

# **'The Brixham Breakwater Classic' 2025**

## **Conditions**



23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

The Brixham Breakwater Classic Conditions 2025 Open Water Swim Distances of 2km, 4km, 6km.

1. A competitor must be a Club Compete Swim England member at the time of entry and on the day of competition. If you are not a Club Compete Swim England member please visit your local Swimming Club to become a member.
2. The Female category is for birth sex females in accordance with Swim England's Transgender and Non-Binary Competition Policy. By entering the 'Female' category you confirm that your birth sex is female.
3. An entry fee is payable on entry for the relevant distance you have chosen to swim.
4. Swimmers under 18yrs MUST be accompanied by an adult at the event.
5. Swimmers must be aged 14 and above on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as per Swim England to swim the 2km distance. Swimmers must be aged 16 and above on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 as per Swim England to swim the 4km and 6km distance.
6. Swimmers must do front crawl, as it is an efficient stroke that allows you to see where you are going. Backstroke is not allowed, as you cannot navigate the course or other swimmers.
7. There will normally be a maximum number of entries accepted in each event as detailed below:
  - i. 6Km - 2 waves x 15 swimmers (maximum 30 swimmers)
  - ii. 4km - 3 waves x 15 swimmers (maximum 45 swimmers)
  - iii. 2km - 3 waves x 20 swimmers (maximum 60 swimmers)
- If it becomes necessary to restrict entries, the following priorities will be used:
  - i. Rejection of Temporary members.
  - ii. Rejection of swimmers from outside the region.
  - iii. Final consideration will be based on first come first served basis.
8. Every effort will be made to ensure that competitors with similar 400m/100m swim times will swim in the same wave to ensure swimmer safety at the start and during the race.
9. Swimmers must seek appropriate medical advice if they have any concerns as to their state of health. By entering, swimmers confirm that they have not been informed by any medical practitioner and do not have any knowledge of any medical condition which would make it inadvisable for them to participate in Open Water Swimming. Accordingly, they certify that they are physically fit to participate. They undertake to inform the Promoter of any medical condition which may affect their participation in the event.
10. Swimmers must be aware of and appreciate the inherent risks involved in open water competition, including the possibility of injury or accident. They undertake to always conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

11. Open water swimming can expose participants to a variety of wildlife, including birds, seals, and potentially more dangerous animals depending on the location. If you encounter marine wildlife, it is important to stay calm. When you are swimming the best advice is to carry on as normal, allowing them to eventually lose interest and swim away.

12. Swimmers acknowledge the inherent risks of open water swimming, including potential wildlife encounters, and emphasize participant responsibility for their safety and actions, while also outlining any specific local wildlife concerns.

13. Swimmers undertake to inform the Chief Safety Office of any concerns they may have as regards safety.

14. Swimmers acknowledge that during the Open Water Swim event The Cove cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal belongings.

15. Swimmers agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of Swim England and all other laws and regulations applicable including the Swim England Safety Laws and the Conditions.

16. Swimmers must attend registration, get checked by Clerks of the Course and attend the briefing for their event. Failure to attend the briefing will prevent the swimmer from participation in the race.

17. Photographs of the event may be used for publicity purposes and may be put on websites and social media.

18. In the event of cancellation refunds will be considered. Swimmers withdrawing from the event before the closing date will only be offered refunds in exceptional circumstances. All refunds must be authorised by the event management team. No requests for refunds will be considered after the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

19. The first 3 open/male and 3 female swimmers in the 6k/4km/2km swims will be awarded prizes. Every swimmer who completes their chosen swim will receive a finishers medal.

20. A maximum duration cut off time limit will be in force taken from the start of each race heat, where more than one heat is swum. Swimmers exceeding these times may be allowed to finish at the discretion of the referee, but no result will be recorded.

Cut off times are:

- 6km – 150 mins – Av 2.30/100m
- 4km – 90 mins – Av 2.30/100m
- 2km – 45 mins – Av 2.30/100m

21. Competitors must have their number clearly displayed on their hat. The hat provided by the organisers is latex; competitors with a latex allergy must inform the organiser on entering the event. The event hat can be worn over another hat. Swimmers will also be wearing a rubber band which will be handed in on their swim completion.

22. No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device, which may be an aid to their speed or endurance or might cause injury to any swimmer during the event. Goggles, cap, nose clip and earplugs may be used.

23. For The Brixham Breakwater Classic Open Water Swim event the use of wetsuits is compulsory.

•Wet suit definition: For the purposes of World Aquatic Rules (7.3), a wet suit is defined as a swimsuit made of a material providing thermal insulation. A wet suit shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and ankles. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists or ankles. The guidance provided by Swim England as an interpretation is that any wet suit would be approved provided it meets the minimum coverage requirements stated above and that the outer surface does not include any shapes such as ridges or fins.

NOTE: wet suits will not be provided or available to rent

24. Grease can be used or other substances such as sunscreen for exposed skin.

25. If the event has to be abandoned for the safety of competitors and/or officials, swimmers who are still in the water at the time of abandonment being announced will be deemed to have not finished even if their safest means of exit from the water is via the finish.

26. Where an event is abandoned, results will only be announced and medals presented where all competitors in an age group had the opportunity to complete their swim, or if in the view of the organiser, those not able to complete their swim would not have influenced the outcome.

27. Non authorised drone technology cannot be used at this event for safety reasons. The use of a drone by a swimmer, their support team or their club may result in the swimmer being disqualified. Only promoter authorised drone flights will be permitted.

28. The entry forms and entry procedure documents form part of these conditions.