



Hythe Aqua Masters Swimmer Completes Channel Relay Swim

Graham Ling a Hythe Aqua Masters Swimming Club member joined an elite team of swimmers lead by Mike Read (King of the Channel), including Tony Cherrington and David Cumming (World Masters Swimming Champion) on Monday 7th September for a relay swim across the English Channel.

The six man team all over 70yrs with an average age of 72.5yrs completed the swim in a fantastic 11hrs 56min.

Starting at 5am, the conditions initially were good with a gentle Northly wind and choppy sea, but later the wind increased to force 4 N.E causing a rough sea with one metre waves making swimming very difficult.

Kevin Sherman, a Channel Swimming Association pilot of M.V Conemara from Folkestone did an excellent job in navigating the swimmers to land half a mile South of Cap Cris-Nez.

Graham said he enjoyed the two relay legs he swam, but found the 2hour qualifying swim in Dover harbour, during July, with water temperature of 15 degrees very challenging.

The six swimmers became the oldest team in the 88 year history of the Channel Swimming Association to succeed in the Epic Swim. A fantastic effort from Graham.



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Over 70's 2015

Team Name

Over 70's

Country

Great Britain

Type / Route

Relay (6 Swimmers), 1 way / England to France

Completed

7th September 2015 4:56pm

Time

11:56 Unratified

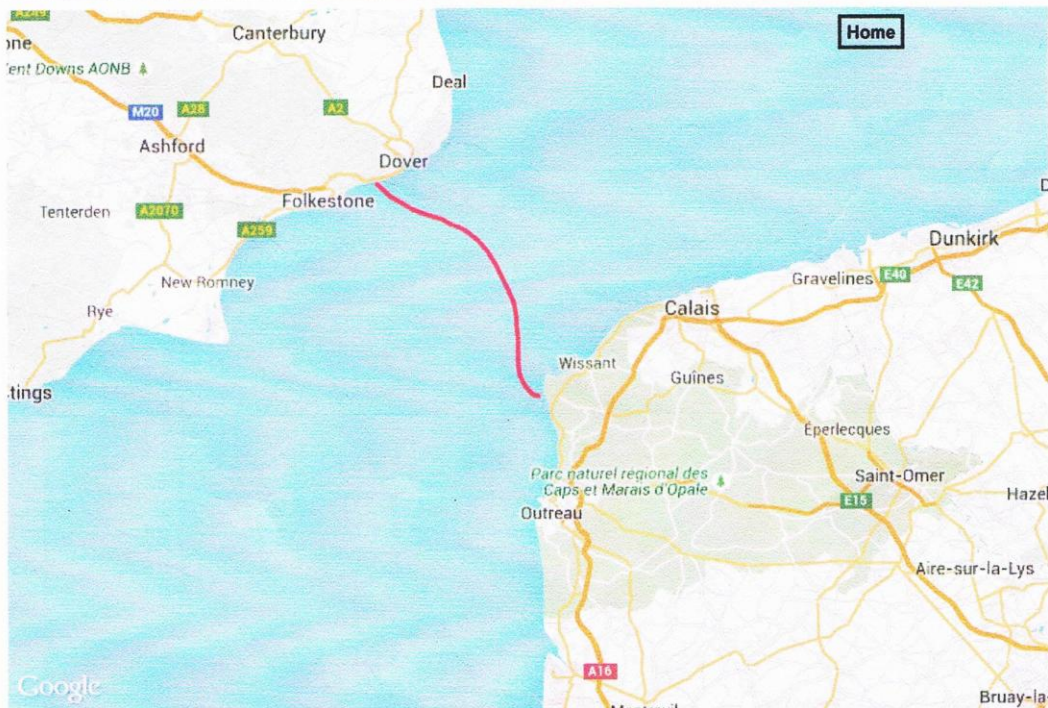
Pilot / Vessel

Kevin Sherman / Connemara

Observer

Paula Beshaw

- 1 MIKE READ - KING OF CHANNEL SWIMMERS.
- 2 DAVID CUMMING - WORLD MASTER
- 3 ROBERT LLOYD EVANS
- 4 GRAHAM LING
- 5 TONY CHERINGTON - WORLD MASTER
- 6 TONY ESPIN.



Tracking data is provided by MarineTraffic (http://www.marinetraffic.com)

Please note: There is a known issue with the signal tracking on the vessel - Connemara, which may mean there are missing markers or incomplete tracks on the map. We are currently investigating.