

2011 Pennock Challenge - 7 August

Men's Wetsuit

Matt Riley, Anchorage DNF

Men's Naked

William Schulz, Ketchikan 4:05:04 First Place

Women's Wetsuit

Elizabeth Einset, Ketchikan 3:51:01 First Place and First Solo swimmer overall
Sara Stoltman, Prior Lake MN, >5hrs swam around the island did not make the buoy
Nell Klein, Ketchikan AK, DNF >5rs made it about 3/4 around

Womens Naked

Michell Macey, Bearverton OR, 3:52:01 First naked swimmer
Claudia Rose, San Diego CA, 4:46:06

Mens Wetsuit Relay

Sea Pilots 3:35:08
Glyn Seaburg
Larry Pullin
Greg Styrk
Mike Spence

Mixed Naked Relay

First Bank 3:29:29
Bo Meridith
Rocky Elerding
Matt Hagen
Krissy Galloway

The race was hell this year. We had an easy swim south in the west channel with most participants covering the distance in less than two hours. Personally I made it in 1hr and 10 minutes, then we all faced a nasty surface current pushed by a 15 to 20 knt head NW wind. The tide also played a part as it didn't change until 1:30 pm so most swimmers bucked that for 1hr. To top it all off we had a very cool July which led to lower on average surface water temp around mid 50s with it going below that in some places. We had the typical wildlife on the course, whales, fish and of course Jellyfish. There was some small jelly fish that got caught in the suits of the ladies (naked) and being caught up continued to irritate the entire race leaving welts. Everyone that competed in this event did a great job and showed incredible perseverance to finish or stay in for the maximum time of 5hrs. I have also included a list of the kayakers, safety and timers without who's help we would not have been able to put this event on. This year we had 4 scratches before the event all solo swimmers, two men and two women which further cut the competition field.