



Cabo Rojo Challenge 2013, II Edition.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. BASIS.

- a) DATE: Saturday 22nd of June 2013.
- b) LOCATION: Municipality of Cabo Rojo, Pedernales province, Dominican Republic.
- c) TIME: 8.00 am
- d) START AND FINISH: Spot of Cueva De Los Pescadores until the Bahía de Las Águilas beach (see further on the types of crossings).
- e) CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION: please contact:

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2. GENERAL INFORMATION.

Cabo Rojo Challenge is organized as an exhibition event without no support referenced to any association, federation, master club or any entity or organism related to the swimming discipline.

This event is an open water swimming trial that consists in the following short and large course crossings:

CROSSING	CATEGORY	DISTANCE	LIMITED TIME	AWARDS
A	Open	2K	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
B	Open	4K	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
C	Open	8K	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Escort boats to assist the logistics of each one of the crossings will be available and groups until the maximum quantity of 10 swimmers could be set up by each boat and by crossing. However, the groups' formation will be made according to resistance and physical



capacity of the swimmers between meetings that will be held by the staff committee of this event with the confirmed participants. Also the staff committee will decide if it's feasible that a particular group approach any of the crossings as a relay taking 30 minutes each swimmer in the first swim and later 15 minutes each in the following swims.

Important note no. 1: all swimmers must be physically fit, in excellent health and fully trained in order to complete with success the event. It is "not" recommended that a swimmer with only few sessions of training both in swimming pool and open water prior to 4 months of the date announced for the event confirms his/her participation.

3. CROSSINGS.

The swimming circuits in each one of the crossings are as they're shown in the following satellite photos:

- I. **CROSSING A:** it comprises a route of 2 kilometers from the Cueva De Los Pescadores starting spot up to the point where the reefs end. Those swimmers arriving first to the finish point before the escort boat assigned to their group must wait for the rest of the swimmers of their group to arrive so that they can all together be transported to the rally point which is located within another 2 kilometers from this finish point. Take into consideration for those arriving first that the depth at this finish point is only a few feet long. As a precaution before making a step, just verify to do it in a space covered by sand.

Those swimmers encouraged and willing to complete the swimming course down to the rally point, it is possible to continue without the assistance of their group's escort boat. The lacking distance to arrive to the rally point of the event will be of 2 extra kilometers.

Important note no. 2: swimmers deciding to complete the extra 2 kilometers down to the rally point must give consideration to the following:

- Swim closest to the beach coast due to strong current over this course on its open water zone.
- No hydration will be available during this course since it'll be on the group's escort boat left behind with the rest of the swimmers. Also if none of the escort boats participating on the event has arrived yet to the rally point for all swimmers arriving first no hydration will be available until any of the escort boats get there.
- In case of wanting to abandon this extra 2 kilometers course until the rally point, it is possible to complete the remaining of the distance by walking on the beach or wait in the water for the escort boat to be transported with the rest of the group.



[SEE ROUTE OF CROSSING A ON PAGE 11]

- II. CROSSING B: it includes the route of 4 kilometers from the Cueva De Los Pescadores starting spot up to the Bahía de Las Aguilas beach which is the rally point of all crossings presented in the event. For information, the distance between the end of the reef coast until the rally point has strong current specially if it's swam far from the beach coast and passing the time of 10.00 am. Individual swimmers and relay groups must considered to swim this part of the crossing the closest to the beach coast where the current effect is almost insignificant. On the other hand, swimmers willing to make a more challenging and exciting crossing can continue the lacking distance following the direct trajectory up to where the rally point is located meaning that the strong current will be present all along the remaining distance of the course.

Important note no. 3: same as described in the important note number 2.

[SEE ROUTE OF CROSSING B ON PAGE 11]

- III. CROSSING C: it covers the route of 8 kilometers from the Cueva De Los Pescadores starting spot up to the Bahía de Las Aguilas beach (rally point) and making the route back to the Cueva De Los Pescadores. Practically the entire route back of 4 kilometers is made with the current in favor.

Important note no. 4: it's recommended to all swimmers choosing this crossing to swim next to the escort boat assigned at all times specially during the route back to the Cueva De Los Pescadores.

[SEE ROUTE OF CROSSING C ON PAGE 11]



4. CATEGORIES.

There's no range of age required to participate in any of the crossings announced on this program (section 2).

5. AWARDS.

No awards or recognitions will be granted for completing any of the crossings announced on this program (section 2).

