

**1979 National AAU  
Marathon Long Distance Swimming**

**Ten Mile Championship**

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**One Mile and Three Mile Swims**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Seal Beach  
“Rough Water” Swim**

**Sunday, July 22, 1979**

**Seal Beach, California**

**Sanctioned by: The Amateur Athletic Union**

**RESULTS**

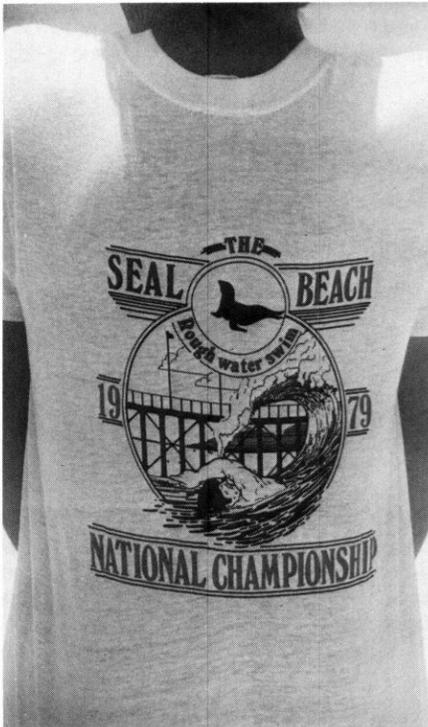
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### National AAU Marathon Championships

What marathon swim competition lacks as a spectator sport it more than makes up for in post-race story-telling. Everyone is fascinated by the dramatic tales of just what happened, and the July 22 AAU Marathon National Championship was no

exception. The 10-mile race from the Huntington Beach Pier to the Seal Beach Pier in Southern California was a thriller. It was also the first AAU-sanctioned distance championship held in salt water, a well-organized and safe race. All entrants were accompanied by a paddler on a surfboard and the entire “fleet” of swimmers and paddlers was patrolled by Coast Guard vessels.

Dawn on July 22 brought the first “south swell” of the summer—waves up to eight feet high! Nineteen starters were battered by the heavy surf and strong currents, which impaired visibility and carried the swimmers a quarter mile down the beach from where their paddler escorts were waiting. A full six minutes after the start San Francisco Olympic Club swimmer Mike Garibaldi finally found himself just outside the break line, a pair of broken goggles in hand. He watched his chief competitors in the Masters division swim away—first Dave Scott of the Davis Aquatic Masters team in Northern California, then Bill Damm of Pasadena’s Cal Tech Masters. Tough ocean competitor Bill Randall, who was first through the surf line, seemed to be swimming in first position and John York was up there, too. After getting a new pair of goggles from his paddler, Garibaldi took off.

All five top competitors were within three hundred yards of each other for the first hour of the race when Dave Scott found the chilly 60° water taking its toll and decided to quit. Before swimming to shore he stopped to urge his friend and sometimes rival, Mike Garibaldi, to “go

for it.” Garibaldi turned it on, pulling up even with Bill Damm at about two hours into the race. To no avail. Damm soon moved away and continued to gain easily on the leaders, Bill Randall and John York. He passed York (eventual third-place finisher, 3:26:45) at about two and one-half hours and pulled around the Seal Beach Pier to finish strongly in 3:17:27, second overall to Randall’s winning time of 3:09:11. Garibaldi was fourth in a time of 3:29:13 and Suzanne Heim was first woman finisher, fifth overall, in 3:33:09.

The drama, however, was not confined to the race among the frontrunners. Tom Clardy, a 34-year-old swimmer who lost a leg after a 1974 automobile accident, was the last—but the happiest—finisher. He swam for nearly seven hours fighting the cold and constantly worsening conditions, eventually emerging from the water on crutches to an ovation from hundreds of waiting spectators on the beach.

#### RESULTS

1. Bill Randall	Surfside	3:09:11
2. Bill Damm	Cal Tech	3:17:27
3. John York	Orca	3:26:45
4. Mike Garibaldi	Olympic	3:29:13
5. Suzanne Heim	Dolphin	3:33:09
6. Preston Drake	SoCal	3:34:09
7. Cindy Cleveland	Orca	3:48:01
8. Erin Porter	Southern	4:00:08
9. Pat Hines	Unatt.	4:02:09
10. Tammi Lavachek	Orca	4:10:56
11. Bill Kincheloe	Surfside	4:15:03
12. Dean LaChasse	SPA	4:30:06
13. Tom Thompson	SMSC	4:30:07
14. Michael Odaka	Westwood	4:31:38
15. Tom Clardy	Unatt.	6:53:35

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## One and Three Mile Results

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JULY 22, 1979

### One Mile

AAU WOMEN 18-24  
1. L. Hathcock (19) Unatt. 22:05  
2. N. Hoffman (23) Unatt. 38:36

NOVICE WOMEN 18-24  
1. S. Walsh (18) Unatt. 22:39  
2. S. Stiver (21) Unatt. 23:13

MASTER WOMEN 25-34  
None

MASTER WOMEN 35-44  
1. C. Jewell (37) Beach 24:37  
2. P. Scribe (41) Unatt. 28:02  
3. G. Cobain (36) Unatt. 30:33  
4. C. Cecil (38) Unatt. 33:32

