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Former Army Swimmer on a Personal Mission to Help Others



Dan Head, a resident of Stratford, CT, has been participating in the Swim Across the Sound Marathon since 2015. In 2022, Dan was captain of Team RBG – short for "Rock the Black & Gold" a four-man, all veteran team.

Dan has some serious swimming cred that predates Team RBG. He swam at West Point on the Army Swim Team, Class of 1995.

The Swim Across the Sound Marathon is a more personal challenge that fits the bill for Dan, in more ways than one. "I enjoy open water swimming and I believe in the cause," he says. "Let's face it, cancer sucks. Helping patients and families hold their lives together during treatment is important."

It's not difficult to feel the sense of camaraderie Dan and his teammates exhibit. It's also very clear why his passion for the cause runs deep. "Cancer took three of my grandparents, my mother, and the wife of a very good friend," Dan explains. "My dad also had cancer but survived. I've seen how much havoc it can create. I'm just trying to do my part to make life a little easier for folks who are struggling."

For those looking for inspiration to tackle the 15.5 mile swim from Port Jefferson, NY, to Captains Cove in Bridgeport, CT, Dan has got some. "We're all just trying to do the right thing. If you're a former competitive swimmer and/or a boating enthusiast, consider joining the cause. It's not hard to find a team. It will help you get into better physical shape in your own life and it's a fun day out on the water. Plus, Cancer is a nightmare. If you can, I would ask that you try to do your part and help patients and families who are just trying to survive."

You can support Dan and Team RGB by visiting their fundraising page <u>here</u>





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: <u>https://charity.pledgeit.org/SwimAcrosstheSound</u>
- Participate virtually in an activity of your choice. Register and set your own fundraising goals at: <u>https://charity.pledgeit.org/VirtualChallenge</u>.
- 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: <u>https://swimacrossthesound.org/marathon2023</u>

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

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We spoke with Bill Schietinger, Regional Director of Southern, CT to learn more:

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How long has AMR been supporting Swim Across the Sound?

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