6. REGISTRATIONS.

Cabo Rojo Challenge has no registration fee. Each swimmer will assume all share expenses of the event with the rest of the participants as well as her/his personal and individual expenses.

Shared expenses: bus transportation Santo Domingo – Pedernales (departure and returning), escort boats assigned to the swimming groups, ambulance boat (depending on number of participants), ambulance vehicle and hotel accommodations in case of sharing rooms between participants.

Personal or individual expenses: breakfast, lunch, dinner, hydration, snack, personal hygiene, others.

This event has a limited number of participants of 100 persons and the registration process will be closed on January the 31st at 23.59 pm.

10 persons is the maximum number to be assigned by escort boat and all groups will be formed by the staff committee of this event according to resistance and physical capacity of the swimmers confirmed to participate. Also the staff committee will decide if any of the groups formed should complete any of the crossings under the relay format.

Eventhough the event doesn't include a registration fee, three procedures must take place in order to assure the participation on this event:

- Payment of hotel reservation in Pedernales with rooms' availability at the moment and before the 31st of January 2013.
- Payment for bus reservation before the 31st of January 2013 (50% of cost confirmed during January). Total payment of bus transportation will be due one month prior to the event due to gasoline's price fluctuation.
- Signing of the waiver & release form.



First 50 persons to formalized the registration process will have a place assured in the first bus to be hired with a limited capacity of 50 seats making the shared cost on this transportation more cheap compared to a second bus to be hired in case of overcoming the number of 50 participants which it'll be of a total capacity of 26 seats. Only in case of reaching more than 76 participants, a second bus with capacity of 50 seats would be hired for the event.

Important note no. 5: those doing the event as companion, they'll be transported to the Bahía de Las Águilas beach in the same escort boats used for the swimmers meaning that they will spend the time required for those swimmers assigned to that particular escort boat to get to the rally point. Also for that reason, they will be included in the boat shared payment.

Important note no. 6: the Cabo Rojo Challenge staff committee will NOT be held accountable if by any chance an accident is presented with any of the swimmers (each and every one is participating in the event under her/his own risk) or the event is cancelled due to fortuitous causes or major forces involving expenses already compromised such as bus transportation, hotel accommodations, food, etc.

7. HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION.

The Cabo Rojo Challenge staff committee has decided not to charge a registration fee to all participants on the event hoping that everyone will be committed to cooperate at least with the Kilómetros por la Educación foundation contributing with \$1, \$5 or \$10 dominican pesos for each kilometer swam in any of the crossings announced on this program.

The minimum contribution of \$1 dominican peso for each kilometer to be swam will be included in the bus transportation payment collected from each participant. However, we bring the attention to be more generous with this beautiful cause by contributing with more than \$1 dominican peso by each kilometer swam. The foundation official website is: www.kilometrosporlaeducacion.org

Also the foundation Entre Nosotros y Mañana...Los Niños is available for donations, contributions or any volunteer help that could be offered.

The foundation website is www.ened.org

8. JUDGES AND TIMEKEEPERS.

This event does not count with logistics on timekeepers therefore each swimmer will be in charge of recording her/his own time. Also no judges will be present since this event is not backed up by any federation or swimming association.



9. REGULATIONS.

The following rules are to be abided by all participants and are not claimed to belong to any open water swimming event:

1. Each swimmer must wear goggles and swimcap of bright color preferably. The distance between the Cueva De Los Pescadores and the Bahía de Las Aguilas beach is always attended with excursions boats going and coming to the beach therefore it is of high importance that every swimmer is presented visible in case of emergencies.
2. Even though swimmers will be next or little far from their escort boats assigned in the water, it must be remind it to pop out the head from the water every 20 or 25 strokes in order to locate the actual course that it's been swam (not to close or far from the reef coast). At that moment, the breaststroke style is the most likely one to be used.
3. Escort boats: each swimmer will be assigned to any of the groups to be formed by the staff committee of the event. Also each escort boat assisting in the event will remain at all times with the swimmer or group of swimmers belonging to a particular group.
4. Swimming next to the escort boats: participants not feeling with the entire confidence to swim by themselves in an open water venue, it's recommended to stay at all times close to the escort boat assigned to her/his group. In case of taking a swimming rhythm faster than the rest of the group, the swimmer must wait the others by floating on the water.
5. Swimming not being next to the escort boats: counting with the entire confidence of swimming alone in an open water venue, it's posible to make crossings A and B without the escort boats. From the Cueva De Los Pescadores until the finishing point over the reef coast, this route has three tiny pieces of beaches where swimmers can make a stop to take a break or wait for the rest of her/his group left behind (see satellite pictures on section 3). Also the distance of this route is only two kilometers and the visual contact with an exciting bottom sea is always kept since the depth does not exceeding 15 feet. After these first two kilometers, the rest of the distance turns to be safer and secure to swim being this path a beach coast itself and presenting the option to the swimmer to get to the rally point on Bahía de Las Aguilas beach by walking through the beach.

