

2016 RLWYC *three island swim*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPOTTERS

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Thank you for your effort in reducing the number of motorized boats during the swim. We recognize that not all boats can (nor should be non motorized)

Here are some guidelines if you are a spotter.

1. Know who you are spotting. One year a spotter finished with no swimmer. (Yes, we found her) Be able to identify your swimmer's bathing cap; goggles; bathing suit colour and wet suit.
2. At the start, stay well away and towards Keewatin. Pick up your swimmer as they approach the first gap between Kalamalka and Cameron Islands.
3. Stay on the outside perimeter of your swimmer at all times.
4. Be aware of your propeller. If spotting a relay team, completely shut off your engine when transferring swimmers. Relay swimmers should swim out to you rather than you motoring into the course.
5. Be aware of your gas fumes at all times. Breathing is tough enough for participants. Watch for fumes travelling downwind onto the course. Yuk.
6. Your boat should not make waves unless there is an emergency.
7. Golf course style applause is never as good as hurling encouraging abuse at your swimmer. These narcissistic types thrive on praise.
8. Swimmers often track off course. As a spotter, continue to steer the course and your swimmer will self-correct. In case of an emergency, blow a whistle.
9. At the finish, please help the swim organizers by telling us your swimmers name and whether they are individual swimmer, or part of a team or both (swam the first leg and kept going). This is part of your job as a spotter to help the swimmer get on the board.
10. **Emergency procedure:** The two RLWYC safety boats will be on course with certified instructors to assist with boat traffic. If you need help blow your whistle. There is a defibrillator above the canteen window at the Clubhouse.
11. Have fun. Take care of your champion.