andrew Järvis (22) 5:11 Wetsuit

Support

- Medic/Safety kayaker: Joshua Leskie
- Stand-By Satety Boat: Capt. Hanson Spence
- Timekeepers: Sherise Davidson and Tara Leskie

Times

- Start Time: 06:23 hrs
- Finish Times:
 - Andrew Järvis, 11:34 hrs
 - o Jeremey Davidson, 12:06 hrs.



Andrew (L); Jeremy (R)

Weather

- Calm seas with winds 10-15 knots southerly
- Scattered clouds, 26°C

Details

With only three weeks left in which to practice, Jeremy, with his friend and fellow Canadian Forces member Andrew Jarvis, was at it again this past weekend at Cape Jourimain, NB. Together with Medic/Safety Kayaker Joshua Leskie (also a member of the Canadian armed Forces) all three men headed out to what would be Jeremy's fourth crossing in training for his upcoming charity event he calls the "Bigger Swim" for the Neil Squire Society. Swimming under almost ideal conditions, Jeremy and Andrew started out at 06:23 in what both men referred to later in the day as "very, very cold water!"

With the current running very light and easy to the left of the bridge, they were able to swim next to the bridge most of the time until the last big curve at which time they decided to play it safe and headed west before the tide turned at 1045. It must have been the right decision because the Harbour Seal that had been following them for the past few hours concurred and fell in line right beside Davidson without losing a stride! The tide effect was in fact so slight, compared to other swims, that by 11:00 it was hardly even noticeable to the swimmers (the Seal wasn't complaining either. "It would have been an excellent day to continue on and complete the crossing back," Jeremy later commented.

I went closer to the bridge to see the effect of the water and noticed the effect of the tide and made a mental note of "this where it happens . . . the closer you get to the bridge the more the water sucks everything through".

The two men were fortunate enough to have their wives, Sherise Davidson and Tara Leskie, and their four children (two each per family, with the Davidson's expecting again in December) waiting for them on the shore of PEI. Keeping four kids busy five hours is pretty hard work too!

#4 No Wetsuit!

Jeremy Davidson