Important note no. 7: participants taking the chance to swim far or in advance of their group's escort boats must give thought to the fact that they're risking finding themselves alone in open sea with reef coast by their side the first two kilometers from the starting point of the Cueva De Los Pescadores.



6. Hydration: swimmers are responsible to provision their escort boats with energizing beverages and nutrition food that they'll considered pertinent for the crossing chose to complete. The hydration for the event must be bought in Santo Domingo prior to the departure off to Pedernales Friday the 21st of June. Other option is to buy it in the Cruce de Ocoa stop that the bus will be making on our way to the village of Pedernales the same day of the departure.
7. The staff committee will choose to each escort boat a "crossing coordinator" from the list of participants confirmed and that will only do the following tasks prior to the start of the event: gather his group of swimmers with the escort boat assigned and provision the boat with hydration and equipment.
8. Saturday the 22nd of June, no breakfast will be organized in any of the Pedernales's hotels chose for the accommodations in order to not loose time and start the event at 8.00 am as scheduled on this program. Each swimmer is responsible to make a their own quick breakfast prior to getting inside the bus or taking it on our way to Cabo Rojo where the Cueva De Los Pescadores is located. It can be arranged with the hotels or the Jalikar Restaurant to make sandwiches the night before the event (Friday the 21st of June) so that a breakfast food would be ready the next morning of the event.
9. Cost of the escort boats will be shared only by swimmers assigned to a particular group. The total cost of all escort boats hired for the event will not be shared by the total amount of participants present. However, the ambulance service both on the water and ground will be shared by the total amount of participants.
10. TRANSITORIES.

Cases not anticipated on this official announcement will be consulted by the staff committee. If a matter comes up for attention, the participants confirmed will be duly informed via email.



11. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 21st OF June

- ⇒ Departure from the Naco Club to Pedernales at 1.00 pm. Each swimmer must present and have signed the Waiver & Release Form (find it in the last page of this official announcement) in case she/he hasn't sent it yet to the staff committee.
- ⇒ Stop at the Cruce de Ocoa (1h20 approximately from the departure time).
- ⇒ Stop at one of the viewpoint on the southwest coast between the town of Barahona and the village of Paraiso (subject to be discussed by the staff committee).
- ⇒ Hotels check-in at Pedernales.
- ⇒ Dinner in the Restaurant Jalikar at 8.00 pm and technical meeting for the next day event.

SATURDAY 22nd OF JUNE

- ⇒ Departure to Cabo Rojo at 6.30 am. (30 minutes by vehicle to get to the Cueva De Los Pescadores).
- ⇒ Groups logistics with escort boats at 7.30 am.
- ⇒ Beginning of the event at the Cueva De Los Pescadores at 8.00 am.
- ⇒ Return from the Bahía de Las Aguilas beach to the Cueva De Los Pescadores at 3.00 pm.
- ⇒ Lunch at the Cueva De Los Pescadores at 3.30 pm.
- ⇒ Return to Pedernales at 5.30 pm.
- ⇒ Dinner in the Restaurant Jalikar at 8.00 pm

SUNDAY 23rd OF JUNE

- ⇒ Departure to Santo Domingo at 9.00 am.
- ⇒ Lunch stop in Barahona at the Restaurant D'Lina at 12.00 pm.
- ⇒ Departure from the Restaurant D'Lina to Santo Domingo at 2.30 pm.
- ⇒ Arrival in Santo Domingo at 4.30 pm.

Next swimming pool event VII Invitational Contest Delfines del Naco Master
November 2013, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic - (date to be confirmed)



WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

The undersigned, by my own right, manifest expressly that it is my wish to participate in the event named as “Cabo Rojo Challenge 2013” (THE EVENT) that will take place between the site of Cueva De Los Pescadores and the Bahía de Las Águilas beach, the day Saturday 22nd of June 2013.

By signing the present form, I accept every and each of the terms and conditions stipulated here within.

