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AT Feature: Second Annual Treasure Island to YMCA Open Water Swim (TYi2)-Part 2

Story and Photos by Gordon & Debbie Johnson

What a festive day it was indeed, and as the swimmers ran from the water's edge trading their sea legs for land legs, running toward the finish line, hearty cheering could be heard throughout the Embarcadero! The water was a warm 60 degrees and the air was about the same. Warm towels and refreshing water was waiting for the adrenaline charged swimmers before they headed across the street to the YMCA's hot showers and saunas.



It wasn't just a straight shot to the finish this year. This barge was right in the way and the swimmers had to swim south of it.

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Jack Lee, a professor at the University of Texas (Go Longhorns!!) stroked to the finish. He introduced himself to ours and the Tully family in the gym and offered the kids some race tips and earplugs. We became fast friends!



Elizabeth Tully (13-Terrapins) from Concord was one of the younger swimmers in the race. This was Elizabeth's

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first race and her older brother Kyle stayed with her until she swam to one of the many kayackers who then kept an eye on her through the rest of the race.



A documentary was being made by students from San Francisco State University.



*The winner, 18-year-old **James Jackson** of Berkeley, CA., stroking to the finish line in 28:28.5 for this mile and a half swim! An intersting thing about James' stroke is that, at times, even though we could barely see him because of the*

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distance, we had no problem seeing the splash from his powerful kick.



There were 74 volunteers to be exact and they all played a very important part in this event from passing out towels, food, beverage, registering swimmers, kayacking, keeping watch on swimmer equipment, etc. They were cheerfully wonderful!
In this photo, swimmers were helped out of the water at the pier by volunteers who directed them to...



run up the steps to...

*NOTE: **Jonathan Johnson** (15-Terrapins Swim Team (USS) and Walnut Heights Otters (REC) finished second in the 13-19 skin division. This was his first open water swim.*



to cross the finish line.

*By the way, that's **Jack Lee** on the left heading to the finish line. It was a great race between him the swimmer in the wetsuit!
(Editors note: Swimmers wore special devices on their ankles that tracked their finish times.)*

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