



Copper Island SWIM

August 25, 2023

RE: Cancellation of the Copper Island Swim

Dear Participant,

We anticipated a fabulous day of swimming, competition, community, and sport on the beautiful shores of Shuswap Lake on September 9, just two weeks from now. In light of the advancement of the wildfires into the Scotch Creek community and the devastation community members have experienced, it is evident that the swim must be postponed until next year.

Open water swimmers are athletes finely-tuned to the nuance of water and the spirit of nature, and there is no way a swim celebration of this sort can take place when so many in the surrounding community are in distress. The low visibility, air quality health risks, minimal access to the Shuswap Provincial Park and volunteers; prevents us from holding this event as planned this year.

We do want to support and encourage all those interested in open water swimming; therefore, we are offering a deferral to the Copper Island Swim planned for **Saturday, September 7, 2024**. I'm afraid this offer is not transferrable to another person or date and unfortunately, there will be no refunds.

We will reach out to you in 2024 to announce registration for the Copper Island Swim; with instructions on how to obtain your deferral. If you have any questions, please e-mail CopperIslandSwim@gmail.com.

The committee would like to extend their heartfelt care towards the Scotch Creek community and would like to contribute profit and/or donations from next year's swim. More thought and communication will come forth from our swimming collective as to the best way we can help care for a place we all appreciate so much.

The **Copper Island Swim** committee would like to thank our sponsors, **Runner Sole, Progressive Step, Brooks, Kamloops This Week, Gillespie Lawyers**; as well as the **community of Scotch Creek and Provincial Park**. The Copper Island Swim Organizers and the Kamloops Triathlon Club (KTC) send our thoughts and prayers to all those impacted by the wild fires.

On behalf of the Copper Island Swim Executive, we would like to thank you for your interest and look forward to holding the Copper Island Swim in 2024.



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