1. It is specifically understood that in order to participate in the EVENT, I must meet all the registration's requirements presented on this official announcement (section 3).
2. I expressly manifest that I'm aware of the nature of the EVENT as well as the physical capacity and experiences that I possess expressing that they're all right to participate in the EVENT meaning that I find myself in perfect health shape, also physically and mentally to participate in the EVENT. Also I manifest that I'm aware of the development of the EVENT therefore in case that the staff committee decides that a risk may exist for me or to the other participants, the EVENT can be cancelled by them and not resulting in any liability to the staff committee itself. In case of not considering the instructions emitted by the staff committee, I assume the consequences that could derive by omitting these instructions, leaving the staff committee free of any responsibility.
3. I declare specifically that it is my will to participate in the EVENT, therefore it's remains under my entirely responsibility by which in this act I assume every and each one of the RISKS, known and unknown and I assume all the responsibility for any lost, cost and/or health damage that may derive before, during and after the EVENT.
4. By meaning of this present announcement I free from all responsibility the staff committee for any risk that may occur in a total or partial damage to me.
5. I recognize and accept that the advanced payments for the hotel and transportation services are not refundable by any motive, so in case that the EVENT gets cancelled or postponed by any reason, including those from fortuitous, mayor cause or any other that from the staff committee of the EVENT point of view may result in exposing myself to an unnecessary risk, no advanced payments will be refundable nor any of the cost that I may have executed prior to the participation on the EVENT. In this case, it'll be understood that the cancellation of the EVENT won't be due to negligence of the staff committee itself or the persons participating, therefore I free of all responsibility the staff committee.



6. I authorize the staff committee to use my voice and image, partial or total, in regard to all that is related with my participation on the EVENT, in any way and at all times, renouncing expressly to any payments or fees that may have resulted by using the recourses mentioned here above.
7. In case that the participant is of minor age (18 years or less of age), the parents or tutor accept and recognize the terms and conditions established in the presented document; making of her/his own manifestations of the participant, authorizing the minor to participate in the EVENT; assuming the responsibility for his safety and well-being as a father or tutor.

I MANIFEST EXPRESSLY THAT I FIND MYSELF IN PERFECT HEALTH BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, AS WELL AS LEGALLY ENTITLED FOR SIGNING THE PRESENT DOCUMENT, AFTER READING AND UNDERSTANDING IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE EVENT'S RULES TO PARTICIPATE, THEREFORE I UNDERSIGNED THE PRESENT DOCUMENT.