MASTER WOMEN 45-54  
1. B. Edler (51) Unatt. 34:14  
2. C. Aukerman (49) Unatt. 41:51

MASTER WOMEN 55 & Over  
1. M. Powers (57) Unatt. 34:44  
2. R. Alexander (62) Unatt. 48:38

### Three Mile

AAU WOMEN 18-24  
1. G. Urban (19) CSLA 1:20.04  
2. L. Schmucker (23) Davis 1:26.26

NOVICE WOMEN 18-24  
1. R. Clark (21) Unatt. 1:23.32  
2. J. Regan (20) Foothill 1:33.05

MASTER WOMEN 25-34  
1. L. Comar (26) Westside Stokers 1:32.42  
2. K. Watson (31) Conn. Masters 1:36.03  
3. L. Wright (28) Westside Stokers 2:05.09

MASTER WOMEN 35-44  
1. P. Little (35) Westside Stokers 1:31.36  
2. J. Gray (41) Santa Monica 1:41.26

### MASTER WOMEN 45-54

1. B. Talbot (53) Long Beach Masters 1:59.56  
2. Lois Briggs (50) Unatt. 2:11.31

### One Mile

AAU MEN 18-24  
1. S. Matsuah (18) Beach 30:38  
2. L. Jaffaa (18) Beach 31:19

NOVICE MEN 18-24  
1. S. Weir (20) Newport Beach Lifeguard 21:59  
2. R. Wallace (23) Foothill 22:00  
3. D. Paine (24) Unatt. 22:38  
4. B. Wudrick (21) Unatt. 27:34  
5. J. Weir (23) SBSC 28:14  
6. J. Bentson (22) Unatt. 28:50  
7. R. Brown (21) Unatt. 29:10  
8. D. Stevens (23) Unatt. 31:50  
9. P. Espinoza (19) Unatt. 44:09  
10. A. Gianformaggio (18) Unatt. 44:52

### MASTER MEN 25-34

1. I. Okumara (31) L.A. County 21:11  
2. F. Lammers (26) Unatt. 23:15  
3. T. Thorson (25) Venice 23:40  
4. F. Uno (25) Unatt. 24:01  
5. B. Lyon (34) Unatt. 24:16  
6. M. Westmoreland (26) Unatt. 25:49  
7. D. Barrus (33) LA Metro 27:06  
8. J. Abernatha (34) Venice 28:55  
9. M. Dondero (26) Unatt. 29:03  
10. M. Bosch (27) Piteairn Island 29:11  
11. B. Anderson (31) S.B. Firefighters 31:16  
12. J. Corcoran (33) Westside Stokers 31:51  
13. R. Paine (30) Unatt. 32:55  
14. M. Newton (28) Unatt. 35:18

### MASTER MEN 35-44

1. R. Bergstrom (38) Fullerton 23:40  
2. L. Lasman (36) Unatt. 25:11  
3. D. Nelson (37) Unatt. 25:40  
4. M. Dooney (44) Venice 28:52  
5. D. Michels (39) Venice 31:43  
6. R. Durker (39) Los Alamitos Masters 32:00  
7. C. Walker (39) San Bernardino Valley 32:10

### MASTER MEN 45-54

1. J. Klein (46) Unatt. 25:25  
2. M. Kivlin (50) Westside Stokers 25:40

### MASTER MEN 55 & Over

1. G. Weston (60) Unatt. 29:36  
2. N. Miller (63) Unatt. 49:39

### Three Mile

AAU MEN 18-24  
1. T. Henika (21) CAT 1:04.05  
2. S. Penn (18) Spyrogyra 1:15.00  
3. A. Pepito (21) Spyrogyra 1:17.03

### NOVICE MEN 18-24

1. C. Holland (19) S.B. Lifeguard 1:11.48  
2. P. Gilbert (20) Capitola Lifeguard 1:16.16  
3. R. Wallace (23) Foothill 1:16.52  
4. J. Hill (24) Unatt. 1:37.58

### MASTER MEN 25-34

1. F. Heckl (28) Unatt. 1:09.56  
2. H. Johnson (31) Westside Stokers 1:11.28  
3. M. Gilmore (26) Westside Stokers 1:17.21  
4. T. McCarty (34) Olympic 1:21.34  
5. P. Clarkson (25) Unatt. 1:23.32  
6. D. Brockbank (25) Davis 1:24.38  
7. J. Carranza (26) Unatt. 1:25.32  
8. S. Jones (34) Dolphin SF 1:29.01  
9. D. Shapiro (33) Westside Stokers 1:29.50

10. C. Fisher (25) Unatt. 1:32.11  
11. A. Click (32) Westside Stokers 1:42.33  
12. R. Garcia-Montes (25) Unatt. 1:51.05

### MASTER MEN 35-44

1. B. Kanner (39) Cal Tech 1:24.30  
2. H. Bobys (38) Westside Stokers 1:26.37  
3. D. Lamott (44) Coronado Masters 1:31.14  
4. J. Zinn (36) Unatt. 1:41.32  
5. B. Wilkins (43) Culver City 1:45.08

### MASTER MEN 45-54

1. B. Schumacher (49) San Diego County 1:28.32  
2. P. Buckley (48) Huntington Beach 1:29.01

### MASTER MEN 55 & Over

1. W. White (57) Westside Stokers 1:45.55  
2. R. Bowker (57) Unatt. 1:56.25