

Grant Wentworth's Nantucket Sound swim



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Swim Course

Grant Wentworth has set aside the weeklong window – July 24th to July 31st from which to make his attempt across Nantucket Sound. He plans to embark from Cape Cod's Seagull Beach in West Yarmouth in the early hours of the morning. Ensuring his safety during the trek across Nantucket Sound will be a team of supporters aboard two boats and kayaks who will follow him along the way (including a 'shark team' – see below for more info). Grant's goal is to finish at Great Point – the northern tip of the island closest to Cape Cod – but given the uncertainty of the winds and tides, he knows his landing point could be anywhere along Nantucket's north shore.

Historical Claim

He will be the first person to swim from Cape Cod to Nantucket. The swim will be a straight line distance of approximately 24 miles (measured from Seagull Beach in West Yarmouth to the middle of Nantucket's northern shore – see attached map) depending on the point of landing.

Background

No one has attempted a solo swim across the open water of Nantucket Sound between Nantucket and Cape Cod in nearly three decades. The only man known to have successfully completed a solo crossing is Paul Asmuth, an International Swimming Hall of Famer who swam the opposite direction from Nantucket to Hyannis in just over 12 hours back in 1986. In the unlikely event of un-swimmable weather during the window for the planned Cape Cod to Nantucket direction the swim course may be switched for a Nantucket start and anticipated Cape Cod finish. In this event, Grant will claim to be the second person to have swum the Nantucket Sound.

Swim Rules

Grant's marathon swim will be conducted within the 'spirit' of marathon swimming. It will be a non-stop and unassisted swim – as per the guidelines of the 'Rules of Marathon Swimming' codified by the Marathon Swimmers Federation.

Fundraising Initiative

Through the Swim Across America charitable organization, Wentworth is leveraging the Cape Cod-to-Nantucket swim to support Nantucket Cottage Hospital's cancer care program, and has [already](#)

[raised over \\$100,000 from friends, family, and supporters.](#) To donate to Wentworth's swim, [visit his Swim Across America page.](#)

Swimmer

Grant Wentworth

Bio: 28 years old. 2014 English Channel Relay. 26.5k Long Pond Swim in Mount Desert, ME. 16.5k Nantucket Harbor Swim. 3x Town of Nantucket - Wauwinet 10k. 3x Alcatraz Swims. Swim Across America Boston Harbor Swim. 1.5 mile Bill Reeve Echo Lake Swim. 1-mile Swim Across America Nantucket. 1-mile Hudson River Swim for Life. 1k NYCSWIM Brooklyn Bridge Swim.

Pilot

John Boreland

Bio: MOWSA-recognized pilot. Has piloted for [X]x Plymouth to Provincetown (P2P) swims.

Navigator

Ron Kramer

Bio: Navigator for all past Nantucket Sound Swim attempts
Navigated Paul Asmuth's solo swim on 6th of September 1986 (success), two other SAA Relay successes (September 1992 and 1995) and two other unsuccessful SAA attempts (September 1993 and 1994).

Support Crew

Coach & Head Feeder

Chloë McCardel

Bio: 10x English Channel solo swims and longest ratified open water swim in history (Bahamas 2014, 124.4km). Coached Grant as part of the 2014 Swim Across America English Channel Charity Relays. Coached total of 10x relays and 1x solo across the English Channel (56 swimmers).

Observer

Paul McQueeney

Bio: Solo English Channel in 2009. Crewed and supported all of Chloë's (his wife's), major marathon swims since late 2009. Official observer for 20x English Channel Relay 2hr qualifiers and 2x solo qualifiers.

Kayak Team & Assistant Feeders

Mark Wentworth

Matthew Evans

Brian Ebke

Scott Arcenas

Shark Team

Head – Andy Olday

Blake Knowles

Chris Jankins