PARTICIPANT

DATE

Full name

SIGN

MINOR OF AGE

Full name

PARENT OR TUTOR

Full name

SIGN

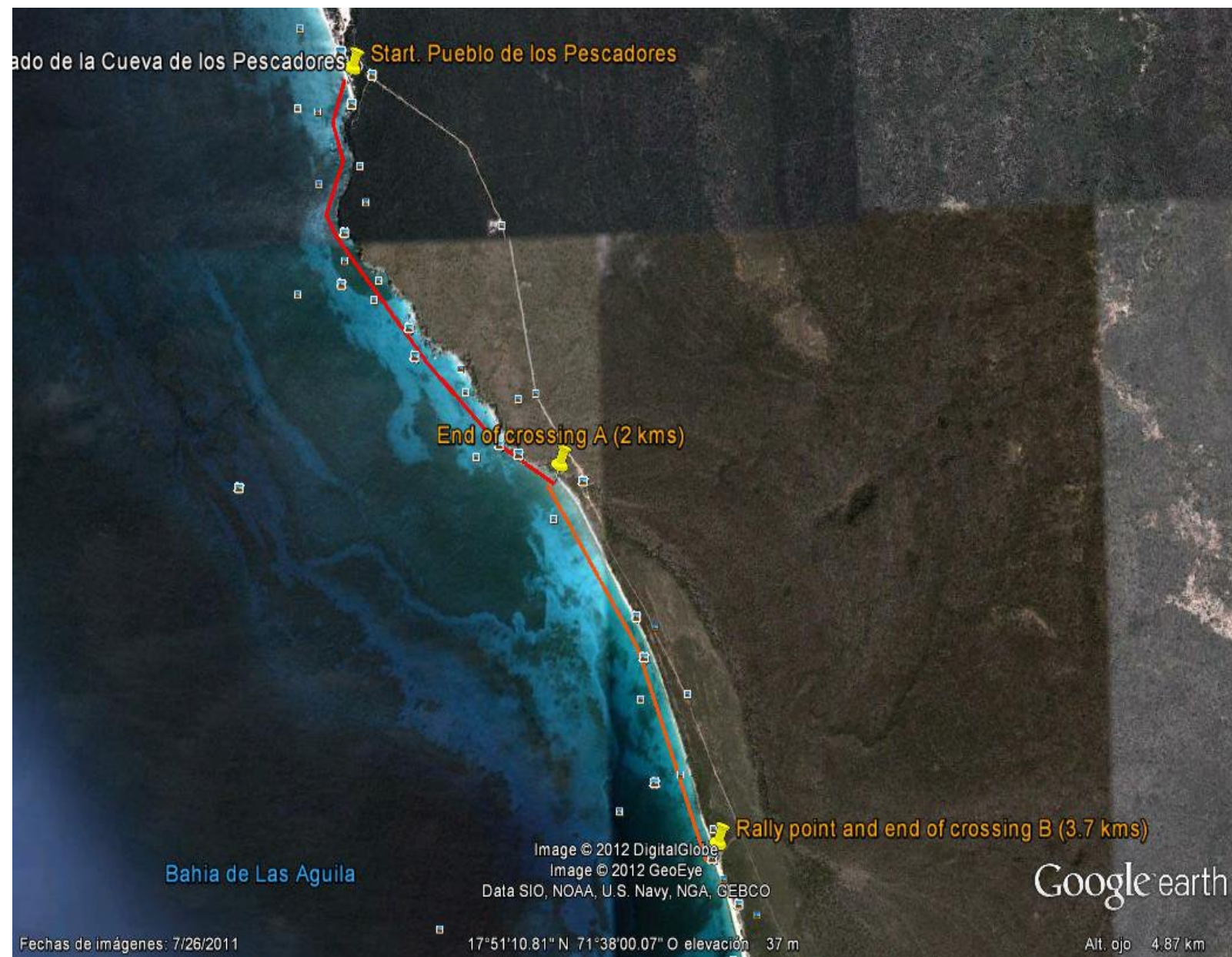
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Crossing A: from Start until End of crossing A (2 kms).

Crossing B: from Start until Rally point and end of crossing B (3.7 kms).

Crossing C: complete crossing B and return back to the Cueva De Los Pescadores.





AVAILABLE HOTELS IN PEDERNALES

DOÑA CHAVA

Reservations with Katia or Marino

Telephone: 809.524.0332

Web page: <http://www.donachava.com/>

The prices and photos of the rooms are available on the web page.

Reservation clause in case of suspension due to force of nature events (hurricane, storm, earthquake, etc.): the deposit reservation is refunded. If the suspension is due for any other reason, only 50% of the deposit is refunded prior to 45 days since the initial reservation date. After this due date, the deposit is completely lost.

D'OLEO MENDEZ

Reservations with Florencia or Derkania

Telephone: 809.524.0416

Hotel blog: www.hostaldoleo.blogspot.com

The photos of the rooms are available on the blog page.

Prices: single room with air conditioner \$800 pesos; double room with air conditioner \$1,000 pesos; single room with balcony and air conditioner \$1,000 pesos; single room with fan \$450 pesos.

Reservation clause in case of suspension due to force of nature events (hurricane, storm, earthquake, etc.): granted a 3 months period to use the deposit since the initial reservation date. The deposit is not refunded.

VILLAS DEL MAR

Reservations with Altagracia or Elsa

Telephone: 809.524.0448

Hotel review: <http://www.hotel-republica-dominicana.com/hotel-238-villas-del-mar-pedernales.html>

The photos of the rooms are available on the hotel review.

Prices: single room with air conditioner and fan \$1,050 pesos; double room with air conditioner and fan 1,650 pesos.

Reservation clause in case of suspension due to force of nature events (hurricane, storm, earthquake, etc.): can choose another date to do the event or the deposit is refunded.



HOTEL PEDERNALES o FUNDACIPE

Reservations with Estefany

Telephone: 809.524.0298

Hotel blog: <http://www.hotel-dominican-republic.net/hotel-833-fundacipe-pedernales.html>

The photos of the rooms are available on the hotel review.

Prices: triple room with air conditioner \$1,300 pesos; double room with air conditioner \$1,000 pesos; wedding suite with air conditioner \$1,200 pesos; suite with double bed and air conditioner \$1,200 pesos;

Reservation clause in case of suspension due to force of nature events (hurricane, storm, earthquake, etc.): granted a 2 months period to use the deposit since the initial reservation date. The deposit is not refunded.