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Swim Talk NEWSLETTER



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Wild Childhood Dream - Impressive Adult Achievement!



Nikko Price, from Branford, CT, has been participating in the Swim Across the Sound Marathon for three years now. This annual event, a 15.5-mile swim from Port Jefferson, NY, to Captain's Cove in Bridgeport, CT, is a huge commitment. It takes training, money, time and discipline. So, what keeps Nikko coming back for more?

Nikko sums it up beautifully. "It's the thrill that comes from doing something I love, in water I love, for people I love."

No stranger to swimming, or to the Sound, Nikko spent his childhood exploring the coves of

Long Island Sound on the New York side. "I remember looking across at the barely visible coastline of Connecticut and wondering, can I swim there?" Nikko recalls. "Swim Across the Sound convinced me not only that I could, but also that I should."

Nikko's passion for swimming would soon merge with a very personal challenge. "Cancer has taken too many members of my family, and countless members of so many families. Swim Across the Sound gives purpose to my wild childhood dream — and raises funds that can make a real difference for those struggling with a cancer diagnosis." Nikko is swimming in honor of his grandmother, a thirty-year breast cancer survivor who passed away last August.

Last year, Nikko was the first solo swimmer to cross the finish line in just under seven hours.

"As a solo swimmer, my view of the Swim Across the Sound is from water-level, usually through the foggy lenses of not-so-watertight goggles," Nikko explains. "But what I see, year after year, is the same: A literal armada of volunteers, on the water and off, marshaling me and dozens of others across the Sound for no other reason than it's the sort of thing that selfless people do."



[Click here to Support Nikko Price for the 2023 Marathon](#)



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Swim Across the Sound July 29, 2023

Register today and join a dedicated group of swimmers and volunteers as we trek 15.5 miles across the Long Island Sound to raise funds for cancer patients and their families!

**[Click Here to Register your
Swim Team](#)**

HOW ELSE CAN I PARTICIPATE?

There are several ways you can help Swim Across the Sound raise money to support cancer patients in our community. Here are just a few:

- Donate toward a swimmer or make a general donation by visiting: **<https://charity.pledgeit.org/SwimAcrossTheSound>**
- Participate virtually in an activity of your choice. Register and set your own fundraising goals at: **<https://charity.pledgeit.org/VirtualChallenge>**.
- Volunteer as a boat captain, medical support or on-land. Volunteers make the difference in helping us keep our swimmers safe as they cross Long Island Sound: **<https://swimacrossthesound.org/marathon2023>**

For more information about how you can help, please call 203-576-5451

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We spoke to Frederick Hall, VP and General Manager of the Company who shared their favorite part of supporting the Swim Across the Sound:

We are so grateful for the support of the **Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Steamboat Company** for all they do! The Swim day officially starts when our swimmers, boaters, and supporters board the Ferry in the early AM hours, and we are honored to start the day with the Ferry's Team

The Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Steamboat Company has been an integral part of the greater Bridgeport community since 1883 and carries approximately 450,000 vehicles and 1.2 million passengers across Long Island Sound annually.

We have been involved with the Swim for over 20 years.

Our favorite part of participating in this event is welcoming aboard the staff and volunteers who organize the Long Island side of the event. And of course, bringing the teams from CT on event day. It is particularly of interest to our company that Swim invests so much time in finding and educating the volunteer captains who monitor participating swimmers. Safety is paramount!



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We look forward to seeing you July 29th!

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