

Dixon, Gehrman dominate Chena Splash

Matt Dixon won overall and Diana Gehrman was the first female finisher in the 5 km event for the 2nd annual Chena Splash 1K/5K open water swim. Water temperature was in the low 70s on Saturday as racers swam either a 1 km or 5 km course at Chena Lakes, with separate divisions for those using a wetsuit. A youth category was added to the 1K event this year, with the younger swimmers starting 3 minutes after the adults. In the 1K event, youth swimmers Tommy O'Donoghue and Kira O'Donoghue were first and second from the water. In the 5K event Drew Harrington stayed close with Matt Dixon through the first 500 meters, but Harrington could not maintain the scorching pace and Dixon pulled away to win by over six minutes in 1:03:50. The first swimmers out of the water without wetsuits were Robert Herrick (fourth overall) in 1:19:30 and Gehrman in 1:19:50. A small change to the 5K course this year made the distance 5.0K. The course last year, the inaugural year of the Chena Splash, measured approximately 4.8K.

Results:

1 km distance

No Wetsuit

O'Donoghue, Tommy	M	13	16:05
O'Donoghue, Kira	F	15	16:18
Schmidt, David	M	64	19:18
William, Kevin	M	54	25:15
Martin, Gayle	F	54	27:31

Wetsuit

Melissa Head	F	30	17:32
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5 km distance

No Wetsuit

Herrick, Robert	M	46	1:19:36
Gehrman, Diana	F	19	1:19:50
Spann, Rita	F	19	1:29:32
Spann, Joe	M	50	1:29:44

Wetsuit

Dixon, Matt	M	47	1:03:42
Harrington, Drew	M	30	1:10:20
Young, Brian	M	37	1:12:46
Weis, Steven	M	57	1:20:05
Evans, Jamie	F	28	1:26:25
Peterson, John	M	54	1:26:40
Chamberlin, Gretchen	F	27	1:33:14
Haplau, Elinor	F	27	1:37:22
Lima, James	M	54	1:59:54