



# THE RCP TIBURON MILE

*"The World's Premiere International Open Water Swim"*

Founded in 1999 by Robert C. Placak, a Marin County native and Tiburon resident, the RCP Tiburon Mile has quickly become known as the most competitive and prestigious open water swim event in the world. On Sunday, October 1, 2006, hundreds of swimmers will return to the Town of Tiburon for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual event and once again battle the waters of The Raccoon Straits to raise money for Special Olympics of Northern California. .

Both Olympic and Open Water Champion Swimmers from over 20 different countries travel to compete in the Annual RCP Tiburon Mile Open Water Swim, with visions of the \$10,000 prize money in mind. Elite Athletes from Russia, Australia, South Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Canada participating in this race have made the event what many describe as the "World's Premier International Open Water Swim." The elite field has included top names in the swimming world such as Olympians Brooke Bennett, Klete Keller, Chad Carvin, Lindsay Benko, Sachiko Yamada, Ryk Neethling and Amanda Beard as well as Open Water Champions, Sara McLarty, Erica Rose, Grant Cleland, Evgueni Bezrutschenko, Tom Lurz and Chip Peterson. With Open Water Swimming being the newest sport in the 2008 Olympics, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual RCP Tiburon Mile may quite possibly be an event rivaled only by the Olympic Games.

Also competing in this world class one nautical mile swim from San Francisco Bay's Angel Island to the shore of Downtown Tiburon, will be collegiate swimmers, local high school teams, national and local pool and open water swimmers and last but certainly not least, over TEN local and INTERNATIONAL Special Olympics Athletes! Over the past 6 years, the RCP Tiburon Mile has raised over \$350,000 for Special Olympics with support from both athletes and the community! Eight Israeli Special Olympics athletes will be traveling from Israel to swim in this year's event. A tremendous movement in promoting the awareness of Special Olympics and the abilities our athletes have and love to share with others.

## **Event Details**

- Event Date: Sunday, October 1, 2006
- Race Start: Shot Gun Start at 9:00am
- Event: 1 nautical mile open water swim (2,000 yards)
- Course: Ayala Beach on Angel Island to the beach next to Sam's Anchor Café in downtown Tiburon.
- Water Temperature: 55-60 degrees
- Pre and Post Venue: Waterfront Lawn and Park in Downtown Tiburon (Tiburon Blvd at Main Street)
- Charity: Special Olympics Northern California ([www.sonc.org](http://www.sonc.org))
- Attendance: 800 Athletes and 1,000 Spectators
- Divisions: Elite, Age Group, Wetsuit and Team
  - Seeded Elite Field of 20-30. Athletes TBD
- Fees: Adults 19-Up: \$99; Youth 13-18: \$69. Kids under 13 must have permission by race director.
- Prize Purse: \$30,000 in Cash & Awards - \$10,000 for First Male and Female finishers
- Hospitality: Privately catered VIP deck for sponsors, media, & elite athletes on the Waters Edge Hotel Deck.
- Post Race Brunch Buffet featuring a wide variety of high scale Bay Area restaurants. From Pancakes and bagels to sushi, pasta and BBQ Chicken
- Pre Race Dinner - Friday, September 29, 2006, The Lodge at Tiburon. Tickets - \$35
- TV Coverage: Fox Sports Net with commentary by four time Gold Medalist, John Naber and three time Gold Medalist Rowdy Gaines

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