



Hello Buzzards Bay Swimmers! There are 80 days before the big event and we have some news, tips, and milestones for you.

We're giving away 2 tickets to the [Seal & Seabird Cruise](#) on Saturday, May 4th! Here is how to enter the drawing:

- Recruit a swimmer
- Make sure they write your name on question 7 (name of referring person) on the registration form
- Deadline: April 19th at midnight

Share the registration link below and tell them to use code **SPRING** for \$5 off the registration fee. The more swimmers you get to register, the better your chances. Good luck!

Congratulations to David Stricker for winning last month's recruiting drawing, a gift card to [Ground Floor Coffee](#) in New Bedford.

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News on qualifications, training, and fundraising:



UNESCORTED QUALIFICATIONS

Unescorted swimmers [need to meet certain requirements](#), please submit your qualifications as soon as you can. If we don't receive your qualifications by June 14th, you'll need to change your registration type to "Escorted" and find a kayak escort.



ESCORTED KAYAKS

Escorted swimmers need to have their [kayak escort registered online](#). There is no fundraising required for kayak escorts, although they are welcome to do so! Like swimmers, [kayak escorts must meet certain qualifications](#). Both swimmers and kayak escorts should [read this informative article](#).



TRAINING

If you are looking for a new training guide, Wild Waters is a great resource for open water swimming tips. [Download their training guide](#).

Have your own tips to share? [Join our Facebook group](#) and share encouragement, workouts, photos, and more with other participants.



FUNDRAISING

If you haven't already, be sure to [customize your personal fundraising page](#). Next, download the [SWIM Social Media Toolkit](#) and visit our [Fundraising Made Simple](#) page for great tips on raising money.

Today's Tip: Check with your employer to see if they have a matching gifts program. Make your

individual donations go further with corporate matching gifts.

Impact Stories: Want to know how funds raised at the SWIM are used? Check out these recent victories and projects and share them with your donors to let them know how their funds are protecting the bay.

- [Buzzards Bay Water Quality Improved](#)
- [Mattapoisett River Reserve Wetland Restoration](#)
- [Gooseberry Causeway Impact Study](#)
- [Riverside Auto Junkyard Clean Up](#)

LEADERBOARD

The fundraising goal this year is \$250,000 and we already have some stand out Fundraisers! Here are the fundraising categories and the current leaders:

Top Team Fundraiser: NBY Masters with \$1725 and Ned's Point Swimming right behind with \$1500

Top Overall Fundraiser: Chris Parks with \$1000

Top First Time Fundraiser: Thomas Amaral with \$783

Thank you for swimming for clean water and making a lasting impact on the Bay. Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance.

Swim on,
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