

GLOBAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING CONFERENCE CORK 2013

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Our Speakers Fergal Somerville Dublin Bay 2-Way

Fergal is an Irish Marathon Swimmer and another swimming pioneer, especially around the Aran Islands, in beautiful Co. Galway.

He started Open Water Swimming in 2007, moving to 10Km+distances in 2009. In 2010 Fergal recorded the first Inis Meáin to Rosaveel (Galway Coast) swim and followed this up in 2011 with an English Channel solo swim. He has also pioneered the Dublin Bay 2-way swim late in 2012 when his chance to swim the North Channel disappeared due to very poor conditions.

He is a member of Eastern Bay Swim Team in Dublin and swims year round at High Rock in Malahide (Dublin).

Fergal completed the North Channel in 12 hours 21 minutes on 16th

June 2013 after the coldest winter in Ireland in 62 years and he is the only swimmer ever to do it before July. With the average water temperature of 9°C (48°F), he may have swum the longest distance and time of anyone under 10°C in recorded history.



Fergal is pictured here after his successful North Channel swim in Portpatrick with Tom Healy, Mags Somerville, Gerry Meehan, Maggie Kidd (and Fiona), Martin Cullen and John Daly.

See also:

 $\frac{http://dailynews.openwaterswimming.com/2013/08/t-minus-10c-has-fergal-somerville-set.html}{}$

http://www.fergalsomerville.blogspot.ie/

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Global Open Water Swimming Conference Cork 2013

11th - 13th October 2013 Cork/Ireland

The conference will address topics of environmental, scientific & sporting relevance to Open Water Swimming as well as Peer-2-Peer reports & presentations from well-known and not-so-well-known Open Water Swimmers.

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